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EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

The hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Stanley L. Jones and Sam Watkins and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why La Esperanza State Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 10, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. NUTTER: The hearing will come to order, please.

The first case we'll call this morning will be 2814.

MR. DURRETT: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Stanley L. Jones and Sam Watkins and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why La Esperanza State Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 10, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

If the Examiner please, we have received some correspondence concerning this well, mainly from the bonding company involved. The Commission received a letter on May 20th from Maryland Casualty



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Company, stating in general that they had made arrangements to plug the well, and that plugging operations were going on at that time. I have not had this verified by the District Office, but on the strength of this letter, I would like to request that this case be continued to the June 5th Examiner Hearing; and at that time, if the well is plugged, we will dismiss the case, and if not, we will then go ahead with the case at that time.

MR. JONES: Pardon me, sir. I'm Stanley Jones. Could I make a statement, please?

MR. DURRETT: Yes, you could.

MR. JONES: I don't know anything about the bonding company plugging this, as I haven't had any notice from them. The only notice I have had was from the Oil Conservation Commission. My partner, Sam Watkins, died of a heart attack and passed away and left this thing in an estate, and also had another partner, Mr. E. L. Dickey, Mr. Dickey was Mr. Watkins' partner; and I had Mr. Watkins' estate settled, and he died in bed with leukemia. I plugged the well back to the bottom of the casing according to the rules and regulations, putting in the necessary plugs. The casing was set at 250 feet; the hole needs to be filled up with mud and the plug put at the surface. However, due to the fact that this thing has been in such a mess, we couldn't get anybody to get organized to go ahead and finish this work. At the same time, why, then, Mr. Dickey and I had decided to go back in the hole and clean it out, and we had a small well there, and sand



frac it and put it on production.

I'd like to request to be able to do that, and need a little time so I can finish straightening out the title of E. L. Dickey's estate.

MR. DURRETT: I think we have a little problem, Mr. Jones. I have just been handed, for the Examiner's information, a C-103 report showing that this well has been plugged in accordance with our demand. I'll give you a copy of this.

MR. JONES: I would like a copy.

MR. DURRETT: This was plugged by Mr. George Chase, I believe his name is.

MR. JONES: I'll take that up with the bonding company, because I never was notified of the plugging of the well, or the Watkins estate, either one, as far as I know.

MR. NUTTER: George Chase of Chase Well Service files this C-103, noting that he ran 2-inch tubing to 330, spotted 15-sack cement plug, filled hole with heavy mud, set 5-sack cement plug at surface, set marker, and cleaned the location. The plugging operation was witnessed by an Oil and Gas Commission inspector and the C-103 has been approved by the inspector. Evidently it's plugged.

MR. JONES: I would have to get permission to drill from the surface down to re-enter the well?

MR. NUTTER: Yes, sir, there would be an intention filed before re-entering the well.

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MR. DURRETT: On the basis of this C-103 that I have just been handed by our representative from our District Office, I would like to move to dismiss the case at this time, rather than continue it. Our file will be in order, then, with the C-103.

MR. NUTTER: You don't want to pursue it any further?

MR. DURRETT: No, on the grounds that it has been plugged in accordance with our program.

MR. NUTTER: Case 2814 will be dismissed.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I, ADA DEARNLEY, Notary Public in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill, and ability.

WITNESS my Hand and Seal this 25th day of May, 1963.

Ada Dearnley
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

June 19, 1963.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Trade Name of Case No. 2814, heard by me on 5/22, 1963.

James, Examiner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission



NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EXAMINER HEARINGSANTA FE, NEW MEXICOREGISTERHEARING DATE MAY 22, 1963TIME: 9 A.M.

NAME:	REPRESENTING:	LOCATION:
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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT STANLEY L. JONES AND SAM WATKINS AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY LA ESPERANZA STATE WELL NO. 1, LOCATED IN UNIT D OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE No. 2814
Order No. R-2496

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on May 22, 1963, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 11th day of June, 1963, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the Attorney for the Commission stated at the hearing that the well had been plugged prior to the hearing in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program and moved to dismiss the case.

(3) That Case No. 2814 should be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 2814 is hereby dismissed.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jack M. Campbell
JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

E. S. Walker
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