

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. 4407  
Order No. R-4024

APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY  
FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION,  
McKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:30 a.m. on August 19, 1970, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 25th day of August, 1970, 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, Tenneco Oil Company, seeks approval for an unorthodox Dakota oil well location for its Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, Hospah Field, McKinley County, New Mexico, said location being closer than 330 feet to an inner boundary line.

(3) That the subject well was drilled at the said unorthodox location inadvertently due to a variation in the size and shape of said Section 13.

(4) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share

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of the oil in the Dakota formation, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Tenneco Oil Company, is hereby granted, as an exception to the well location requirements of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations, approval for an unorthodox location for its Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, Hospah Field, McKinley County, New Mexico.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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