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[redacted]

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Superior Oil Co. 1 Baptist Mission
NW/4-NW/4 Sec 25-Twp 28N-R17E
Navajo, County

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COUNTY Navajo AREA _____ LEASE NO. Fee

WELL NAME Superior Oil Company 1 Baptist Mission

LOCATION NW NW SEC 25 TWP 28N RANGE 17E FOOTAGE 645 FWL 132 FNL

ELEV 5800 GR _____ KB SPUD DATE _____ STATUS _____ COMP. DATE _____ TOTAL DEPTH _____

CONTRACTOR _____

CASING SIZE	DEPTH	CEMENT	LINER SIZE & DEPTH
10 3/4	600		

DRILLED BY ROTARY _____
DRILLED BY CABLE TOOL _____
PRODUCTIVE RESERVOIR _____
INITIAL PRODUCTION _____

FORMATION TOPS	DEPTHS	SOURCE L.L.	SOURCE E.L.	REMARKS

ELECTRIC LOGS	PERFORATED INTERVALS	PROD. INTERVALS
Strat test		

SAMPLE LOG _____
SAMPLE DESCRP. _____
SAMPLE NO. _____
CORE ANALYSIS _____
DSTs _____

REMARKS NEVER DRILLED

APP. TO PLUG _____
PLUGGING REP. _____
COMP. REPORT _____

WATER WELL ACCEPTED BY _____

BOND CO. American Insurance Co. filed in P/N 281 BOND NO. 5-11-22-63

BOND AMT. $ 25,000 CANCELLED 11-5-86 DATE ORGANIZATION REPORT x

FILING RECEIPT 9377 LOC. PLAT x WELL BOOK x x PLAT BOOK x

API NO. _____ DATE ISSUED 5-7-64 DEDICATION _____

PERMIT NUMBER 279

CONFIDENTIAL

Release Date 11-22-65

(over)

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF ARIZONA

Form OG 51

Form Prescribed Under Oil and Gas Conservation Act of 1951

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DRILL NEW WELL

CONFIDENTIAL

This notice and surety bond must be filed and permit must be granted before drilling begins

Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Phoenix Arizona 4/16 1964

In compliance with Statewide Rule 3, notice is hereby given that it is our intention to commence the work of drilling well No. 1 Mission Sec. 25,

Twp. 28N, Rge. 17E G&SR B. & M., Stratigraphic Test [redacted]

Navajo County.

Legal description of lease E/2 E/2 NW NW NW and W/2 W/2 NE NW NW of Section 25
(attach map or plat to scale)

Location of Well: 645' FWL and 132' FNL Section 25, T28N, R17E
(give exact footage from section corners or other legal subdivisions or streets)

Proposed drilling depth Strat Test feet. Acres in drilling unit Strat. Test

Has surety bond been filed? Yes. Is location a regular or exception to spacing rule? Strat Test.

Elevation of ground above sea level 5800 feet. Estimated

All depth measurements taken from top of Kelly Bushing
(Derrick, floor, Rotary Table or (Kelly Bushing) which is 10 feet above the ground.

PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL

PROPOSED CASING PROGRAM

Size of Casing Inches A.P.I.	Weight	Grade and Type	Top	Bottom	Cementing Depth
10-3/4"	32.75#	H-40	0	600'	600'

Intended Zone or Zones of completion: Stratigraphic Test. Well will not be completed.
Name Perforated Interval

AFFIDAVIT:

I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury, that the information contained and statements herein made are to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.

(P. O. Dwr. G
The Superior Oil Company (Cortez, Colo.)
(Applicant)

By W. H. Fraser: W H Fraser

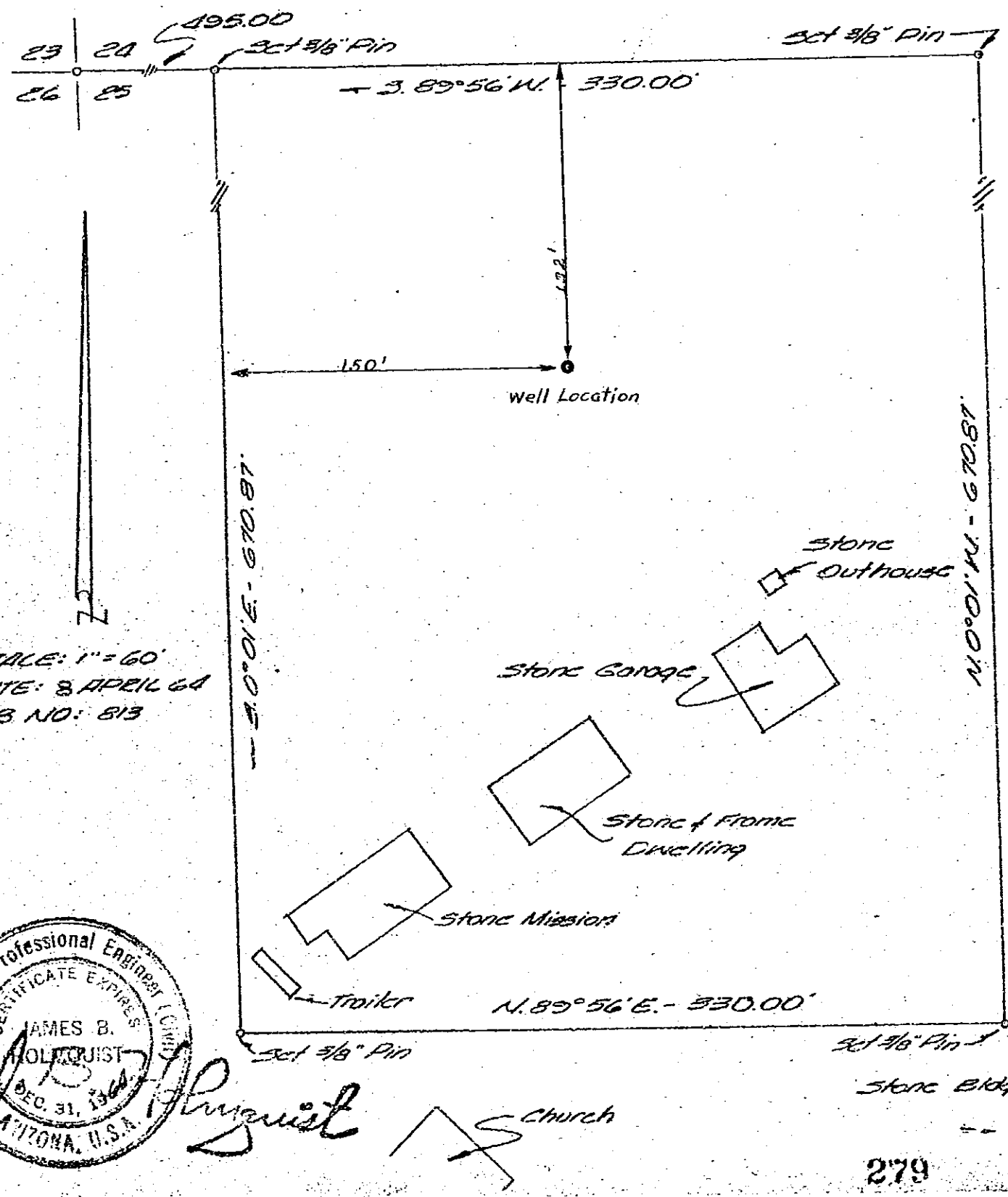
Application approved this 7th day of May 1964

Permit No.

3-62 1/10/58 279

John Bannister
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

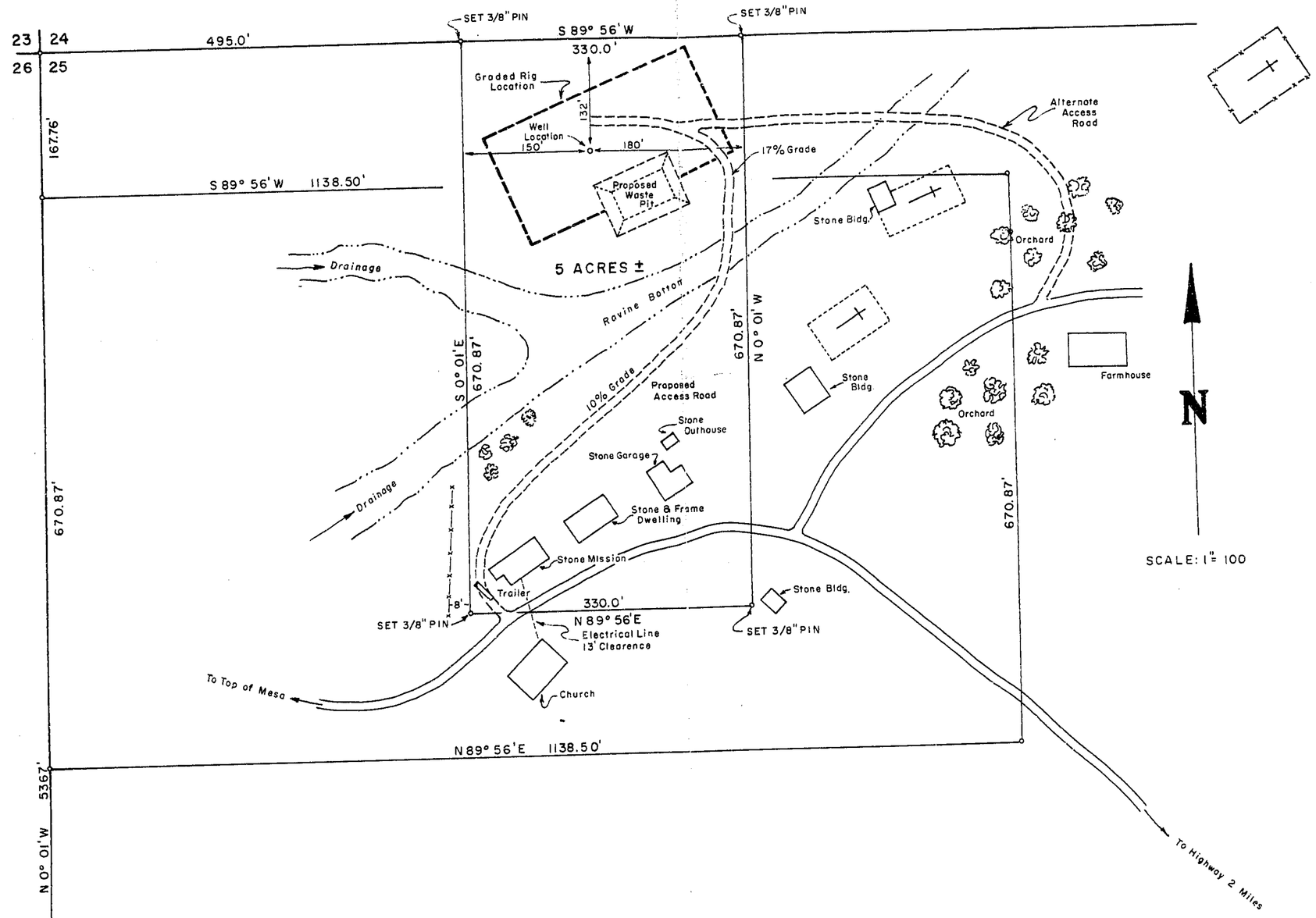
RESULTS OF SURVEY
OF THE E½E½ NW¼ NW¼ NW¼ & THE W½
W½ NE¼ NW¼ NW¼ OF SEC. 25 T.28N. R17E.
NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION
FOR
SUPERIOR OIL CO.
BY
HOLMQUIST & ASSOCIATES
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA



SCALE: 1" = 60'
DATE: 8 APRIL 64
JOB NO: 813

Registered Professional Engineer (Civil)
CERTIFICATE EXPIRES
JAMES B. HOLMQUIST
DEC. 31, 1964
ARIZONA, U.S.A.

J. B. Holmquist



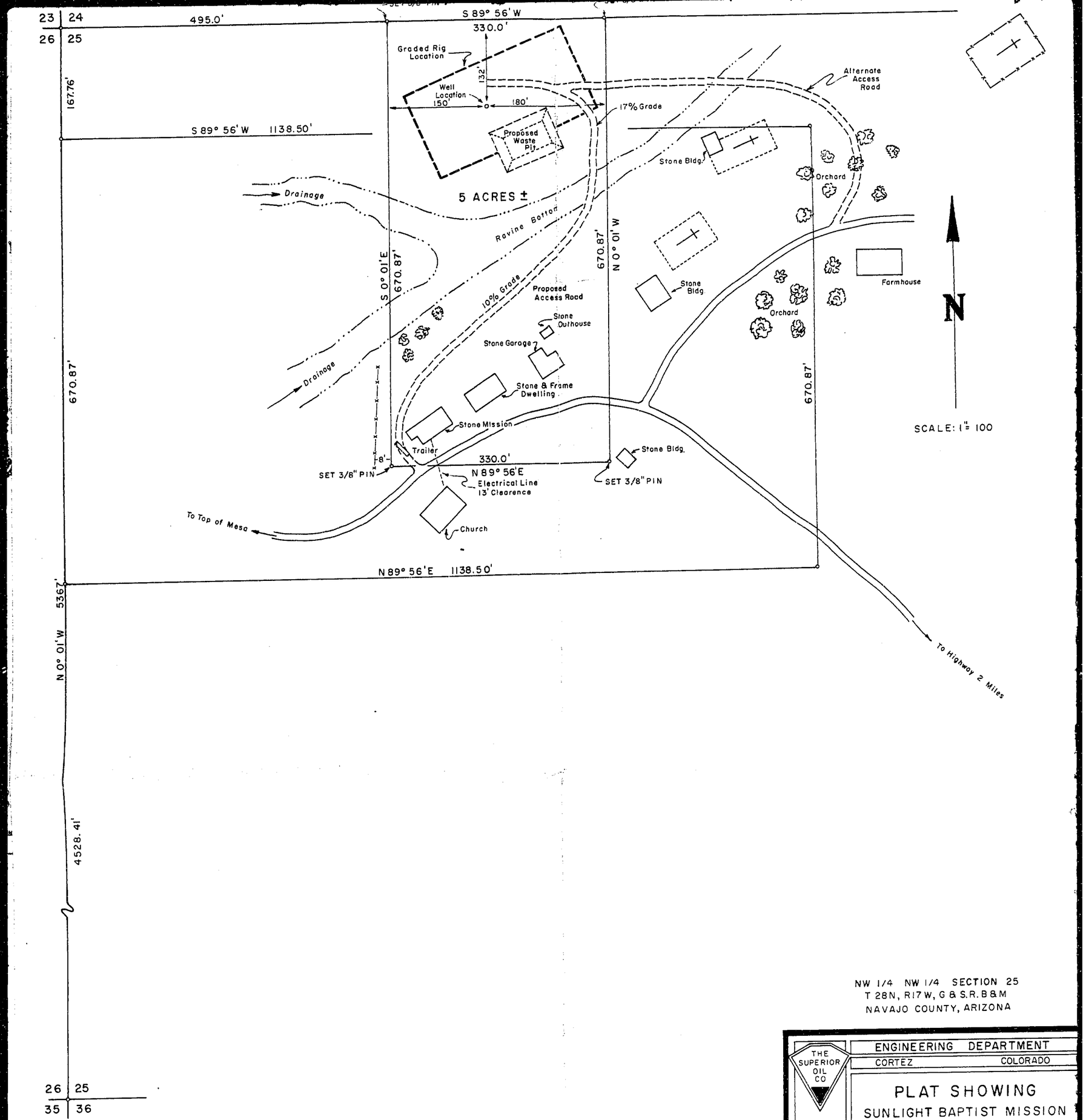
NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SECTION 25
T 28N, R17W, G & S.R. B&M
NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA

THE SUPERIOR OIL CO

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
CORTEZ COLORADO

PLAT SHOWING
SUNLIGHT BAPTIST MISSION
SUPERIOR LEASE No. A-58

SCALE: 1" = 100'
DATE: APRIL 17, 1964
DWN: A.B.C
APPVD:



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Superior Oil Co Lease
NW/4-NW/4 Sec 25-Twp
Navajo, County

Operator Superior Oil Company

Bond Company Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland Amdunt $10,000

Bond No. 74-76-688 Date Approved 6-14-60

Permits covered by this bond:

281

265

128

46

44

279

CANCELLED

DATE 11-22-65

Operator THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY

Bond Company Fidelity & Deposit Co.ofMd. Amount $25,000

Bond No. 5703778 Date Approved 11-12-65

Permits covered by this bond:

44 ← see this file

✓ 46 S.I.

✓ 128 ←

✓ 265 A

✓ 279 (Not drilled)

✓ 281 A

CANCELLED

DATE 10-3-66 Superseded by American Insurance Co.

effective 10-26-66 Bond 5-11-22-68

October 5, 1964

The Superior Oil Company
P.O. Drawer G
Cortez, Colorado 81321

Attention: Mr. W.H. Frazer

Re: Permit 279
Superior Oil Co. Baptist Mission #1 Well

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that the captioned permit has expired at midnight on October 4, 1964.

Consequently should any further action be desired on this location it will be necessary to secure a new permit from this Commission.

Should you have any further questions, would you please advise.

Yours very truly,

John Bannister
Executive Secretary

mr

cc: Mr. Phillip Shea
Fennemore, Craig, Allen & McClennen
First National Bank Building
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Mr. John S. Boyden
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Salt Lake City 11, Utah

Blind Copy: Dr. Willard Pope, Arizona Bureau Mines

September 18, 1964

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P.O. Drawer G
Cortez, Colorado 81321

Attention: Mr. W.H. Fraser

Re: The Matter of the Petition of the Hopi Indian Tribe
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Case No. 16, Order No. 16

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Boyden, Tibbals, Staten and Croft
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BY THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
COMMISSION, STATE OF ARIZONA
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 16

ORDER NO. 16

THE APPLICATION OF THE HOPI INDIANS
FOR AN ORDER TO REVOKE APPROVAL OF
SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY PERMIT NO. 279
TO DRILL FOR OIL

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION

This cause having come regularly on for hearing at 10:00 a.m. on August 26, 1964 at Phoenix, Arizona before the OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION of the STATE OF ARIZONA, hereinafter referred to as the "COMMISSION".

Now, on this 18th day of September, 1964 the COMMISSION, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented at said hearing and the briefs submitted by the parties, and being fully advised in the premises finds as follows:

FINDINGS:

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

(2) THAT the location of the lands upon which Superior Oil Company requested permission to drill was fee land at the time of Superior Oil Company's application and it was mandatory that the Commission issue Permit 279 (ARS 25-513). The COMMISSION does have authority to issue drilling permits within the Hopi Indian Reservation and is not dependent upon the consent of the Hopi Indian Tribe to exercise this authority. The COMMISSION's permit to drill is a necessary prerequisite to drilling within the State of Arizona. On Indian or Federal lands within the State of Arizona compliance by one desiring to drill a well with the Statutes governing the COMMISSION and its Rules and Regulations is necessary, but does not alone grant full permission

since it is further necessary to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Indian and Federal governments. The COMMISSION does have superior jurisdiction and authority over all fee land within the State of Arizona and lands owned by the State of Arizona, and concurrent, but not superior jurisdiction and authority over Indian or Federal lands.

(3) THAT the drilling of the proposed well for stratigraphic purposes is in full compliance with Rule 203.A.2 of the COMMISSION's General Rules and Regulations and is not in violation of Rule 105.A.

(4) THAT the Notice of Intention to Drill New Well filed by Superior Oil Company was correctly filled out and upon a proper form. Superior Oil Company made a full disclosure to this COMMISSION as to the intended depth of the proposed well, that the number of acres within the lease can be determined from the description furnished, and that inasmuch as the proposed well was to be a stratigraphic test, the location was not in violation of the COMMISSION's spacing rules (Rule 105.A).

(5) THAT the proposed well is not in violation of ARS 27-502 in that the health, property, and public welfare of the citizens of this State would not be endangered by the drilling of the well in question.

(6) THAT only the matters presented in the Amended Petition to the COMMISSION are herein considered.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(a) THAT the Petitioner's request to revoke the COMMISSION's approval of Superior Oil Company's Application for Permission to Drill (Permit 279) is hereby DENIED.

DONE at Phoenix, Arizona on the day and year hereinabove designated.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF ARIZONA

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By _____
LYNN LOCKHART, CHAIRMAN

FILE: File No. 279

Superior Oil Company

Baptist Mission #1

NW/4 NW/4 Section 25 - T28N - R17E, Navajo County

Refer to: HEARING FILES - CASE NO. 16

Industry briefs

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July 13, 1964

Mr. John S. Boyden
Boyden, Tibbals, Staten and Croft
Suite 604, El Paso Natural Gas Building
315 East Second South Street
Salt Lake City 11, Utah

Re: Permit No. 279
The Superior Oil Company - Sunlight Baptist Mission
No. 1 Well

Dear Mr. Boyden:

Enclosed for your information is a photostatic copy of letter dated July 10, 1964, from the Superior Oil Company wherein they requested an extension of the captioned permit for a period of sixty days; and our reply dated July 13, 1964, wherein their request for an extension was granted.

If we may be of any further help, will you please advise.

Yours very truly,

John Bannister
Executive Secretary

JB:mkc
Encl.

Cc: The Superior Oil Company
P. O. Drawer G
Cortez, Colorado 81321
Attention: Mr. W. H. Fraser

File: Permit No. 279
Hearing No. 16

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July 13, 1964

The Superior Oil Company
P. O. Drawer G
Cortez, Colorado 81321

Attention: Mr. W. H. Fraser

Re: Permit No. 279
The Superior Oil Company - Sunlight Baptist Mission No. 1 Well

Gentlemen:

On May 7, 1964, this Commission issued Permit No. 279 to the Superior Oil Company granting our authorization for the drilling of The Superior Oil Company's Sunlight Baptist Mission No. 1 Well. The rules and regulations of this Commission provide that if drilling has not been commenced within ninety days of the issuance of our permit, said permit would expire and would be of no further force and effect.

The ninety day period for the permit issued May 7, 1964, would end on August 5, 1964. By letter dated July 10, 1964, The Superior Oil Company has requested a sixty day extension of this permit due to the fact that Superior has been unable to gain access to its lease. This is to advise you that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission does hereby grant the extension of sixty days as requested in Superior's letter of July 10, 1964; and to advise you that should drilling not be commenced on or before October 4, 1964, the permit in question will expire and will be of no further force and effect.

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JB:mkc

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THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY

P. O. DRAWER G

CORTEZ, COLORADO
81321

July 10, 1964

Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
State of Arizona
1624 West Adams
Phoenix, Arizona

ATTENTION: Mr. John Bannister, Executive Secretary

Dear John:

On May 6, 1964, The Superior Oil Company submitted a Notice of Intention to Drill a stratographic test for information only. The well was to be drilled in Section 25, T. 28N, R. 17E, Navajo County, Arizona. The application was approved on May 7, 1964, and issued Permit No. 279.

As you are aware, The Superior Oil Company has negotiated with the Hopi Tribe for the use of a road to gain access to our lease and to the drill site. To date we have been unable to reach any terms with the Tribe for the use of the road. The well site location is prepared and ready for a rig as soon as access to the lease can be gained. Negotiations with the Hopi Tribe are still taking place to obtain permission to use the road.

Under the present circumstances it appears that we will be unable to commence drilling the well before the 90 day drilling permit period is over. As a result, we respectfully request that The Superior Oil Company be granted a 60 day extention to its drilling permit in which to start drilling the well. We feel that the problem of the road use can be worked out in the additional 60 day period.

Very truly yours,

THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY

W. H. Fraser

W. H. Fraser

WHF/bl

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July 1, 1964

Mrs. Irene M. Maniate
3 Lee Street Box 146
Sharpes, Florida

Dear Mrs. Maniate:

In reply to your letter of June 16, 1964, please be advised as follows:

Superior Oil Company acquired the lease on a five acre tract of land owned by the Sunlight Baptist Mission. This land is surrounded by the Hopi Indian Tribal Lands. Superior, in attempting to enter this lease, sought to transport heavy equipment over a wholly Indian owned road. The Indians denied Superior rights to use this road because they were afraid the equipment necessary to drill would injure the roadbed. Superior brought a suit in District Court in Prescott, Arizona. Said suit was heard on June 15, 1964. At that time the judge of the District Court refused to grant Superior an injunction against the Indians, stating that while Superior had an absolute right to go onto their lease, the Indians were within their right in denying the use of that particular road to them; and that further, Superior had failed to exhaust its full legal remedies in that they could have gone to the Indians and asked for a right-of-way on which they could construct a road to accommodate their drilling rig. Currently, the land in question has been redeeded to the U. S. Government in trust for the Hopi Indians; however this transfer of interest would of course be subject to Superior's lease acquired prior to the deed in question.

Should you desire any further information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours very truly,

John Bannister
Executive Secretary

JB:mkc

MRS. IRENE M. MANIATE
3 Lee Street Box 146
Sharpes, Florida USA

June 16 1964

The State of Arizona
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1624 West Adams,
Phoenix Arizona 85007

Dear Sir,

It has come to our attention that the Superior Oil Company's equipment has been blocked and denied access to an oil and gas lease site in the Hopi Indian Reservation.

This brings up the point why are Oil and gas leases sold to the public, when exploration companies are denied access to explore them.

Please look into the matter and let us know the State of Arizona's point of view in this matter.

Thanking you in advance we remain

Very truly yours
Mrs. Irene M. Maniate

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OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of the Application of Superior Oil Company for a Permit to Drill a Well in Section 25, T. 28 N., R. 17 E., G & S R B.& M., Navajo County, Arizona :	PETITION TO REVOKE APPROVAL OF APPLICATION OF SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY FOR PERMIT TO DRILL WELL. No._____

Comes now the Hopi Indian Tribe and moves the Commission to revoke its approval, heretofore entered on the 7th day of May, 1964, of the application of Superior Oil Company for a permit to drill a well (No. 1 Mission) in Section 25, T. 28 N., R. 17 E., G & SR Base and Meridian, situated in Navajo County, State of Arizona, for the following reasons:

1. Superior Oil Company proposes to drill a well 645 feet from the west line and 132 feet from the north line of said Section 25 upon a tract of land on which Superior Oil Company allegedly holds a lease, which said tract is more particularly described as follows:

E 1/2 E 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 and
W 1/2 W 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 25.

This said tract consists of only five acres and it and the location of the proposed well are within the exterior boundaries of the Hopi Indian Reservation, as established by the Executive Order of December 16, 1882 and within the Hopi Indian Reservation as defined by the United States District Court for the District of Arizona in the case of Healing v. Jones, 210 Fed. Supp. 125; affirmed 10 L. Ed. 2d 703.

All lands within the Hopi Indian Reservation are within the jurisdiction of the Hopi Tribal Council established by virtue of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat 984), as amended. By reason thereof, the Hopi Indian Tribe and the members thereof have an interest in any well drilling activities within the boundaries of said reservation, and as such are interested parties within the provisions of Section 27-517, Arizona Revised Statutes.

Because the location of said proposed well is within the Hopi Indian Reservation and within the jurisdiction of the Hopi Tribal Council, this Commission did not and does not have authority to issue the permits for drilling the proposed well, particularly without the consent or approval of said Hopi Indian Tribe.

2. The drilling of said well is in conflict with the provisions of Rules 6 and 8 of the General Rules and Regulations governing the conservation of oil and gas in Arizona, as promulgated by the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, in that Rule 6 requires that, unless otherwise prescribed, all oil wells must be located on a drilling unit consisting of at least forty (40) surface contiguous acres, and within a radius of one hundred feet of the center of such drilling unit; that Rule 8 provides that exceptions to permit drilling on units other than those prescribed in Rule 6 (and Rule 7) may be granted whenever the Commission shall determine, after notice and hearing, that such exceptions are reasonably necessary and that for some reason conditions are such as to make the drilling at the regular location unduly burdensome; that the location of such well is not on a drilling unit consisting of at least forty acres as required by said Rule 6; that the location of said well as set forth in the Notice of Intention to Drill is not within a radius of 100 feet of the center of the alleged lease acreage, if such were established as a drilling unit, as required by said Rule 6; and that no notice was given and no hearing was held on said application for granting an exception to permit drilling on units other than those prescribed in said Rule 6, as required by Rule 8; and that the drilling of said well is also in conflict with Section 27-513 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

3. The said Notice of Intention to Drill said well as filed by Superior Oil Company was not filled out in accordance with the requirements of Rule 3 of said rules and regulations in that:

(a) Said notice fails to set forth the proposed drilling depth.

(b) Said notice fails to set forth the acres in the drilling unit.

(c) Said notice fails to set forth whether the described location is regular or an exception to the spacing rule.

4. According to the information set forth in said Notice of Intention to Drill, Superior Oil Company intends to drill such a well as will include 10 3/4 inches of casing, allegedly for stratigraphic testing, and petitioner is informed that the Superior Oil Company intends to drill said well to a depth of at least 7,000 feet and for purposes other than stratigraphic testing, to wit, seismographic testing, and has therefore failed to fully advise the Commission of its intent and purpose with respect to said well.

5. Permitting the drilling of said well does not safeguard the property and public welfare of citizens of the state, to-wit, the Hopi Indians, and such drilling would, therefore, be contrary to the public policy of the State of Arizona, to safeguard the property and welfare of citizens of the State, as set forth in Section 27-502, Arizona Revised Statutes, in that the Hopi Indians are presently proceeding upon a fair and just program for development of oil and gas upon their reservation, that such program includes an equal opportunity for all oil and gas companies to make certain prescribed tests on said District 6 within said reservation, and that the drilling of said well is intended to give Superior Oil Company an unfair advantage over other such companies with respect to information obtainable from said proposed well, to the possible detriment of the said program of the Hopi Indians and contrary to the public policy of the state as aforesaid.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that the Commission call a hearing in respect to the foregoing matter and upon such hearing to revoke its approval of the application of Superior Oil Company for permission to drill said well.

JOHN S. BOYDEN
Attorney for Petitioner, Hopi Indian Tribe
315 East 2nd South Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

May 25, 1964

Mr. Fred H. Mott
3807 Pershing Avenue
Parma 34, Ohio

Dear Mr. Mott:

We appreciate your letter of May 20, 1964, concerning the Superior Sunlight Baptist Mission Well in the Black Mesa Basin on the Hopi Reservation. Superior has filed with us application to drill a stratigraphic test; and regardless of the outcome of the well, it will be plugged and abandoned. Superior's intentions are to make a basement test if possible and secure such geological information as they may be able; however the Hopi Indians have denied access to the Reservation to Superior and we do not know as of this time if Superior is going to be allowed to complete this well.

As you are aware, the Hopi Reservation has been closed for years to any exploration attempts. It is contemplated that a sale of leases by the Hopi Indians in the Black Mesa area will be conducted sometime in the latter part of the year, probably October or November. Undoubtedly this acreage will command a high bonus and I anticipate that the royalty will be 16-2/3 percent. I would suggest that you request your brother-in-law to watch for the posting of this sale and that he furnish you with the Indians' bid form in order to allow you to compete.

Superior discovered that the Baptist Mission in the area in question had a deed to approximately five acres and were able to secure lease on their mission grounds. It was this lease that they were attempting to drill. I do not know of any acreage in the vicinity that is open or that will be open until such time as the Indian sale is consummated.

If we may be of any further help, will you please advise.

Yours very truly,

John Bannister
Executive Secretary

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3807 Pershing Avenue
Parma 34, Ohio

Parma Ohio
5-20-64

Mr. John Bannister
State Director of Conservation,

I received your report from my Sonthern~~law~~ who is now living at Mesa, just out of Phoenix, with regard to the Superior Oil Co. planning to drill a test well on the Black Mesa basin, Reservation.

There is no doubt that the Superior has worked it, and their findings is interesting.

This report I have is out of the Phoenix paper I would say, and it states that the Superior has leased a small area, on the Reservation, would that be considered quite a scope of land, these Major Company usually require as much as 10,000 acres when they plan a test well to be drilled.

Could you advise me as to the possibilities of getting some leases in the additional area where the well is to drilled. and too if you know what the consideration consisted of [redacted] in taking the leases by the Superior.

I am a driller & oil man, you may contact the Brother-law for reference if you wish, I think he has a phone, he has been there about a year now. John Svoboda.

I do have some developers in mind that are substantial men operating here in the last now, that would be interested in event I had something not to far away from, in case a well came in

I will appreciate any help you can give me Thanks

Sincerely yours

Fred H. Motte

The Oil and Gas Journal - May 25, 1964

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May 12,1964

I talked to Bill XXXXXXX Fraser of Superior Oil Company and he advised that there was a xxxxxx cat on location and that the location was prepared. The Indians had a policeman stationed at the beginning of the road into the lease who was keeping any further equipment from entering and that he had already turned back another cat. The land and legal departments of Superior had been requested to meet with the Indian legal department prior to commencing actual drilling operations. Mr. Fraser advised that he will inform us as to further developments.

JB

The Arizona Republic
Phoenix, Fri., May 3, 1968

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May 7, 1964

Mr. W. H. Fraser
The Superior Oil Company
P. O. Drawer G
Cortez, Colorado 81321

Re: Superior - Sunlight Baptist Mission #1 Well
Section 25 - T28N - R17E, Navajo County, Arizona

Our File No. 279

Dear Mr. Fraser:

We are pleased to return your approved permit for the captioned well.

In reviewing our files, we note that we do not have the current Organization Report for Superior; therefore we enclose two copies of said report which we request that you fill out and return to us at your earliest convenience.

The Commission is extremely pleased to see exploration beginning in this vital area and we wish you the utmost success in this endeavor.

Yours very truly,

John Bannister
Executive Secretary

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Encl. Approved Permit
Receipt
2 Organization Report

AIR MAIL

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Organization Report
(In Nonagp "M" 23217 file)
dated 6/15/60 shows
superior to be a Calif
corporation.

Letter of 6/14/63 in
connection with bond
shows principal had
changed from a Calif
corporation to a
Nevada corporation.
(In Nonagp H-2 1/14-16 file)
I think we need
new Organization report

Mkd
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THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY

P. O. DRAWER G

CORTEZ, COLORADO
81321

May 6, 1964

CONFIDENTIAL

Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
State of Arizona
1624 West Adams
Phoenix, Arizona

Gentlemen:

Attached is a Notice of Intention to Drill a stratigraphic test, Sunlight Baptist Mission #1, located in Navajo County, Arizona.

This well will be drilled as a stratigraphic test for information only. The well will not be completed, but abandoned upon reaching total depth. We propose to set approximately 600' of 10-3/4" casing and drill a 7-7/8" hole to TD.

Due to the current leasing interest on the Hopi Reservation we intend to drill the well as a tight hole. We would appreciate your keeping all information on the well confidential.

Very truly yours,

THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY

W H Fraser

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WHF/njh
Attach.

location prepaid

Phone area 303 565-3733