

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 5045  
Order No. R-4618

APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UNION  
PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX  
GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 9, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 23rd day of August, 1973, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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 applicant, Southern Union Production Company, seeks approval to re-enter the Wilson Federal Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 22 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and to deepen said well from 8020 feet to 11,060 feet into the Morrow formation.

(3) That currently there is no production from the Morrow formation within three miles of the proposed non-standard location and drilling a new well at a standard location would therefore involve a high degree of risk.

(4) That the most feasible way to determine if the Morrow formation is productive in this area is to deepen the Wilson Federal Well No. 1 but in so doing the aforementioned non-standard location will result.

(5) That the N/2 of said Section 13 is to be dedicated to the well.

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