

BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING CALLED ON A MOTION  
OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION  
OF EARL SCHWARTZ DBA AS GOFOR OIL, INC., AND  
EARL SCHWARTZ COMPANY, FOR AN ORDER PERMITTING  
CERTAIN OF HIS WELLS IN THE MOHALL FIELD, BOTTINEAU  
COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, TO RESUME PRODUCING.

CASE NO. 1203  
ORDER NO. 1296

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to legal notice this cause came on for hearing at 9:30 a.m. on the 13th day of August, 1974, at Bismarck, North Dakota, before the Industrial Commission of North Dakota, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 10th day of September 1974, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony adduced, 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 Earl Schwartz dba Gofor Oil, Inc., and Earl Schwartz Company, is the operator of the following wells in the Mohall Field, Bottineau County, North Dakota:

Ivan Gehringer Tr-1 #1, SW NE Sec. 31, T. 162N., R. 83W.  
Ivan Gehringer Tr-2 #1, SW NW Sec. 31, T. 162N., R. 83W.  
Mohall Park #1, NE SW Sec. 31, T. 162N., R. 83W.  
Carl O. Gilseth #1, SW NW Sec. 5, T. 161N., R. 83W.  
Carl Gilseth #1, SW SW Sec. 5, T. 161N., R. 83W.  
Rhoda Racke #1, SW NE Sec. 6, T. 161N., R. 83W.  
Anna V. Rouse et al #1, SW SE Sec. 31, T. 162N., R. 83 W.  
Sam Simpson et al #2, NE NE Sec. 6, T. 161N., R. 83W.  
George Shurson et al #1, SW SE Sec. 6, T. 161N., R. 83W.  
George Witteman #1-A, NE NE Sec. 7, T. 161N., R. 83W.

(3) That the above-described wells were shut-in by Commission Order No. 1284, for failure to comply with certain of the rules of the Commission.

(4) That testimony given at said hearing indicates that all of the above-listed wells except the Carl Gilseth #1 and the Ivan Gehringer Tr-2 #1 are in

compliance with the rules and should be allowed to resume producing.

(5) That minor amounts of work need to be completed before the Carl Gilseth #1 and the Ivan Gehringer Tr-2 #1 are in compliance, and applicant stated that such work would be done.

(6) That the Carl Gilseth #1 and the Ivan Gehringer Tr-2 #1 should be allowed to produce on the condition that said work be accomplished.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the following wells located in the Mohall Field, Bottineau County, North Dakota, operated by Earl Schwartz, be and the same, are hereby permitted to resume producing.

Ivan Gehringer Tr-1 #1, SW NE Sec. 31, T. 162N., R. 83W.  
Mohall Park #1, NE SW Sec. 31, T. 162N., R. 83W.  
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(2) That the following wells located in the Mohall Field, Bottineau County, North Dakota, operated by Earl Schwartz, be allowed to produce pending a report to the Commission on November 12, 1974, by the State Geologist as to the condition of said wells at that time:

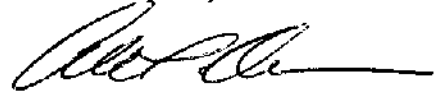
Ivan Gehringer Tr-2 #1, SW NW Sec. 31, T. 162N., R. 83W.  
Carl Gilseth #1, SW SW Sec. 5, T. 162N., R. 83W.

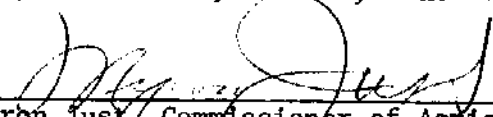
(3) That this order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

DONE, at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 10th day of September 1974.

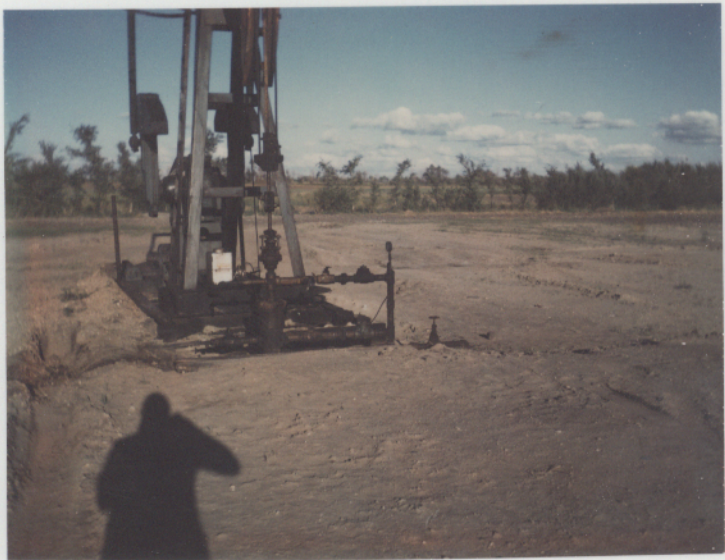
THE NORTH DAKOTA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

  
Arthur A. Link, Governor

  
Allen I. Olson, Attorney General

  
Myron Just, Commissioner of Agriculture

























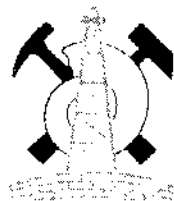












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State Geologist

# NORTH DAKOTA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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August 7, 1974

Mr. Earl Schwartz  
Earl Schwartz Company  
P. O. Box 853  
Kenmare, North Dakota 58746

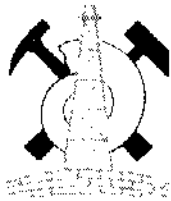
Dear Mr. Schwartz:

You have been advised previously that the condition of your leases in the Noonan Field are unsatisfactory. To date you have not made any attempt to correct the situation.

To avoid a shut-in order for your wells in the Noonan Field, their condition must be improved.

Sincerely,

F. E. Wilborn  
Assistant Petroleum Engineer



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State Geologist

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August 6, 1974

Mr. Earl Schwartz  
Earl Schwartz Company  
P. O. Box 853  
Kenmare, North Dakota 58746

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

The water level in the pit at the Ida Farren #1 well located in Section 27, Township 163 North, Range 91 West, Portal Field, is too high, and the water is covered with oil.

To prevent revocation of the permit for said pit, the oil must be removed and the water level must be lowered and maintained at a point one foot below ground level.

Sincerely,

F. E. Wilborn  
Assistant Petroleum Engineer

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I could say it.*



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July 25, 1974

Mr. Earl Schwartz  
P. O. Box 853  
Kenmare, North Dakota 58746

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Some of your wells in the Mohall Field were shut-in by Commission Order No. 1284. Wells shut-in by said order can resume producing only when so ordered by the Commission. As you have already been advised, a hearing for such an order is scheduled for August 13, 1974, in the State Capitol Building.

Wells listed in your letter of July 22, that were not included in Order No. 1284, have not been shut-in by the Survey nor the Commission and can be produced.

Enclosed is another copy of Commission Order No. 1284.

Sincerely,

F. E. Wilborn  
Assistant Petroleum Engineer

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P. O. Box 853 — Telephone 385-4244

EARL SCHWARTZ, President

Phone 848-2312

Kenmare, N. Dak. 58746

July 22, 1974

Kenmare, N. Dak. 58746

State Industrial Commission  
Bismarck, ND 58501

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a report of the work done in the Mohall Field to date:

Gehring #1:

The oil is cleaned up around the tanks from leaking tanks, also diked around the tank battery and treater. Well always was clean. Location good, also set one more 300 bbl. tank as all four wells go in one tank battery.

Gehring #2:

Was clean and is.

Gehring #3:

Is completed, but shut in under this order. Have not sent in a completion report, as can not until we can produce it as this is also shut in. The drilling pit is not filled in yet as it is too wet.

Gehring #4:

Well is clean and pit filled in. This is also a new well drilled in late 1973 and started in March, 1974. Shut in under the No #1 order.

Mohall Park #1:

This well never was dirty but shut in on account of an overflow pit from the salt water injection well. The Mohall salt water injection well has the pit filled in and a 400 bbl. tank installed for overflow in case the electricity goes off on the salt water pump when other wells were pumping. We also made a dike around this tank.

Davis #1:

This well is cleaned up and no pits. Also acidized, report being sent in. Also diked around the tanks.

RondaRacke:

The pit is filled in and oil spill cleaned. The well is in good shape, also diked around tanks and treater.

Rouse:

The well was clean. We filled the small pot hole, as there was no pit on this lease. This well is in good shape, also diked around tanks and treater

Simpson #2:

The pit is filled in, diked around tanks, well is in good shape.



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GOFOR OIL:

MOHALL FIELD:

Shurson #1: The pit is filled. There is some back dragging left, as it is still too wet. We will do this as soon as possible. The well is cleaned up and the tanks diked.

Witteman: Salt Water Disposal:

The pits are filled and have some back dragging left but still too wet. We will do this as soon as possible. The oil spill is all cleaned up. We also installed a new salt water disposal pump.

Carl Gilseth #1:

We are pumping out the pits and have the oil spill cleaned but there is more water to pump out. It will take another week.

I would appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience. Thank you.



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Carl Gilseth (Amerada, No. 1):

The pit is filled, but too wet to back drag. We may get that done today. The well is cleaned up, and also are going to dike, but too wet yet. We may also get this done today.

GRANO FIELD:

We filled all the pits in and cleaned all locations and done acidizing on the Davison 10-30, G. A. Davison, M. C. Davison #1 and the M. C. Davison #2. Reports sent in and all locations good.

SOUTH ANTLER CREEK FIELD:

Braun #: Filled pits in

U. C. L. A.: Filled pits in

U. C. L. I. B: Filled pits in . Will need some leveling when it gets dry enough which we will do. Will be moving to the Pratt Field July 23, to work on these. Please let us know when these wells can be started.

Yours truly,

*Earl Schwartz*  
Earl Schwartz

cc. E. A. Noble, State Geologist  
University Station  
Grand Forks, ND 58201

cc. Kenneth Mallstead, Field Inspector  
Bismarck, ND 58501



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July 18, 1974

CASE # 1203

Mr. Earl Schwartz  
P. O. Box 853  
Kenmare, North Dakota 58746

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Your letter of June 24, 1974, regarding some of your wells in the Mohall Field, is being considered as an application for hearing.

The case will be heard by the Industrial Commission at 9:30 a.m. in the State Capitol Building in Bismarck, North Dakota, on August, 13, 1974.

You or your representative must be present to explain to the Commission what has been done on some of your leases in the Mohall Field to make them eligible to resume producing.

Sincerely yours,

Original signed by

EDWIN A. NOBLE

State Geologist

E. A. Noble

State Geologist

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cc North Dakota Industrial Commission



EARL SCHWARTZ, President

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Kenmare, N. Dak. 58740

CASE 1203

P. O. Box 853 — Telephone 385-4244

June 24, 1974

Kenmare, N. Dak. 58746

North Dakota Geological Survey  
University Station  
Grand Forks, ND 58201



ATTENTION: Mr. Kenneth Kallestad

Gentlemen:

I have completed the work on the following leases:

Rhonda Racke, cleaned and pit filled.

Anna V. Rouse, cleaned and pit filled.

Gehringer #2, well site cleaned and a dike has been put around the tanks.

We are pumping water at the Shurson yet and on the Mohall Park for salt water overflow and dike built. I may have these pits filled by the time you check.

Yours truly,

Earl Schwartz

Donna OLSON, Sedy.

cc: N. Dak. Industrial Commission  
Bismarck, N. Dak.