

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE 1644

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CASE 1644 Application of J. E. Bedingfield for an ex-  
ception to Rule 104 (c) of the Commission :  
Rules and Regulations. Applicant, in the :  
above-styled cause, seeks an exception to :  
Rule 104 (c) so that he may re-enter a well :  
located 1980 feet from the South and East :  
lines of Section 32, Township 17 South, :  
Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, :  
said well being located closer than 660 :  
feet to a producing well. :  
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BEFORE:

Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner.

T R A N S C R I P T     O F     P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. NUTTER: We will take next Case 1644.

MR. PAYNE: Case 1644. Application of J. E. Beding-  
field for an exception to Rule 104 (c) of the Commission Rules and  
Regulations.

MR. PAYNE: Mr. Bedingfield, do you intend to repre-  
sent yourself and be the sole witness?

MR. BEDINGFIELD: I've got to represent myself and  
associates of mine.

(Witness sworn)

J. E. BEDINGFIELD,

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn on oath, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. PAYNE:

Q Will the witness please --

A My hearing is just a little bad, and sometimes --

Q Will the witness please state his name and what he is seeking in this application?

A Sir?

Q Your name, please.

A Bedingfield, J. E. Bedingfield.

Q And what do you seek in this application, Mr. Bedingfield?

A Well, the proposal --

Q Yes, sir.

A -- would be to open up an abandoned well in the center of the NW of the SE of Section 32, Township 17 South, Range 28 East; open that up and try to produce it.

Q And that well is located closer than 660 feet to another producing well, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, the producing well that you are crowding, is that also yours?

A Yes, sir.

Q You are crowding No. 1 also?

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A No, we are not crowding anyone else; same ownership.

Q Do you have anything further you would like to offer to the Examiner to explain what you desire here?

A Well, nothing more than the fact that this old well was drilled in there, and our understanding is that we had some showing in this well; the fact that we got a bad cement job, perhaps, in our 11,321 and didn't get a proper frac job. We would like to open up this old hole and see if we can increase the production on the lease, use it.

Q Do you think that if you open up this old hole there is a possibility that you will get more oil ultimately?

A I think so, yes, sir.

MR. PAYNE: I have no further questions.

#### CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. Bedingfield, how many wells are presently completed on this same 40-acre tract?

A Just the one.

Q And what is the location of that well in that 40?

A The location is 1650 feet from the East and 1650 feet from the South line of the section.

Q Do you have a plat that shows the locations?

A I've just got a little plat. I didn't bring anything with me. I just drew it from memory.

Q Do you want to offer that as Exhibit No. 1 in this case?

A Well, I believe so.

MR. NUTTER: We will take this Exhibit as applicant's Exhibit 1 in Case 1644.

(Thereupon, Applicant's Exhibit No. 1 was marked for identification and offered in evidence.)

Q (By Mr. Nutter) Mr. Bedingford, you understand that if you obtain production in this well, that the total allowable for the 40-acre unit will apply to both wells?

A Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Anything further in Case 1644?

Q (By Mr. Nutter) What is the presently existing well capable of producing?

A About five barrels per day, flowing about five barrels per day.

MR. NUTTER: Is there anything further in Case 1644? If not, the witness may be excused, and we will take the case under advisement.

(Witness excused)

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO )

I, J. A. Trujillo, Notary Public in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me in Stenotype and reduced to typewritten transcript by me, and that the same is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

WITNESS my Hand and Seal this, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1959, in the City of Albuquerque, County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico.

Joseph G. Tuzila  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

October 5, 1960

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
a complete record of the proceedings in  
the Examiner hearing of Case No. 1644.  
heard by me on 7-22, 1959.  
S. J. [Signature] Examiner  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission