

BEFORE THE
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CASE 1819 Application of Hamilton Dome Oil Company, Ltd., :
for an order authorizing the commingling of :
production from two separate pools. Applicant, :
in the above-styled cause, seeks permission to :
commingle the Blinebry and Tubb production from: :
a lease consisting of the S/2 SE/4 of Section :
25, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Lea :
County, New Mexico. :
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BEFORE:

Elvis A. Utz, 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. UTZ: Case 1819.

MR. PAYNE: Case 1819. Application of Hamilton Dome Oil Company, Ltd., for an order authorizing the commingling of production from two separate pools.

MR. CAMPBELL: If the Examiner please, I'm Jack M. Campbell, Campbell & Russell, Roswell, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of the applicant. We have two witnesses, Mr. Miller and Mr. Benton.

(Witnesses sworn)

MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Miller, will you take the chair there, please.



CHARLES P. MILLER,
called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. CAMPBELL:

Q Will you state your name, please?

A Charles P. Miller.

Q Where do you live, Mr. Miller?

A Hobbs.

Q What is your profession?

A Consulting geologist.

Q Now, you have testified previously before this Commission or its Examiners, have you not?

A Several times, yes, sir.

Q You do some consulting work for Hamilton Dome Oil Company, Ltd.?

A Yes, sir.

Q In connection with that work, are you acquainted with that Company's Carlson "B" No. 2 Well?

A I am.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit No. 1 was marked for identification.)

Q I refer you to what has been identified as Applicant's Exhibit No. 1, and ask you to state what that is, please?

A It is a part ownership plat covering a small portion



of the Justis Field located primarily in Sections 24 and 25, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, whereupon is shown the Hamilton Dome Oil Company's Carlson "B" 25 lease, being the S/2 SE/4 of Section 25.

Q This is an 80-acre lease, is it not?

A It is.

Q Where is the well referred to here situated and how is it identified?

A The well is located on this plat as it is on the ground, 1990 feet from the South line, 330 feet from the East line of said Section 25. On the plat it is circled with a red pencil.

Q In what formations is this well completed, Mr. Miller?

A In the Blinebry and in the Tubb.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit No. 2 was marked for identification.)

Q I now refer you to what has been identified as Applicant's Exhibit No. 2, and ask you, referring to it, to show the Examiner the zones in which this particular well is completed?

A Yes, sir. This is a radiation log, neutron gamma ray. The first perforations you'll note are shown at 5,004 to 5,028, from 5,036 to 5,058 feet.

Q What formation is that?

A That's in the Blinebry.

Q And then what other --

A The other perforation is in the Tubb; 5722 to 5742;

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5755 to 5779; 5794 to 5824.

Q Are these two formations completely separated from each other by impermeable barriers, Mr. Miller?

A Yes, they are.

Q And, in your opinion, do the Blinebry and Tubb formations in this particular area constitute separate sources of supply -- reservoir?

A Very definitely so.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's all the questions I have of this witness.

MR. UTZ: Are there any questions of the witness?

MR. PAYNE: Yes, sir.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. PAYNE:

Q Mr. Miller, I believe you testified that the location of this well was 1990 from the South and 330 from the South?

A 990 from the South and 330 from the East.

Q Is it 330 or 660?

A I beg your pardon, your correction is right. I gave that wrong.

Q Mr. Miller, is the royalty interest in this 80-acre lease common at all depths?

A Yes, sir, it is a common royalty lease.

Q And you propose to separately meter the production from each pool prior to commingling, is that correct?



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A That is the plan. Mr. Benton will give you all those details.

MR. PAYNE: I see. Thank you.

MR. UTZ: Any other questions? If not, the witness may be excused.

(Witness excused)

MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Benton, will you take the witness stand.

JOHN G. BENTON,
called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. CAMPBELL:

Q Will you state your name, please?

A John G. Benton.

Q Where do you live, Mr. Benton?

A Jal, New Mexico.

Q By whom are you employed?

A Hamilton Dome Oil Company, Ltd.

Q In what capacity?

A As Division Superintendent of oil and gas drilling and production.

Q You have not previously testified before this Commission or its Examiners, have you?

A I have not.



Q Will you give this Examiner a brief resume of your experience in the oil industry?

A I began my experience in 1922 in drilling and production. I've been actively engaged in it since. I have been twenty-one years in Southeastern New Mexico in charge of these leases.

Q You have, during that period of time, been responsible for the drilling and the completion and the production of the leases for this Company, have you?

A Yes, I have.

Q Are you acquainted with the Company's Carlson "B" 25 No. 2 Well, Mr. Benton?

A Yes, sir, I am.

Q Is this well dually completed in the Blinebry and Tubb formations?

A Yes, sir, it is.

Q Mr. Benton, have you made application on behalf of your Company for administrative approval of this dual completion?

A I did under date of November 2nd.

Q 1959?

A That's correct.

MR. CAMPBELL: I would like to ask the Examiner to take notice of the application of Hamilton Dome Oil Company, Ltd., dated November 2, 1959, for administrative approval of this dual completion.

Q (By Mr. Campbell) Have you as yet received approval



of the dual completion, Mr. Benton?

A I haven't received notice. I left before the beginning of business on Monday.

Q Mr. Benton, will you refer to Exhibit 2, which is the log of this well, as much as it is necessary, and briefly explain to the Examiner the method and manner by which this particular well is dually completed?

A In the upper section of the log you'll find the perforations of the two zones, as explained by Mr. Miller, and in that area you'll see the two strings of tubing which are two and three-eighths inch upset tubing with beveled collars, and the casing seat is 5928. It is 23 pound J55 to a little past 5000. The rest is 23 pound in 80 casing.. The tubing is J55 new tubing. The packer separating the zones is of a permanent type Model "D" Baker packer, and the anchor shown at 5163 is, really the correct measurement is a Baker anchor No. 69 for the purpose of anchoring the tubing from movement under production. The annular space is being utilized for gas. We are producing the oil through the two separate strings of tubing, as shown, labeled, just below 4900 feet. Blinebry oil and Tubb oil.

Q Mr. Benton, have you made any tests by producing these zones separately to determine whether or not there is any leakage insofar as this packer is concerned?

A We have made a test to our own satisfaction that there is no leakage. We are awaiting administrative approval of dual

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completion to make an official packer leakage test.

Q And based upon the test that you made for your own information, is it your opinion that this packer has effectively segregated these two formations insofar as their production is concerned?

A That is correct.

Q By this application, Mr. Benton, you seek authority to commingle oil from these two pools. Will you tell the Examiner briefly how you intend to separately meter and control production from each of these two pools?

A The tubing strings are separate at the top. As shown in the diagram on the log, we have separate flow lines, we have separate metering separators. The gas goes separately in its lines to be metered by the purchaser from each zone, and the oil at the present time has been separately flowed to separate tanks.

Q So that by your installation you will be able to separately meter the oil from each of these pools, and you will also, the gas purchaser will be able to separately meter the gas that is produced from each of these two pools, is that correct?

A That is correct.

Q Mr. Benton, if this application is granted, in your opinion, will you be able to produce this well more economically without causing any physical waste or commingling of oil from these two pools?

A The gravity of the oils is so close together that I



don't believe that there will be any, a great lot of difference in commingling. It will take less tankage. We feel that in dollars and cents the original installation will be around forty-five hundred dollars cheaper than to separate the zones.

Q Mr. Benton, you are presently drilling an offset well to the west on this lease, are you not?

A That is correct.

Q Do you anticipate obtaining production from either of these two zones with that well?

A This No. 3 Well, which is being drilled on the next forty west, is projected to the Drinkard Fusselman formations. However, we are already offset by a Blinebry well to the west and one to the south, and we will be required to drill another well to the Blinebry formation, and very likely we will drill it to the Tubb formation.

Q By this application, you are seeking authority to commingle oil, should you drill a Blinebry Tubb well on the other forty to commingle oil on this entire lease in the same manner that you have discussed with regard to this first well, is that correct?

A That is correct.

Q And should you obtain a Fusselman Drinkard well in the offset forties, you would again come before the Commission to obtain appropriate authority, would you not?

A That is right.



MR. CAMPBELL: That is all the questions I have at this time. I would like to offer Applicant's Exhibits 1 and 2 in evidence.

MR. UTZ: Without objection, they will be accepted.

(Thereupon, Applicant's Exhibits 1 and 2 were received in evidence.)

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. UTZ:

Q Mr. Benton, did I understand you to say that you are producing the Blinebry through the annular space?

A No, sir. The anchor you see up there does not separate the Blinebry from being in the annular space. The oil from the Blinebry or the liquid production and the gas incidental to it are being produced through the tubing. There is no production through the casinghead, but the anchor, as I have it drawn, perhaps isn't clear. It may look like a packer, but it is not a packer.

Q And how was it you were going to meter your oil?

A Meter separator.

Q Metering separator?

A We have them installed.

Q Is either of the crude in these zones corrosive?

A Not to my knowledge. The pipeline company has taken samples.

Q Would it be classed as intermediate or sweet?

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A Sweet. The log shows the total depth and the plug backs that were made and also on the bottom section it shows drill stem test.

Q Do you have any paraffin problems in these crudes that tend to load up your separator?

A I'm not aware of any, and these are the first Blin-bry wells that I have produced in that area.

Q Do you intend to install plastic lined separators?

A Plastic line them?

Q Yes, to prevent paraffin adhesion?

A We usually heat the lines with hot oil to take care of paraffin problems. I've never had any paraffin troubles in separators in this area at all. It is usually between the well and the separator.

MR. UTZ: Any other questions? No other questions of the witness, he will be excused.

(Witness excused)

MR. CAMPBELL: That's all I have, Mr. Examiner.

MR. UTZ: Any other statements to be made in this case? The case will be taken under advisement.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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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 9th day of December, 1959, in the City of Albuquerque, County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico.

Joseph A. Trujillo
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. 189, heard by me on Nov. 24, 1959.

..... *Kenneth H. [Signature]* Examiner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

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