

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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Minutes of Meeting  
June 10, 1977

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman  
Mr. Hal Butler, Vice Chairman  
Dr. J. Dale Nations, Member  
Mr. Robert A. Gallaher, Member

Absent:

Mr. Norman D. Levitt, Member

The regular Commission meeting of June 10, 1977 was called to order by Chairman Ralph Bilby at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the meeting of March 25, 1977 were approved as written.

Reports of Executive Secretary, Enforcement Section and Geology Section were accepted.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Robert A. Gallaher as the new member of the Commission.

Executive Secretary advised that the Commission's budget allotment for the 1977-78 fiscal year has been received. The request for an additional Geologist II was approved. For the most part, the funds requested by the Commission were allowed.

Mr. Allen, Director of the Enforcement Section, advised that Kerr-McGee Corporation has plugged and abandoned all of its helium wells in the Pinta Dome unit of the Navajo Springs area and is in the process of cancelling its leases. The Kerr-McGee helium plant has been shut down since February 26, 1976, so no helium has been produced or marketed since that time. Eleven wells remain to be plugged - ten belonging to Eastern Petroleum Corporation and one belonging to Western Petroleum Corporation. Arrangements are now being made to plug and abandon these wells, which will end helium production in Arizona for the time being.

The potential storage of federal strategic petroleum reserves in suitable salt deposits in Arizona was discussed.

The Commission determined that the long range plans as currently being developed by the Commission staff are satisfactory and that no further action should be taken at this time in this matter. Satisfaction was expressed for the progress and actions of both the Enforcement and Geology Sections.