# BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

### OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 2956 ORDER NO.3340

IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING CALLED ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF MCDONALD INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER REDEFINING THE OUTLINE OF THE COLUMBUS AND SHORT CREEK FIELDS, BURKE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AND AMENDING THE SPACING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COLUMBUS FIELD.

# ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to legal notice this cause came on for hearing at 10:00 a.m. on the 10 day of October, 1983, in Bismarck, North Dakota, before an examiner appointed by the Industrial Commission of North Dakota, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 28th day of October, 1983, 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 the Short Creek Field contains 10 sections, more or less. There are only three wells in the field, and the productive area appears to be defined; hence the field outline should be reduced.
- (3) That the Columbus Field is adjacent to the Short Creek Field. The productive area in the Columbus Field appears to extend into part of the presently defined Short Creek Field.
- (4) That the boundaries of the Columbus and Short Creek Fields should be redefined.
- (5) That spacing in the Columbus Field is one well to each 80 acres with wells located in the NE and SW quarters of each quarter section.
- (6) That evidence presented in this matter indicates that in order to efficiently and effectively drain the recoverable oil in the Columbus Field, wells should be located within the 80-acre spacing unit at the optimum geological location, provided the wells are not less that 500 feet from the boundary of the spacing unit, nor closer than 1000 feet to another well producing from, or permitted to the producing interval in the field.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Short Creek Field is hereby redefined as the following described tracts of land in Burke County, North Dakota:

together with those additional quarter sections or governmental lots corresponding thereto as may be proven productive by wells drilled on lands within one mile of the boundaries of the field as set forth above, provided further that such extensions of the field boundaries shall include only sufficient acreage to form a spacing unit for such wells, and any intervening lands

(2) That the Columbus Field is hereby redefined as the following described tracts of land in Burke County, North Dakota:

TOWNSHIP 163, RANGE 93 WEST, 5TH PM ALL OF SECTIONS 14,15,22 AND 23.

together with those additional quarter sections or governmental lots corresponding thereto as may be proven productive by wells drilled on lands within one mile of the boundaries of the field as set forth above, provided further that such extensions of the field boundaries shall include only sufficient acreage to form a spacing unit for such wells, and any intervening lands.

- (3) That paragraph (3) of Order No. 247 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - (3) That effective this date all wells drilled to the Columbus-Madison Pool shall be located not less that 500 feet from the boundary of the spacing unit, nor closer than 1000 feet to another well producing from or permitted to the pool
- (4) That this order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1983.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

/s/ Allen I. Olson \_ Allen I. Olson, Governor

Robert O. Wefald, Attorney General

/s/ Kent Jones \_
Kent Jones, Commissioner of Agriculture

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September 15, 1983

North Dakota Industrial Commission 900 East Boulevard Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Attention: Mr. Jack Wilborn



Re: Request for Special Examiner Hearing, Columbus and Short Creek Fields, Burke County, North Dakota

Dear Sir:

McDonald Investment Corporation is the owner of leases in Sections 13 and 14, T 163 N, R 93 W, Burke County, North Dakota. The SW/4 of Section 14 is currently in the Columbus Madison Pool which is spaced on one well per 80 acres while the W/2 of Section 14 and all of Section 13 are currently in the Short Creek Madison Pool which is spaced on one well per 160 acres.

McDonald Investment Corporation wants to develop its leasehold in Sections 13 and 14, T 163 N, R 93 W on an 80 acre development pattern. We therefore request that all of Sections 13 and 14 be placed in the Columbus Madison Pool. In addition, to provide for optimum well locations, we believe the Field Rules for the Columbus Madison Pool should be amended to provide for flexible well locations with minimum distances between wells.

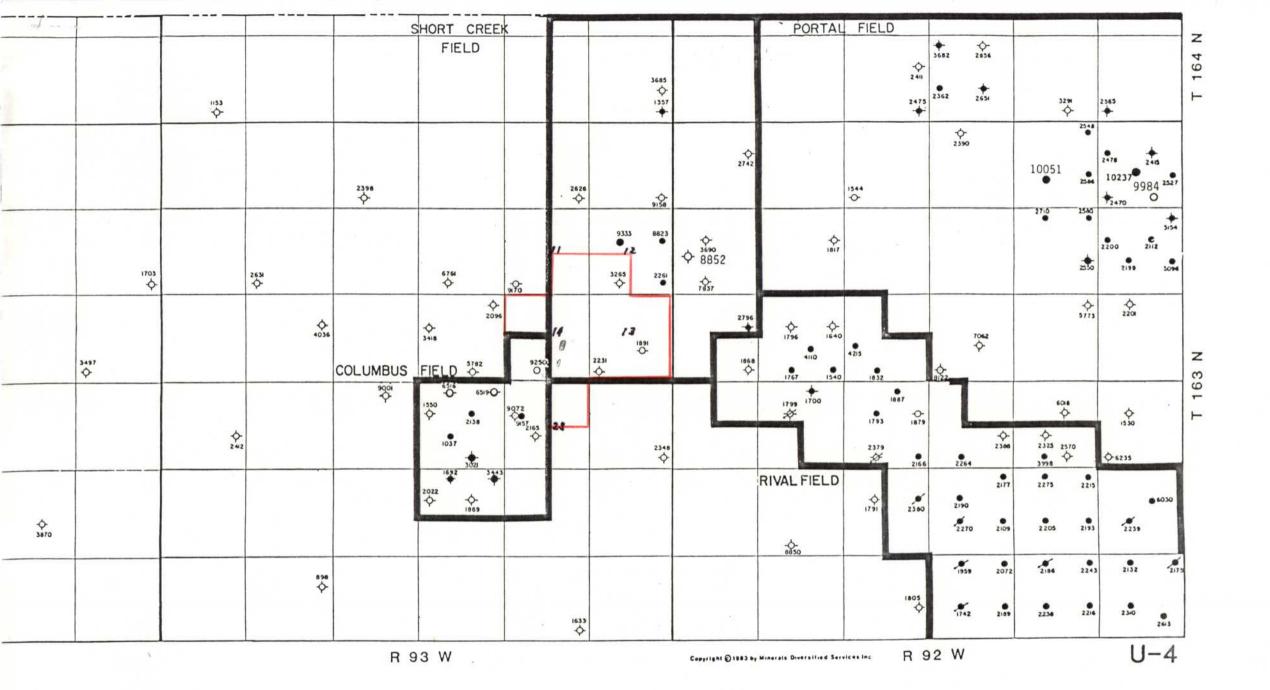
McDonald Investment Corporation respectfully requests that this matter be set for an Examiner Hearing as soon as possible. It is our understanding that this could be scheduled some time during the week of October 10th, 1983.

> Very truly yours, McDonald Investment Corporation

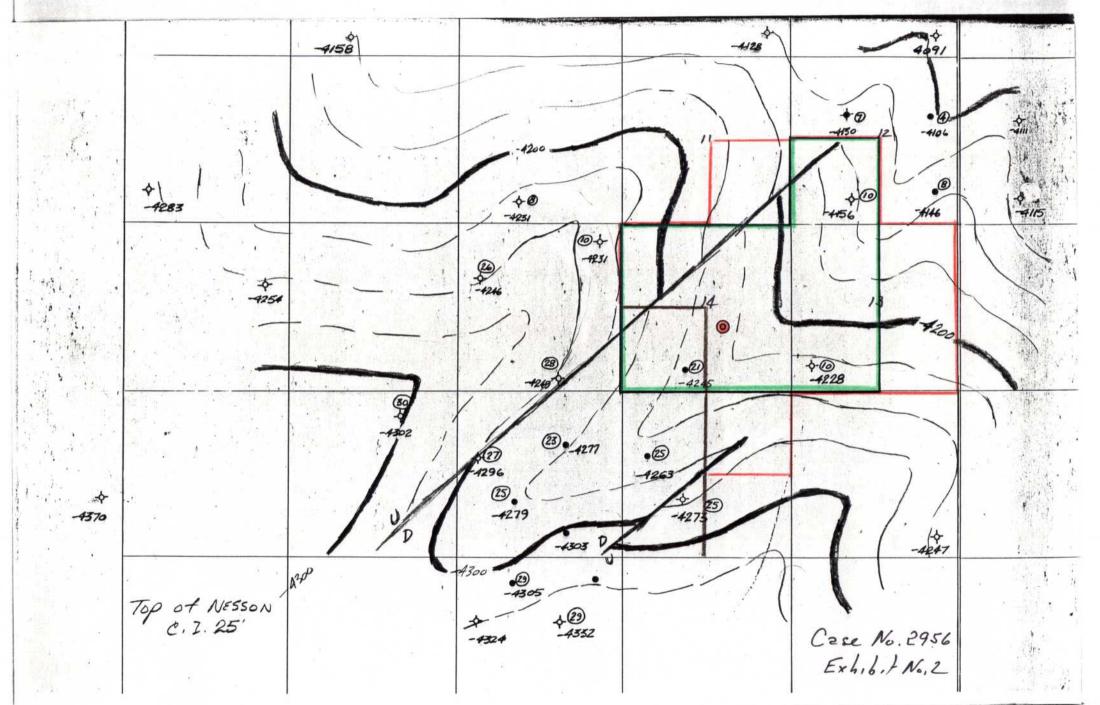
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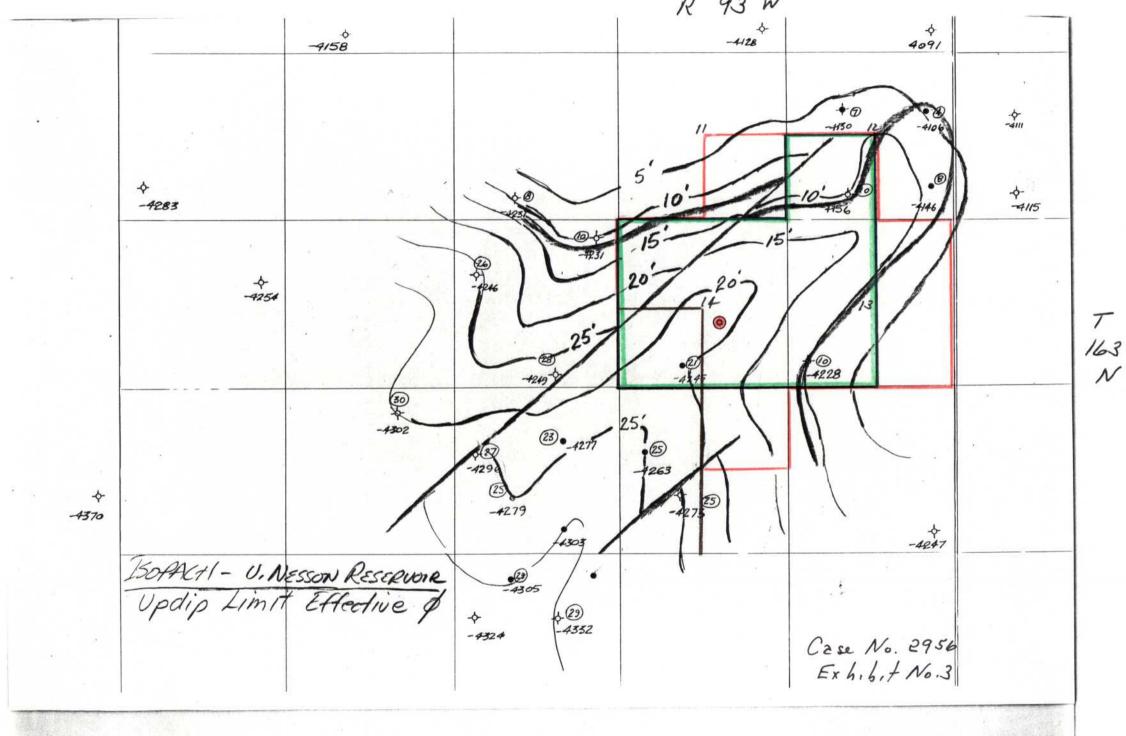
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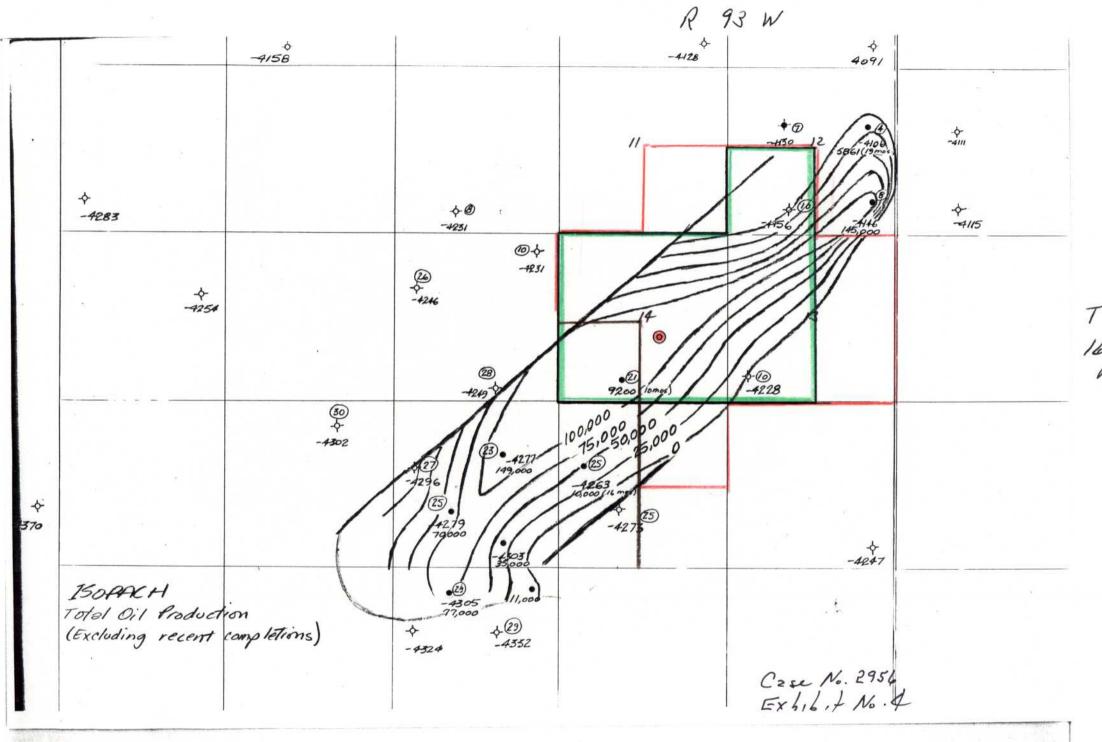


Case No. 2956 Exhibit No. 1



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The State of North Dako a by its Industrial Commissioner here! gives notice pursuant to law and the rules and regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder of the following public hearing to be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 10, 1983, State Office Building, 900 East Blvd. Bismarck, North Dakota. For the purpose of this hearing, the Commission, any member thereof acting as Examiner, or an Examiner appointed by the Commission will receive testimony and exhibits.

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO:

All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest, or claim in the following cases and notices to the public. CASE NO. 2956: ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF MCDONALD INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER REDEFINING THE OUTLINE OF THE COLUMBUS AND SHORT CREEK FIELDS, BURKE COUNTY, AND AMENDING THE SPACING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COLUMBUS FIELD.

Signed by, Allen I. Olson, Governor Chairman, ND Industrial Commission September 28, 1983

MILDRED I. NEHRING, Notary Public Burke County, North Dakota My Commission Expires August 18, 1988



