

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
November 30, 1960

## EXAMINER HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Redfern and Herd, Inc., for  
an order force-pooling a standard 320-acre  
gas proration unit in the Basin-Dakota Pool.  
Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks  
an order force-pooling all mineral interests  
in the Dakota Producing Interval in the W/2  
of Section 29, Township 29 North, Range 11  
West, Basin-Dakota Pool, San Juan County, New  
Mexico. The following are among the interest-  
ed parties:

Case 2130

Aztec Oil & Gas Company, Summit Oil Company,  
Ruth Schrecht, Edwin A. Schrecht, Ella Blaise,  
and Sam Carson.

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BEFORE:

Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. MORRIS: Application of Redfern and Herd, Inc., for  
an order force-pooling a standard 320-acre gas proration unit in the  
Basin-Dakota Pool.

MR. VERITY: George Verity for the Applicant Redfern and  
Herd. Mr. Redfern, will you please stand and be sworn.

JOHN REDFERN, JR.

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

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BY MR. VERITY:

Q State your name, please.

A John J. Redfern, Jr.

Q Mr. Redfern, are you an officer in Redfern and Herd?

A Yes, I am the President.

Q Are you a graduate engineer?

A Yes, I have a degree in Civil Engineering.

Q Have you also made a study of oil and gas engineering?

A I have.

Q Are you familiar with the geology of the Dakota formation underlying the West Half of Section 29, Township 29 North, Range 11, San Juan County, New Mexico?

A I am.

Q Do you know whether or not that the 320 acres under the West Half of Section 29 is all underlying of producing formation in the Dakota formation?

A All of our studies under that indicate that the Half Section will be productive.

Q Mr. Redfern, is Redfern and Herd, Inc. the operator of that -- of the working interests underlying that 320 acres on the Dakota?

A Yes.

Q Have you endeavored to contact all royalty interest owners to get their agreement to pool the West Half of 29 into one unit for production of gas and oil for the Dakota?



A We have contacted those royalty owners. The original oil and gas lease did not provide for 320-acre spacing; they have all agreed to the pooling, with the exception of one person.

Q Of course, all the other royalty interests agreed when they executed the lease?

A Yes.

Q You have been unable to obtain permission for obtaining from one individual then?

A Yes.

Q Do you desire to drill one well for production of Dakota gas on this 320?

A We are proposing to drill a well within the near future on this West Half and have secured the approval of Aztec and Summit, who also have working interest.

Q If you were deprived from dedicating the entire 320 to one unit, would this prevent you from recovering your just and fair share of Dakota oil and gas?

A Yes.

Q Who is the one individual who refused to join in the unit, the only undivided interest owner and part of the acreage underlying this unit?

A The one person who has refused only owns a portion of the royalty under a particular 40-acre tract, and his lease is held by production by both Pictured Cliffs and other Dakota wells in the vicinity.

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Q Would granting of this order enable the other royalty owners under that 40 acres to obtain their just and fair share of Dakota oil and gas?

A Yes, it would deprive them of their share of the royalty because if you drill and leave one 40 acres, you would deny them of production.

MR. VERITY: That is all we have.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q What is the name of the one unsigned?

A Sam Carson.

Q Is this the same Sam Carson that is listed in the application as being at 511 East Main, Farmington?

A We have contacted him numerous times, and he has a pool on the north part, immediately to the south.

Q He owns an undivided portion on one of the 40-acre tracts?

A Yes.

Q Who owns the working interest under that tract?

A We own the working interest on that 40.

Q You agree to the communitization?

A Yes.

Q What is his portion of the royalty?

A I believe, if I recall correctly, one-eighth.

Q He owns one-eighth of one-eighth?

A Yes.



Q Of 40 acres?

A Yes, I believe it's strictly a case of him not understanding, he just don't understand what these papers are that people ask him to sign.

MR. PAYNE: Denial of the application would also deny him the opportunity to recover his fair share of the Basin-Dakota production, would it not?

A Gentlemen, exactly; his lease is held by production, so there is no opportunity to make any other type of deal.

MR. NUTTER: We sent copies of this docket to Mr. Joe J. Christmann and Jack Markham and Summit Oil Company, of which there is insufficient address, that is all the address; are those three parties agreeable in communitization?

A Yes.

Q (By Mr. Nutter) Mr. Christmann is?

A Yes.

Q Markham and Summit Oil Company are?

A They have signed the operating agreement.

MR. NUTTER: Any further questions of Mr. Redfern? You may be excused. Do you have anything further, Mr. Verity?

MR. VERITY: No, nothing further.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish to advise?

(Whereupon, the hearing was concluded and recess was taken till 1:30.)



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WITNESS:

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I, LEWELLYN NELSON, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed my hand and notarial seal this 16 day of December, 1960.

Lewellyn J. Nelson  
 Notary Public-Court Reporter

My commission expires:

June 14, 1964.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 2130, heard by me on 11/30, 1960.

Richard, Examiner  
 New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

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