

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Farmington, New Mexico
October 18, 1962

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE 2666: the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit M. J. Florance and all interested parties to appear and show cause why the M. J. Florance Pooled Unit Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the South line and 1760 feet from the East line of Section 8, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission approved plugging program.

BEFORE: Honorable Edwin L. Mechem, Governor
Mr. A. L. "Pete" Porter, Land Commissioner
Mr. E. G. "Johnny" Walker, Secretary-Director

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. PORTER: Take up next Case 2666.

MR. DURRETT: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit M. J. Florance and all interested parties to appear and show cause why M. J. Florance pooled Unit Well #1, located 1,980 feet from the South line and 1760 feet from the East line of Section 8, T-30-N, R-11-W, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

MR. COOLEY: William J. Cooley, Verity, Burr, and Cooley, appearing on behalf of Mrs. M. J. Florance -- M. J. Florance is dead -- and the American National Bank of Dallas, who owned a half

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interest in this well with Mrs. Florance. We have offered to farm this well out to Bradley Keyes, and he has tentatively agreed to accept the farming out on our terms. He proposes to rework the well and make it into a producer. As the Commission will note from its files, the offset wells are still commercially productive and we believe it is mechanical difficulty in this well that has occasioned its non-productive status for a considerable length of time and probably some negligence on the part of the former operator, Mr. M. J. Florance. If the Commission, in its order, could permit us a period of 90 days to rework and make commercially productive, or plug and abandon this well, we request that the order be so worded.

MR. DURRETT: Mr. Cooley, excuse me a minute, would you also be willing to enter into the stipulation that if the Commission did accept your stipulation as to the 90 day period, that an order could automatically enter from this Commission at the end of that time, requiring the well to be plugged, if it was not then operating or satisfactorily plugged?

MR. COOLEY: If it is not operating, or in the process of being reworked, and active efforts being made to actively remedy its present condition.

MR. DURRETT: I suppose we would have to have a hearing in that case, to determine whether or not you are actively proceeding at that time?



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MR. COOLEY: I suggest that the order could be written to the satisfaction of the Commission by the District Office, possibly?

MR. PORTER: Is Mr. Keyes here, Bradley Keyes?

MR. COOLEY: He was here this morning, to testify in this case; but he apparently hasn't made it back.

MR. DURRETT: Mr. Cooley, would you be willing to stipulate as to this? At the end of the 90 day period, would you be willing to allow the Commission to enter an order requiring this well to be plugged, upon the information from our District Supervisors, without holding a hearing, if they, if their own determinations did not show the well was being worked?

MR. COOLEY: I have every confidence in the District Office here. If in their descretion, they do not believe that we are diligently proceeding in our efforts to work this well, I could certainly so stipulate.

MR. DURRETT: In reference to this stipulation, I recommend that this stipulation be accepted by the Commission.

MR. PORTER: The Commission will accept the stipulation. We are happy to have you express confidence in our District Supervisor. Did anyone have any objections to the stipulation?

(no response)

Well, let the ruling stand.



CERTIFICATE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
)
 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO) ss

I, STEPHEN McCRYSTAL, 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 under my personal supervision, and that the same is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

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