

BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

APPLICANT: MICHAEL S. BATTLES,  
DIRECTOR, OIL AND GAS  
CONSERVATION DIVISION  
OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION

RESPONDENT: CHARLES PETTIT OIL COMPANY  
720 S. KERN  
OKMULGEE, OK 74447  
Operator No. 14590

RELIEF SOUGHT: MONITARY FINES AND )  
COMPLIANCE WITH )  
COMMISSION RULES )  
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CAUSE OGC NO. 200100008T

CITATION NO. 1-0277-A

ORDER NO. 452210

FINAL ORDER

This Cause came on for hearing before Curtis M. Johnson, Administrative Law Judge for the Corporation Commission of the State of Oklahoma, on the Citation Docket, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2001, at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission's Courtroom, Tulsa Regional Office, 440 S. Houston, Tulsa, Oklahoma, pursuant to notice given as required by law and the rules of the Commission for the purpose of taking testimony and reporting to the Commission.

At the time of the hearing, Jim Hamilton, attorney for the Oil and Gas Conservation Division, appeared for the Applicant, Michael S. Battles, Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Division of the Corporation Commission. The Administrative Law Judge proceeded to hear the cause and reports as follows:

FINDINGS

1. That the Respondent/Operator, Charles Pettit Oil Company, operates under Operator No. 14590, and had received service of said citation to its agent, Charles Pettit, on March 26, 2001, and by first class mail to the captioned address of the Respondent on April 3, 2001.

2. That the Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter, and notice has been given in all respects as required by law and rules of the Commission.

3. That Mr. Terry White, Commission Field Inspector, testified that the alleged violation of OCC-OAC 165:10-5-2(a) provides on Schedule A for a mandatory contempt fine of Five Thousand Dollars for failure to acquire approval to drill or convert a well for disposal or injection purposes. The violation relates to the Snider #1 well operated by the Respondent and located in the SE/4 SE/4 SW/4 of Section 32, Township 13 North, Range 13 East, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma. The witness testified that the Snider #1 well had been operated as a disposal well by the Respondent; however, the Commission had not authorized for injection purposes.

4. That Mr. White testified that Mr. Charles Pettit, agent for the respondent, Charles Pettit Oil Company, voluntarily assumed the obligation of paying the proposed fine; however, Mr. Pettit requested that he be permitted to pay the fine in installments by paying the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month commencing not later than thirty (30) days of the issuance of this proposed order. Further, by agreement of the parties, Respondent promised to plug or produce the Snider #1 well by September 1, 2001. Should Respondent elect to plug the well, Respondent agrees to give at least forty-eight (48) hours

advanced notice of any plugging activities by telephone contact, during normal business hours, with District One personnel, at telephone (918) 367-3396.

5. The Administrative Law Judge concluded that the Respondent/Operator, Charles Pettit Oil Company was responsible for failing to acquire approval to drill or convert the Snider #1 well for disposal or injection purposes. Further, the Administrative Law Judge accepted the exhibits, substantial evidence and testimony, and recommended that, based on such, that Charles Pettit Oil Company be fined under citation procedures prescribed by the field citation rule OCC-OGR 165:5-2 (a) in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

**ORDER**

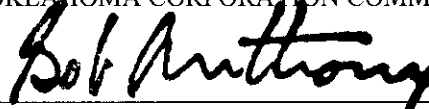
IT IS THEREFORE THE ORDER OF THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1. That the Respondent, Charles Pettit Oil Company, is found in contempt of 165:10-5-2(a), which provides on Schedule A for a contempt fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for failing to acquire approval to drill or convert the Snider #1 well for disposal or injection purposes. The Snider #1 well, operated by the Respondent, is located in the SE/4 SE/4 SW/4 of Section 32, Township 13 North, Range 13 East, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma.

2. That the fine shall be paid by the Respondent, Charles Pettit Oil Company, in monthly installments of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Cashier, Finance Department, Corporation Commission, 2101 N. Lincoln Boulevard, P.O. Box 52000-2000, Oklahoma City, OK 73152-2000. The first installment shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, and each month thereafter until the entire sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be paid in full.

**3. THAT PAYMENT OF THIS FINE IS DUE WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED AND FAILURE TO PAY SHALL RESULT IN A STATE COURT JUDGMENT AND COLLECTION ACTION BEING FILED AGAINST THE RESPONDENT, AND A LIEN BEING FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTIES BEING OPERATED BY THE RESPONDENT ACCORDING TO 17 O. S. 1998, SECTION 6.**

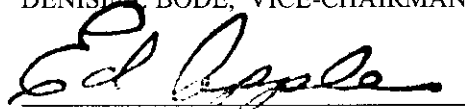
OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION



BOB ANTHONY, CHAIRMAN



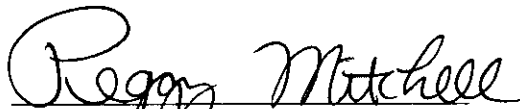
DENISE A. BODE, VICE-CHAIRMAN



ED APPLE, COMMISSIONER

DONE AND PERFORMED this 17 day of May 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

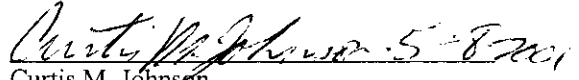
  
PEGGY MITCHELL, Secretary

The foregoing order is the report and recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.



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Jim Hamilton  
Attorney, OBA #3762



Curtis M. Johnson  
Administrative Law Judge