







December 6, 1973

Mr. John F. McClellan, Jr. Fidelity and Surety Claims Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company P. O. Box 3615 San Francisco, California 94119

> Re: Principal: Dan M. Lockie Plugging Bond N 3165953 \$10,000

Dear Mr. McClellan:

The Oil Conservation Commission has been in contact with Mr. James Maness. Mr. Maness has indicated that he intends to plug the Dan M. Lockie Gersbach Com No. 1 well in the near future.

I think it is important that you realize that the Commission has been repeatedly promised that this well would be plugged at various dates. Your letter of October 3 indicated plugging operations would begin by November 1 and as of this date no such operations have been undertaken by either Maness or Hartford.

Based on the representations of Mr. Maness, the Commission will work with him to obtain compliance with our orders during the month of December, 1973. If we encounter any further problems, however, we will turn to Martford to perform under the above-captioned bond.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. CARR General Counsel

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Pacific Department 650 California Street Mail Address: P. O. Box 3615 San Francisco, California 94119



CERTIFIED MAIL

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November 27, 1973

William F. Carr, Esquire General Councel Cil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico P. O. Box 2038 Sante Fe, New Mexico 27501

Re: Principal: Dan M. Lockie Plugging Bond: N 3165953 \$10,000

Dear Mr. Carr:

Pursuant to your November 21 letter, I am enclosing a photocopy of my letter of Oct. 3, 1973 directed to you, with carbons to four other individuals, one being Emery Arnold.

As you cannot locate the Oct. 3 letter, I am sending this letter by certified mail.

I believe Mr. Maness fully intends to comply with your requirements and once again I ask that the Commission allow Mr. Maness to proceed.

Sincerely yours,

John F. McClellan, Jr. Fidelity and Surety Claims Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company

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cc: Emery C. Arnold cc: James Maness

> Hartford Fire Insurance Company Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company Hartford Life Insurance Company Hartford Casualty Insurance Company New York Underwriters Insurance Company Twin City Fire Insurance Company

JIL CONSERVATION COMMIS_ ON P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

November 21, 1973

Hartford Life Insurance Group JP. O. Box 3615 San Francisco, California 94119

Re: Dan M. Lockie, \$10,000 Plugging Bond No. N 3165953

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to you dated September 26, 1973. As you will note, it makes formal demand on your company to plug certain wells persuant to the above captioned bond. The letter gave you until October 15, 1973 to contact Mr. Emery Arnold of the Oil Conservation Commission's Aztec Office concerning this matter.

Mr. Arnold has advised me that as of this date, he has not been contacted by a representative of your company nor by Mr. Lockie.

If arrangements have not been made with Mr. Arnold for the plugging of this well by December 7, 1973, the Commission will persue all available legal remedies to obtain performance of your obligation under this bond.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR General Counsel

WFC/jr

cc: Mr. Emery Arnold

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October 3, 1973

William F. Carr, Esquire General Counsel Oil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Principal: Dan M. Lockie Plugging Bond: N 3165953

Dear Mr. Carr:

We acknowledge your letter of September 26. Please note that Mr. James Maness, 1091 Chaco, Farmington, New Mexico 87401 - phone 505 - 325-5828 called me today in reference to the plugging of the bonded well. Mr. Maness now owns the well in question.

Mr. Maness stated that he will begin plugging operations Nov. 1, 1973. His rig is tied up until that time and he asks that the Oil Commission allow him time to complete his current operation in an orderly fashion.

I have agreed to allow Mr. Maness to assume the plugging obligation and ask that the Commission allow Hartford to utilise the aforementioned solution.

Sincerely yours, r MC John F. McClellan, Jr.

Fidelity and Surety Claims Department Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company

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cc: Emery C. Arnold Supervisor, District #3

Dan M. Lockie

W. A. Mitchell, Jr. Mitchell Insurance Agency

James Maness

Hartford Fire Insurance Company Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company Hartford Life Insurance Company Hartford Casualty Insurance Company New York Underwriters Insurance Company Twin City Fire Insurance Company

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

September 26, 1973

Hartford Fire Insurance Group P. O. Box 3615 San Francisco, California 94119

> Re: Dan M. Lockie, \$10,000 Plugging Bond No. N 3165953

Gentlemen:

On June 20, 1973, hearing was held before the Oil Conservation Commission in which you were provided an opportunity to appear and show cause why the Dan M. Lockie Gersbach Com No. 1, located in Unit J of Section 3, Township 29 North, Range 16 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program. The Commission received a letter from Mr. John F. McClellan, Jr. of your Surety Claims Department on June 18 in which he informed the Commission that Hartford would not have a representative at the hearing.

Mr. Emery Arnold, Supervisor of Oil Conservation Commission District III in Aztec, has advised this office that as of this date the subject well has not been plugged nor has he been contacted by either Mr. Lockie or a representative of Hartford.

We hereby make demand upon your company to plug the abovedescribed well in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program. Mr. Arnold must be contacted for an appropriate plugging program and given an opportunity to witness the plugging of the well as it is being accomplished.

It is necessary that Mr. Arnold be contacted on or before October 15, 1973, concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR General Counsel

WFC/dr cc: Mr. Emery Arnold Mr. Dan M. Lockie

BEFC E THE OIL CONSERVATION CO' ISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT DAN M. LOCKIE AND HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY GROUP AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE DAN M. LOCKIE GERSBACH COM NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT J OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

> CASE NO. 5003 ORDER NO. R-4577

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 20, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this <u>28th</u> day of June, 1973, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, 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 Dan M. Lockie is the owner and operator of the Dan M. Lockie Gersbach Com No. 1, located in Unit J of Section 3, Township 29 North, Range 16 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said Dan M. Lockie Gersbach Com No. 1 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on or before August 1, 1973.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Dan M. Lockie and Hartford Fire Insurance Company Group are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Dan M. Lockie Gersbach Com No. 1, located in Unit J of Section 3, Township 29 North, Range 16 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, on or before August 1, 1973. -2-Case No. 500. Order No. R-4577

(2) That Dan M. Lockie and Hartford Fire Insurance Company Group, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Aztec Office of the Commission, a Commissionapproved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Aztec Office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.

(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

June 7, 1973

Dan M. Lockie Box 285 Miles City, Montana

Hartford Fire Insurance Co. Group 720 California Street San Francisco, California

> Re: Dan M. Lockie, Gersbach Com No.l, Unit J, Section 3, Township 29 North, Range 16 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, Hartford Fire Insurance Co. Group \$10,000 Blanket Bond Form 39-A1

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the docket of the Examiner Hearing to be held on Wednesday, June 20, 1973, at 9:00 a.m. in the Oil Conservation Commission Conference Room, State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Case No. 5003 concerns the subject matter.

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WILLIAM F. CARR Special Assistant Attorney General Oil Conservation Commission

WFC /ac enclosure cc: Oil Conservation Commission - Aztec LAND COMMISSIONER ALEX J. ARMIJO MEMBER

STATE GEOLOGIST A. L. PORTER, JR. SECRETARY – DIRECTOR

CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

I. R. TRUJILLO CHAIRMAN

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