

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. 4425
Order No. R-4045

APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN GULF PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCA-
TION, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:30 a.m. on October 14, 1970, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 27th day of October, 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, Southern Gulf Production Company, seeks, as an exception to the gas well location requirements of the Commission Rules and Regulations, approval for an unorthodox gas well location in an undesignated Pennsylvanian gas pool for its Navajo Tocito Well No. 4 1963 feet from the South line and 977 feet from the West line of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 18 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That said well was originally projected as an oil well in the Tocito Dome Pennsylvanian "D" Pool, but it was completed instead as a gas well producing from an undesignated Pennsylvanian "E" gas pool.

(4) That the subject well was inadvertently drilled at the above-described non-standard location.

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(5) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of gas in the undesignated Pennsylvanian gas pool, 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 an unorthodox gas well location is hereby approved for the Southern Gulf Production Company Navajo Tocito Well No. 4 in an undesignated Pennsylvanian "E" zone gas pool at a point 1963 feet from the South line and 977 feet from the West line of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 18 West, NMPM, San Juan 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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