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POST OFFICE BOX 2086 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501 (505) 827-5800

Mr. Thomas Kellahin Kellahin & Kellahin Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 2265 Santa Fe, New Mexico Re: CASE NO. 5007

ORDER NO.<u>R-7820</u>

Applicant:

Belco Petroleum Corporation

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely

R. L. STAMETS Director

RLS/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCD X Artesia OCD X Aztec OCD

Other Kerr-Mc66e, Teledyne Potash

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPÁRTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 5007 Order No. R-7820

APPLICATION OF BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR A DRILLING PERMIT IN THE POTASH-OIL AREA, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 28 and August 7, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this <u>20th</u> day of February, 1985, 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 THAT:

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

(2) The applicant, Belco Petroleum Corporation, seeks authority to drill its proposed Felmont Federal Well No. 1 at a location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Potash-Oil Area, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) This matter was scheduled for hearing on June 28, 1973, was continued to a hearing on August 7, 1973, and was thereafter continued indefinitely.

(4) An excessive amount of time having elapsed with no subsequent request for setting a hearing date, this matter should be dismissed.

-2-Case No. 5007 Order No. R-7820

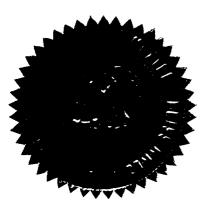
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Commission Case No. 5007 is hereby dismissed.

(2) 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



JIM BACA, Member

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R. L. STAMETS, Chairman and Secretary

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# **DIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2988 - SANTA FE 87501

July 20, 1973

I. R. TRUJILLO CHARMAN

LAND COMMISSIONER ALEN J. ANMIJO MEMBER

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

Mr. John D. Robb Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A. Attorneys at Law First National Bank Building-West Post Office Box 1888 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

Dear Mr. Robb:

With reference to your letter of July 17, this is official notice that Case No. 5007 which was scheduled for hearing on August 7, 1973, will be continued to some future date which will be announced as soon as it can be determined. When the date has been established the case will be readvertised.

PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

ALP/ir

cc:

Commissioners Trujillo and Armijo U. S. Geological Survey - Roswell, New Mexico Mr. R. S. Fulton - U. S. Geological Survey, Carlsbad, N.M. Mr. Arthur Brown - U. S. Geological Survey, Hobbs, New Mexico Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Oil Conservation Commission, Hobbs Mr. James J. Kelly - Kerr-McGee Corporation, Oklahoma City Mr. W. N. Stanley - Teledyne Potash, Carlsbad, New Mexico Mr. Jason Kellahin - Kellahin & Fox, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Mr. Mark K. Adams - Attorney at Law - Albuquerque, N. Mex.

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OF COUNSEL DON L.DICKASON

PEARCE C. RODEY

TELEPHONE 243-1301 AREA CODE 505

July 17, 1973

The Oil Conservation Commission State Calitol Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. A. L. Porter

Dear Mr. Porter:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of today in which on behalf of Kerr-McGee we requested a postponement of the hearing in the above matter which has presently been scheduled for August 7th. We request a postponement for it because Assistant Secretary of the Interior Wakefield has scheduled a hearing in his office in Washington, D.C. for the same date and we expect to participate along with other potash companies in presenting information pertaining to the oil-potash area and the problems in connection with possible oil or gas drilling therein.

Sincerely yours,

RODEY, DICKASON, SLOAN, AMIN & ROBB, P.A.

an o . Con By: John D. Robb JDR/sa cc: Willard Scott Henry Glascock

George Cochran Jason Kellahin (g) Extend the Justis-Blinebry Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 12: N/2

(h) Extend the Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 35: NW/4

(i) Extend the West Sawyer-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 23: E/2 SW/4

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 5: NW/4 Section 6: N/2 and SE/4

(j) Extend the Triple X-Delaware Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 1: SE/4

(k) Extend the North Vacuum-Abo Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM Section 17: SW/4 Section 18: SE/4 Section 21: NW/4

Docket No. 21-73

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DOCKET: REGULAR HEARING - TUESDAY - AUGUST 7, 1973
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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

CASE 5007:

(Continued from the June 28, 1973, Regular Hearing) Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for a drilling permit in the Potash-Oil Area, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill its proposed Felmont Federal Well No. 1 to test the Morrow formation adjacent to the South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool at a location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, said location being within the boundaries of the Potash-Oil Area as defined by Commission Order No. R-111-A, and having been objected to by the owners of potash leases in the area. CASE 5039: Southeastern nomenclature case calling for an order for the abolishment and extension of certain pools in Lea County, New Mexico.

(a) Abolish the East Brunson-Granite Wash Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, described as:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 13: W/2 Section 24: W/2 and SE/4 Section 25: NW/4 TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM Section 19: SW/4

(b) Extend the Wantz-Granite Wash Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 13: W/2 Section 24: W/2 and SE/4 Section 25: NW/4 TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM Section 19: SW/4

(c) Abolish the North Lynch Yates-Seven Rivers Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, described as:

> TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 17: SW/4 Section 18: E/2 Section 19: NE/4 Section 20: NW/4

(d) Extend the Teas Yates-Seven Rivers Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 17: SW/4 Section 18: E/2, SW/4, and E/2 NW/4 Section 19: NE/4 Section 20: NW/4

(e) Extend the Antelope Ridge-Atoka Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 2: N/2 Section 3: N/2

(f) Extend the Eunice-Monument Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 7: NW/4



# **OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

June 18, 1973

I. R. TRUJILLO CHAIRMAN

LAND COMMISSIONER ALEX J. ARMIJO MEMBER

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

Mr. Jason Kellahin Kellahin & Fox Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

In reply to your letter of June 15, 1973, Case No. 5007, an application by Belco Petroleum Corporation to drill a well in the potash-oil area, the Commission has decided that the case will be continued to 9 a.m. on August 7, 1973.

By copy of this letter all of the interested parties of record are being notified of the change in hearing date.

Von very

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

ALP/ir

cc: U. S. Geological Survey Roswell, New Mexico U. S. Geological Survey Hobbs, New Mexico

Mr. Clarence Hinkle

U. S. Geological Survey Carlsbad, New Mexico

Mr. James Kelly Mr. W. N. Stanley Mr. Mark Adams

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW 500 DON GASPAR AVENUE POST OFFICE BOX 1769 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

JASON W. KELLAHIN ROBERT E. FOX W. THOMAS KELLAHIN

TELEPHONE 982-4315 AREA CODE 505

June 15, 1973

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

> Re: Case No. 5007, Application for Belco Petroleum Corporation

Dear Mr. Porter:

The above case is presently set for hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission at 9:00 A. M., June 28, 1973, on the application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for a permit to drill within the boundaries of the Potash-Oil Area.

Due to matters which we cannot control, we find it necessary to again ask that this case be continued, and request a continuance of thirty days.

Your consideration of this request will be appreciated.

Yours very truly, Jason W. Kellahin

JWK:ks

cc: Mr. Clarence E. Hinkle Mr. Lee Nering Mr. John D. Robb

### DOCKET: REGULAR HEARING - THURSDAY - JUNE 28, 1973

### OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

CASE 5007: Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for a drilling permit in the Potash-Oil Area, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill its proposed Felmont Federal Well No. 1 to test the Morrow formation adjacent to the South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool at a location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, said location being within the boundaries of the Potash-Oil Area as defined by Commission Order No. R-111-A, and having been objected to by the owners of potash leases in the area.

KELLAHIN AND FOX ATTORNEYS AT LAW 500 DON GASPAR AVENUE POST OFFICE BOX 1769 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501 May 26, 1973

JASON W. KELLAHIN ROBERT E.FOX W.THOMAS KELLAHIN

TELEPHONE 982-4315 AREA CODE 505

Mr. A. L. Porter Oil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe. New Mexico 87501

Case 5007

Re: Belco Petroleum Corporation Application for drilling of the Belco Felmont Federal No. 1, Section 25, T20S, R32E, Lea County, N.M.

Dear Mr. Porter:

In behalf of Belco Petroleum Corporation, I respectfully request that the above referenced application be set for hearing before the Commission on June 28th, 1973.

Very truly your

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc:

Mr. Lee G. Nering; Belco Mr. John D. Lomax: Belco Mr. Clarence E. Hinkle; Attorney

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KELLAHIN AND FOX ATTORNEYS AT LAW 500 DON GASPAR AVENUE POST OFFICE BOX 1769 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

April 17, 1973

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Case 5-007

Mr. John D. Robb Rodey, Diskason, Sloan, Akin & Robb F. O. Box 1888 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

Dear John:

The enclosed copy of a letter from Lee G. Nering, Belco Petroleum Corporation, to Kerr-McGee Corporation, attention Mr. R. A. Haag, indicates that Belco has forwarded, on April 12, the Contact Caliper Log, the Forso Log, and the Compensated Acoustic Velocity Log on Belco Petroleum Corporation's No. 1 Bass Federal Well in Section 30, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico. As you know, the Induction-Electric Log has already been forwarded to Kerr-McGee, and it is my understanding they now have all of the logs that were run on this well.

I trust this will meet Kerr-McGee's request for access to the logs.

Yours very truly,

Jason W. Kellahin

JWK:ks Enclosure

cc: Mr. Lee Nering Mr. Clarence E. Hinkle Mr. A. L. Porter Mr. Arthur Brown Mr. Orvis Frederick WILLIA.: A SLOAN JACKSON G AKIN JOHN D ROBB CHARLES B LARRABEE JAMES C RITCHIE JOHN P EASTHAM WILLIAM C SCHAAB WILLIAM C BRIGGS RAY H RODEY ROBERT D TAICHERT ROBERT D TAICHERT ROBERT M ST JOHN JOSEPH J MULLINS DUANE C GILKEY MARK K ADAMS ROBERT G MCCORKLE PETER G PRINA BRJCE D FALL

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April 5, 1973

OF COUNSEL DON L DICKASON ----PEARCE C RODEY 1889-1958 -----

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Case 5007

Mr. Jason W. Kellahin Kellahin and Fox 500 Don Gaspar Avenue Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Belco v. Kerr-McGee

Dear Jason:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 30th in which you advise that the log on the Belco well has at last been mailed to Kerr-McGee. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. Haag of Kerr-McGee to Belco dated April 2, 1973 in which he points out that Belco sent Kerr-McGee only the induction-electric log, not the Gamma Ray-Acoustic Velocity, Contact-Caliper and Forxo surveys which were also run on the well. You have on a number of occasions during the past several weeks been advised by your client that the logs on the well had been sent to Kerr-McGee when in fact they had not, and now when at last we did receive a log it was incomplete. I dislike having such a hassle over such a simple Would you kindly have your client forward us the matter. missing surveys immediately at our expense. If for any reason Belco is not willing to do this, would you please at least have Belco forward the porosity log since it is impossible to make any determination of porosity and/or possible pay without having that log.

Sincerely yours,

RODEY, DICKASON, SLOAN, AKIN & ROBB, P.A.

By John D. Robb JDR:aj cc: Messrs: A. L. Porter New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission M. Orvis Frederick U. S. G.S., Roswell, New Mexico Arthur R. Brown U. S. G.S., Hobbs, New Mexico



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Case 5007

Belco Petroleum Corporation Post Office Box 19234 Houston, Texas 77024

Attention: John D. Lemax

RE: Belco #1 Bass-Federal Section 30-T20S-R33E Lea County, New Pexico

Dear Mr. Lomax:

I have received this date, a copy of the Induction-Electric log, only, on the above captioned well from Mr. Hering of your Midland office.

According to the heading on this log, a Gamma Ray-Acoustic Velocity, Contact-Caliper and Forxo surveys were also run on the subject well.

While I appreciate receiving the induction log, it is of course impossible to make any determination of porosity and/or possible pay without having also a porosity log.

Would you please send me a copy of the above mentioned porosity logs that were run on the #1 Bass-Federal. If you have no extra copies to spare, feel free to bill reproduction costs (for one copy of each log run) to Kerr-McGee at the above address.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Haag Manager, Southwest Region

RAH:s1

cc: Mr. Mark K. Adams / Mr. George Cochran

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Telephone 982-4315 Area Code 505

JASON W. KELLAHIN ROBERT E. FOX KELLAHIN AND FOX ATTORNEYS AT LAW 500 DON GASPAR AVENUE POST OFFICE BOX 1769 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

March 12, 1973

5007 Case 4497

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Porter:

I have been informed by Mr. Glenn Cope, Belco Petroleum Corporation, that their management had met with representatives of Kerr-McGee Corporation, in an effort to arrive at some agreement on the drilling of Belco's proposed well in the Potash Oil Area. You will recall a recent arbitration meeting was held concerning this well under the provisions of Commission Order No. R-111-A.

The parties have been unable to reach any agreement on this problem. For that reason I wish to request that you set for hearing before the Commission, at the earliest availalbe date, the application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for permission to drill a well, to be located 660 feet from the North line, and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, Fiddy County, New Mexico, or at such other location in the North half of Section 25 as the Commission may approve.

By copy of this letter, we are notifying Kerr-McGee and Teledyne Potash of this application.

Yours very truly,

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Jason W. Kellahin

Date 6-12-13

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Felmont Federal Well no 1

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cc: Mr. Glenn Cope Mr. Orvis Frederick Mr. John D. Robb Teledyne Potash



# **OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501 GOVERNOR BRUCE KING CHAIRMAN

LAND COMMISSIONER ALEX J. ARMIJO MEMBER

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

February 16, 1973

Belco Petroleum Corporation 2000 Wilco Building Midland, Texas 79701

Gentlemen:

Your application to drill your Felmont Federal Well No. 1 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line, Section 25, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico, has been objected to by Kerr-McGee Corporation and Teledyne Potash. Commission Order No. R-111-A provides a procedure for an arbitration meeting in such instances, and since all of the interested parties will be present for a hearing on Wednesday, February 21 at 9 a.m. in the State Land Office Building, we have decided that this would be an appropriate time for the arbitration meeting. Please consider this as official notice that such a meeting will be held immediately following the hearing.

truly you L. PORTER, Jr. Α.

Secretary-Director

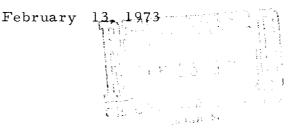
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cc: Mr.Orvis Frederick, U. S. G. S. - Roswell, N. M. Mr. R. S. Fulton, U. S. G. S. - Carlsbad, N.M. Mr. Arthur Brown, U. S. G. S. - Hobbs, N. M. Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Oil Conservation Commission, Hobbs, N.M. Mr. James J. Kelly, Kerr-McGee Corp., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Mr. W. N. Stanley, Teledyne Potash, Carlsbad, New Mexico Mr. Jason Kellahin, Attorney at Law, Santa Fe, New Mexico Mr. Mark K. Adams, Attorney at Law, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Case 5007



KERR-MCGEE BUILDING . OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73102



JAMES J. KELLY EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

> Oil Conservation Commission State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico

> > Re: Belco Petroleum Corporation Felmont Federal Well No. 1 660' FNL & 1980' FEL Section 25, T-20-S, R-32-E Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Kerr-McGee Corporation is the lessee of United States Potassium Lease NM 0554862 including, among other lands, the NE/4 Section 25, T.20S, R. 32E., N. M. P. M., Lea County, New Mexico, Kerr-McGee hereby enters its objection to the approval of the application of Belco Petroleum Corporation.

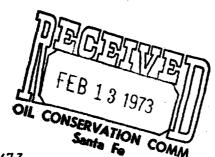
Commercial deposits of potash are located in the NE/4 Section 25. Permitting the well to be drilled would constitute waste, in that production of gas would have the effect of reducing the total quantity of commercial deposits of potash that may be reasonably recovered in commercial quantities, would unduly interfere with the orderly development of the potash deposits and would create hazards to mining.

Very truly yours, James J. Kelly

Executive Vice President

JJK:mj cc: R. S. Fulton Regional Mining Supervisor United States Geological Survey Federal Building Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

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GENTLEMEN: KERR-MCGEE CORPORATION IS THE LESSEE OF UNITED STATES POTASSIUM LEASE NM 0554862 INCLUDING, AMONG OTHER LANDS, THE NE/4 SECTION 25, T-20-S, R-32-E, N.M.P.M., LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. KERR-MCGEE HEREBY ENTERS ITS OBJECTION TO THE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION TO DRILL THE FELMONT FEDERAL WELL NO. 1 IN SECTION 25, T-20-S, R-32-E, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS OF POTASH ARE LOCATED IN THE NE/4 SECTION 25. PERMITTING THE WELL TO BE DRILLED WOULD CONSTITUTE WASTE, IN THAT PRODUCTION OF GAS WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF REDUCING THE TOTAL QUANTITY OF DEPOSITS OF POTASH THAT MAY BE REASONABLY RECOVERED IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES, WOULD UNDULY INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE POTASH DEPOSITS AND WOULD CREATE HAZARDS TO MINING.

LETTER WILL FOLLOW.

J. J. KELLY, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT KERR-MCGEE CORPORATION

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Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Secretary-Director Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Porter:

This is to advise you that Teledyne Potash wishes to formally protest the application for the permit to drill in Section 25, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, which has been filed by Belco Petroleum Corporation. The proposed location is within the area covered by Order R-111-A and is in a proven commercial ore body.

Very truly yours,

N. N. Stanley

W. N. Stanley Vice President of Operations

WNS:ns

c.c. Belco Petroleum Corporation Mr. R. S. Fulton, USGS

