

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SANDRA LADRA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NEW DOMINION, L.L.C., and
SPESS OIL COMPANY
JOHN DOES 1-25

Defendants.

Case No. CJ-2014-115

ORDER

This case came on for hearing on October 8, 2014, on the Defendants' objections to jurisdiction and motions to dismiss, and the Plaintiff's opposition to the Defendants' motions. The parties appeared by and through their counsel of record. The Court, having previously reviewed the pleadings filed, heard argument by counsel and took the matter under advisement.

After further review of the pleadings and argument by counsel, the Court makes the following findings and orders:

The Court finds that the Plaintiff has sued the Defendants, New Dominion, LLC, and Spess Oil Company, for damages that she claims the Defendants caused by their disposal of wastewater into injection wells in and around Lincoln County. In particular, she claims that the Defendants' actions caused earthquakes that, in turn, caused her damages.

The Court further finds that the Oklahoma Corporation Commission authorized the Defendants to conduct the disposal operations that the Plaintiff claims caused her damages.

The Court further finds that there are no allegations that the Defendants violated the terms of the licenses as granted to them by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

The Court further finds that the Oklahoma Corporation Commission is vested with exclusive jurisdiction, power and authority with reference to the exploration, drilling, development, production and operation of wells used in connection with the recovery, injection or disposal of mineral brines. 17 O.S. § 52 (a)(1)(d).

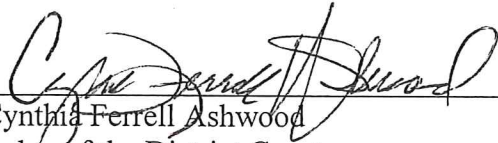
The Court further finds that the jurisdiction of the district court to review orders of the Corporation Commission is generally limited to examination of Commission orders to determine whether the Commission had jurisdiction to enter the order. Woods Petroleum Corp. v. Sledge, 632 P. 2d 393 (Okla. 1981).

The Court further finds that this court would be required to decide issues that are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. As a result, this Court finds that it does not have jurisdiction to hear this case.

For the reasons set forth above, the Defendants' objections to jurisdiction and motions to dismiss are hereby sustained.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Defendants' objections to jurisdiction and motions to dismiss are sustained.

Dated the 16th day of October, 2014.


Cynthia Ferrell Ashwood
Judge of the District Court

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This is to certify that on the 16th day of October, 2014 a true and correct copy of the above and forgoing Order was deposited in the United States Mail with postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

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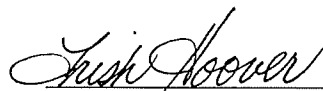
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