

CASE 7244: CRESCENT ENERGY CORP. FOR
AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION AND NON-
STANDARD OIL PRORATION UNIT, ROOSEVELT
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No.

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ORDER NO. R-6690

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Applicant:

Crescent Energy Corp.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced
Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Yours very truly,

JOE D. RAMEY
Director

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

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Order No. R-6690

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FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION
AND NON-STANDARD OIL PRORATION UNIT,
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ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 6, 1981,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 20th day of May, 1981, the Division
Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Crescent Energy Corp., seeks approval of an unorthodox Bough "C" oil well location 2630 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 37 East, NNPM, to test the Pennsylvanian formation, Allison-Pennsylvanian Field, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.
- (3) That an 80-acre non-standard oil proration unit, being the SW/4 NE/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 32 is proposed to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the oil underlying the proration unit.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil in the subject 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 will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of Crescent Energy Corp. for an unorthodox Bough "C" oil well location for the Pennsylvanian formation is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 2630 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Allison-Pennsylvanian Field, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

(2) That an 80-acre non-standard oil proration unit, being the SW/4 NE/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 32 is hereby approved and shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

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

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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JOE D. RAMEY
Director

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2 ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
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4 STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG.
5 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
6 May 1981

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12 (Witness sworn.)

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16 oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

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18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

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4 Q All right, sir, so the proposed location
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8 or proration unit to be assigned to an oil well in this

9 field?

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14 expiration problems do you have with regards to this unit?

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16 in that the State lease expires June 1, 1981.

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22 this application be in the best interests of conservation,
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24 A I think it will.

25 MR. KELIAHIN: We move the introduction

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A. Yes, for all practical purposes it is. It's been an unusual field. It was discovered in 1959 and there was a flurry of activity through '61. The pressures declined very rapidly and a lot of the wells, we think, were plugged prematurely, mainly because many of the operators, including the offset operator here, incidentally, Marathon, used gas lift to produce the wells, and for example, Marathon found out that this was not a good way to produce these wells. They installed rod type pumping units, and the wells have accumulated a great amount of oil.

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2 currently producing 95 and 116 barrels a day.

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Are those the best wells in the pool at
5 this point?

6 A. Well, actually, there are some wells
7 comparable to this up to the northwest in Section 30. One
8 well has made over one million barrels of oil, the No. 4 Well
9 there in the north half of Section 30.

10 Actually, a compilation of what these
11 wells have produced within this band between the -5525 and
12 -5550 Bough "C" contours, including every plugged well and
13 everything, the wells have averaged 225,000 barrels of oil.

14 MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of
15 the witness? He may be excused.

16 Is that the only witness you have?

17 MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir.

18 Anything else in this case?

19 The case will be taken under advisement.

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21 (Hearing concluded.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY CERTIFY that
the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conserva-
tion Division was reported by me; that the said transcript
is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared
by me to the best of my ability.

Sally W. Boyd CSR

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
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D. L. Hamer
Examiner

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18 Q Mr. Webernick, were Exhibits One and
19 Two prepared by you or compiled under your direction and
20 supervision?

21 A Yes, they were.

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23 this application be in the best interests of conservation,
24 prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights?

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16 declined very rapidly and a lot of the wells, we think, were
17 plugged prematurely, mainly because many of the operators,
18 including the offset operator here, incidentally, Marathon,
19 used gas lift to produce the wells, and for example, Marathon
20 found out that this was not a good way to produce these wells.
21 They installed rod type pumping units and the wells have
22 accumulated a great amount of oil.

Also there were problems in this field
with collapsed casing through the years.

25 0. The Marathon wells offsetting you are

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1 currently producing .95 and 116 barrels a day.

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3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Are those the best wells in the pool at
5 this point?

6 A. Well, actually, there are some wells
7 comparable to this up to the northwest in Section 30. One
8 well has made over one million barrels of oil, the No. 4 Well
9 there in the north half of Section 30.

10 A. Actually, a compilation of what these
11 wells have produced within this band between the -5525 and
12 -5550 Bough "C" contours, including every plugged well and
13 everything, the wells have averaged 225,000 barrels of oil.

14 MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of
15 the witness? He may be excused.

16 Is that the only witness you have?

17 MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir.

18 Anything else in this case?

19 The case will be taken under advisement.

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21 (Hearing concluded.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY CERTIFY that
the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conserva-
tion Division was reported by me; that the said transcript
is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared
by me to the best of my ability.

Sally W. Boyd CSR

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
a complete record of the proceedings in
the Examiner hearing of Case No. _____
heard by me on _____ 19_____.
_____, Exam

Oil Conservation Division, Examiner

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CASE 7244: Application of Crescent Energy Corp. for an unorthodox oil well location and non-standard oil production unit, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox Bough "C" location of a well to be drilled 2630 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 37 East, Allison-Pennsylvanian Field, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 32 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 7245: Application of The Superior Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 21, Township 20 South, Range 35 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. (This case will be dismissed.)

CASE 7246: Application of Getty Oil Company for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its Getty 32 State Com. Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 32, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, to produce gas from the Atoka and Morrow formations.

CASE 7247: Application of Getty Oil Company for a gas well classification, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the reclassification of its State 29-J Well No. 1, an oil well located in Unit J of Section 29, Township 24 South, Range 33 East, as a retrograde gas condensate well with the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of said Section 29 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 7248: Application of Inexco Oil Company for pool creation, special pool rules, and an oil discovery allowable, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new Wolfcamp oil pool for its Federal 10 State Com. Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, and the promulgation of special rules therefor, including provisions for 160-acre spacing. Applicant further seeks the assignment of approximately 42,290 barrels of discovery allowable to the aforesaid well.

CASE 7249: Application of Southland Royalty Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7250: Application of Southland Royalty Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 22, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7251: Application of Southern Union Exploration Company of Texas for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool underlying all of Section 36, Township 24 North, Range 1 West, to be dedicated to its Mobil Federal Well No. 1 drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7252: Application of Four Corners Gas Producers Association for designation of a tight formation, San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Dakota formation underlying portions of Townships 24 and 25 North, Ranges 7, 8, 9, and 10 West, containing 135,040 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271.701-705.

Docket No. 15-81

Dockets Nos. 16-81 and 17-81 are tentatively set for May 20 and June 3, 1981. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MAY 6, 1981

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM,
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

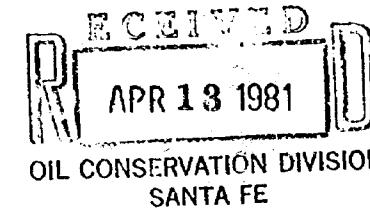
- CASE 7235: Application of Public Lands Exploration Inc. for a unit agreement, Guadalupe County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the O'Connell Ranch Unit Area, comprising 640 acres, more or less, of State and fee lands in Township 11 North, Range 25 East, said unit being for the purpose of conducting an enhanced oil recovery project by the injection of steam.
- CASE 7236: Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its James Ranch Well No. 11 located in Unit E of Section 36, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, to produce gas from the Atoka and Morrow formations thru parallel strings of tubing.
- CASE 7237: Application of Conoco Inc. for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its State F-1 Well No. 10 located in Unit V of Section 1, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, to produce oil from the Hardy-Drinkard Pool and an undesignated Tubb pool thru parallel strings of tubing.
- CASE 7238: Application of Holly Energy, Inc. for directional drilling and an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to directionally drill its Salt Lake South Deep Well No. 1, the surface location of which is 2189 feet from the North line and 500 feet from the East line of Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool, in a northerly direction to bottom it within 150 feet of the center of Unit A (Lot 1) of said Section 6, Lots 1 thru 8 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 7239: Application of Troy Strickland and E. V. Isbell for a non-standard proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 75.5-acre non-standard proration unit comprising Lot 3 and that portion of Lot 4 North of the San Juan River mid-channel, all in Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.
- CASE 7240: Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Fruitland and Blanco-Pictured Cliffs production in the wellbore of its Sunray B Well No. 6 located in Unit G of Section 1, Township 30 North, Range 10 West.
- CASE 7241: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox Mississippian location of its Austin State 18 Well No. 1 to be drilled 1980 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 18, Township 14 South, Range 36 East, the S/2 of said Section 18 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 7242: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox Wolfcamp-Pennsylvanian location of its McDonald Well No. 1 to be drilled 660 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 33, Township 13 South, Range 36 East, the S/2 of said Section 33 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 7243: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian and Mississippian formations underlying the S/2 of Section 33, Township 13 South, Range 36 East, for a gas completion and/or all mineral interests in the Devonian formation underlying the SE/4 SE/4 of said Section 33 for an oil completion. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7217: (Continued from April 8, 1981, Examiner Hearing)
- Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox Morrow location of its Travis Ohio State Con Well No. 1 to be drilled 650 feet from the South and West lines of Section 13, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, the S/2 of said Section 13 to be dedicated to the well.

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April 8, 1981

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Attn: Mr. J. D. Ramey
Oil & Gas Director



Case 7244

Re: Application for Unorthodox
Location in the Allison
(Penn.) Field, Roosevelt
County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

We have a farmout from Clayton Williams, Jr. on the south half of the northeast quarter and the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 37 East.

We desire to drill an approximate 9600' Bough "C" well at a location 2630' from the north line and 1980' from the east line of Section 32 as shown on attached map. This location is not in accordance with Order No. R-1389-B.

The reason for drilling the well at this location is that a location further north would most likely be within the gas cap. Upon application of geological and engineering information at hand it is believed that the proposed location as shown on the attached maps should be within the oil column.

It is my understanding that your next hearing is set for May 6, 1981. Since the acreage involved expires June 1, 1981 it is imperative we have your permission to proceed at the earliest date possible.

Please advise if additional information is required.

Yours very truly,

N. E. Webernich
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Called Webernick 4/15
Dedicate the SW 1/4 NE 1/4
and NW 1/4 SE 1/4
Dow

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

7244
CASE NO. _____

ORDER NO. R- 6690

APPLICATION OF CRESCENT ENERGY CORP.
OIL
FOR AN UNORTHODOX ~~GAS~~ WELL LOCATION, AND NON-STANDARD OIL PRORATION
UNIT, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION
BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 6,
1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this day of May, 1981, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Crescent Energy Corp.,
Bought ~~Reserve~~ oil, seeks approval of an unorthodox ~~gas~~ well location 2630 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 32, Township 8 South Range 37 East, NMPM, to test the Pennsylvanian formation, Allison-Pennsylvanian Field, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. An 80-acre non-standard oil proration unit, being and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

(3) That the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 32 is to be proposed dedicated to the well.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the oil underlying the proration unit.

(5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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Case No. _____
Order No. R-_____

(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the ^{oil} ~~gas~~ in the subject 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 will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: *Energy Corporation for
the Application of Creston* *Bough C*
~~an unorthodox/gas well~~ oil

(1) That an unorthodox/gas well location for the Pennsylvanian formation is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 2630 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 37 East NMPM, Allison-Pennsylvanian Field xxx Block, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. *an 80-acre non-standard oil production unit, being SW/4 NE/4 and NW/4 SE/4* *is hereby agreed and*

(2) That the _____ of said Section 32 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

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

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