CASE 5783: PALMER OIL & GAS CO.
FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION AND NON-STANDARD PRORATION
UNIT, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY. NM

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico October 13, 1976 EXAMINER HEARING IN THE MATTER OF: Application of Palmer Oil and Gas Company for an unorthodox gas well CASE location and a non-standard proration 5783 unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. 1Ò BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner 11 12 TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING 13 APPEARANCES 14 For the New Mexico Oil Lynn Teschendorf Conservation Commission: 15 Law Clerk for the Commission State Land Office Building 16 Santa Fe, New Mexico For the Applicant: 17 Jason W. Kellahin, Esq. KELLAHIN & FOX Attorneys at Law 500 Don Gaspar 19 Santa Fe, New Mexico 20 21 22 23 24

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24 25 MR. STAMETS: We will call next Case 5783.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 5783, application of Palmer Oil and Gas Company for an unorthodox gas well location and a non-standard proration unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, Jason Kellahin Kellahin and Fox, Santa Fe. appearing for the applicant and we have one witness to be sworn.

(THEREUPON, the witness was duly sworn.)

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, this case involves a situation created by the irregularity of the governmental survey and involves our Sections 6 and 7 in Township 26 North, Range 2 West, Section 6 containing a a hundred and sixty-five, point, three four acres and Section 7 containing a hundred and seventy, point, three two acres.

### CURTIS J. LITTLE

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

#### DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

- Would you state your name, please?
- A. Curtis J. Little.
  - Q. What business are you engaged in, Mr. Little?
- A. A consulting petroleum geologist.

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|     | . <b>X</b> | In connection with your work as a consulting                   |
|     | Q.         | is sigt have you ever appeared before the OII                  |
| pet | roleum     | ion Commission and made your qualifications a matter           |
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| of  | record     |  |
|     | A.<br>Q.   | I have.  Are you employed by Palmer Oil and Gas Company in the |
| са  |            | before this Commission?  |
|     | A.         | mbat is correct.   |
| ,   |            | MR. KELLAHIN: Are the witness' qualifications                  |
| o   | cceptab    |  |
| 1   |            | MR. STAMETS: They are.   |
| 2   | Q.         | (Mr. Kellahin continuing.) Mr. Little, are you                 |
| 3 f | amilia     | r with the application of Palmer Oil and Gas Company           |
| 14  | in Case    |  |
| 15  | Α.         | Yes, I am.   |
| 16  | Q.         | What is proposed by the applicant in this case?                |
| 17  | A.         | To form a spacing unit which includes all of 6 and             |
| 18  | 7 of T     | ownship 26 North, Range 2 West, Rio Arriba County,             |
| 19  | New Me     | xico.  |
| 20  | Q          |  |
| 21  | section    | ons, is that the correct figure?                               |
| 22  |            |  |
| 23  |            | Q. Now, you also propose, do you not, an unorthodox we         |
| 24  | locat      | ion?   |
| 25  | 1          | That is correct. A location eighteen, fifty from               |

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the south line and seven hundred feet from the west line of Section 7, 26, 2.

- Now, referring to what has been marked as the Applicant's Exhibit Number One, would you identify that exhibit, please?
- A. Yes, in the red outline is the proposed communitized two sections, the offset owners, Mobil in green, Palmer's leasehold in Yellow, open Jicarilla unleased lands in blue to the north of the well.
- And this also does show the well locations, does it not?
  - A. It does.
  - Q And the unit outlined in red?
  - A Yes, sir.
- Q Now, referring to what has been marked as the Applicant's Exhibit Number Two, would you identify that exhibit, please?
- A. This is all tests drilled into the Mesa Verde formation. Each well is labeled by operator and well number, showing the cumulative, all-time cumulative gas production, in millions of cubic feet and oil in barrels.
- Q. Now, there is a red line down through the center of the exhibit and another shorter red line at the bottom, what's the significance of that?
  - A. That is a topographic feature known as Tapacito Ridge

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which is an igneous dike of very late in geologic time and we are really not sure what effect it has on the production but it does exist.

- Q. Would it appear to have some effect in the southern portion of the pool, at least, the higher production, say, to the east than to the west?
  - A. Possibly it could.
- Q Do you have anything else to add in connection with this exhibit?
  - A. No, sir.
- Q. Now, referring to what has been marked as Exhibit
  Number Three, would you identify that exhibit?
- A. Exhibit Number Three is the 1975 gas and oil production, again gas in millions of cubic feet and oil in barrels, for all wells produced in 1975.
- Q Otherwise the exhibit is the same as Number Two, is that correct?
  - A. That is correct.
  - Q. Just the difference in the production figures?
- A. Yes, sir.
- 0 Now, Exhibit Number Four, would you identify that exhibit?
- A. This is August, 1976 production of all wells produced from the Mesa Verde formation. There are five Mesa Verde infield wells with red checks to illustrate the new infield

What is the significance of the infield drilling wells? Does that show that there are unproduced reserves, does that indicate that? It certainly does, compared to the older wells, it's significant. Now, in connection with the application of Palmer, is it possible for Palmer to form anything that would more nearly resemble a standard proration unit?

No, sir.

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drilling versus the original, old, three-twenty spacing

for that location? The location was put as nearly in the center of the section, south half of the section, with some ninety feet

Now, as to the well location, what is the reason

short of a regular Mesa Verde location, being seven hundred 16 feet rather than the seven, ninety.

It wouldn't be possible to get a seven, ninety 18 location, would it? 19

No, sir, it would not. Α.

Because of the shape of the section?

Yes, sir.

Now, there appears to be a dry hole in the north

23 half of Section 7, do you have any comments on that?

That well was drilled, the No. 1 Ruckhouse was drille

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in 1957 by Mobil. In our view the test was inconclusive. We think the area warrants another test.

- Did the information available to you indicate that that area was actually productive of gas from the Mesa Verde?
  - Yes, we think it is.
  - And possibly liquid hydrocarbons?
  - Yes, sir.
- In your opinion, will a well drilled as you propose, as nearly as possible drain and develop the unit to be dedicated to it?
  - Yes, sir.
  - Considering the shape of the section?
  - Yes, sir.
- And do you have an alternative location that would better drain the area?
  - No, sir.
- Were Exhibits One through Four prepared by you or under your supervision?
  - They were.
- MR. KELLAHIN: At this time I would like to offer Exhibits One through Four inclusive.
- MR. STAMETS: Exhibits One through Four will be admitted.

(THEREUPON, Applicant's Exhibits One through Four were admitted into evidence.)

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MR. KELLAHIN: In connection with this case, Mr. Examiner, I would call the Examiner's attention to Case Number 1331, Order Number R-1088 in which Magnolia Petroleum Company, now Mobil, had an almost identical situation and it was approved by this Commission. I have a copy of the order here if you would like it.

MR. STAMETS: Would that be the well which is immediately south of here marked the Mobil No. 1 Featherstone?

MR. KELLAHIN: I believe that's correct, yes, sir.

MR. STAMETS: Just an observation here on Exhibit Number Four, it would appear that the only difference between the two is that the Mobil Well is somewhat more centrally located in the long three, thirty or three, twenty, whatever it is, than the well in this application.

MR. KELLAHIN: That completes our presentation.

### CROSS EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. STAMETS:

- Q. Mr. Little, was there a test of this Ruckhouse Well?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q What did that test reveal?
- A. We have obtained from Mobil a copy of their well history. They ran a five-and-a-half-inch liner to six, double three with a hundred sacks and then their notation, "The well blew out with gas, approximately two hundred barrels of oil,

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while attempting to reach bottom with a liner. Oil coming in hole from Point Lookout section." They perforated, fraced, report a good show of gas.

As I say, this well was in 1957 and they gave up on trying to complete it. They had a lot of mechanical problems.

- Q The record you have there indicates there is gas in the Mesa Verde in this well but it was not commercial at the time?
  - A. Yes. We feel like it was a problem in completion.
- Now, you discussed the proposed well location draining this non-standard unit, actually will it drain gas from the far northern limit of the unit or will that gas be drained by offset wells?
- A. In my opinion there probably should be another well on the unit in the south half of 6 to completely drain the unit.
  - Q Under the present rules that would be a possibility?
  - A. Yes, sir.
- Q I presume since you mention that that you all are thinking about that?
  - A. Yes, sir.
- One more question. If your application here today should be denied as far as the location is concerned, would this unit be drained at all?
  - A. Yes, I think that probably it will be.

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- A. By the offset wells, yes.
- Q. So in order for you to protect the rights of the interest owners in here you need to drill this well?
  - A. Yes, sir.

MR. STAMETS: Are there other questions of this witness.

MR. KENDRICK: Yes.

MR. STAMETS: Mr. Kendrick.

MR. KENDRICK: Either the witness or Mr. Kellahin. You called a hearing to ask exception for the Mesa Verde pool rule which requires the first well or the first well in the tract to be drilled in the northeast or southwest quarter of the section?

MR. KELLAHIN: I would say in that case, the advertising specifying the well location would accomplish the same thing without saying northeast or southwest.

MR. KENDRICK: Do you recommend that an exception to that rule, whatever it may be in Rule 1670, be included in your order?

MR. KELLAHIN: We certainly do because we are asking for a specific location and we ask approval of that location.

MR. KENDRICK: I believe that's all.

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions? The witness may be excused.

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(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. STAMETS: Anything further in this case?

MR. KELLAHIN: That's all, thank you, sir.

MR. STAMETS: We will take the case under advisement.

# REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

: do hereby certify that the foregoing 18 i complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No 5783

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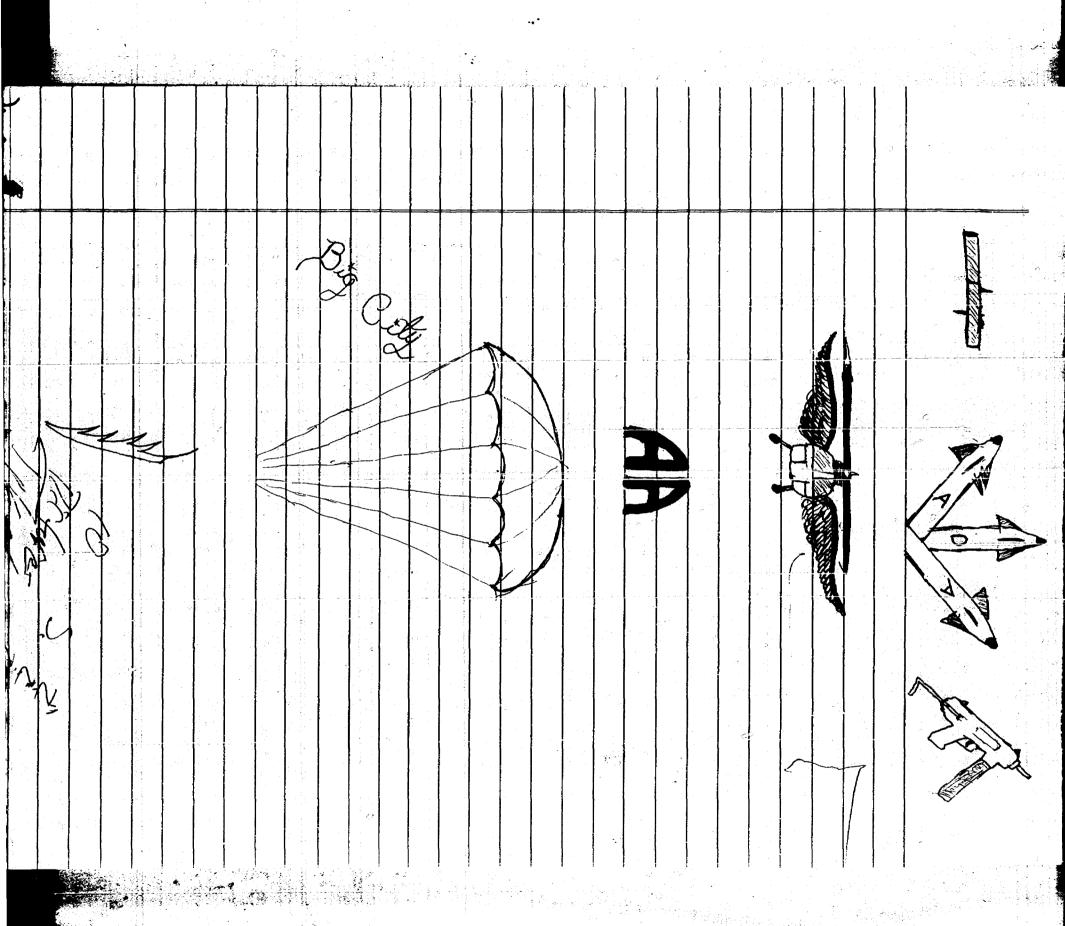
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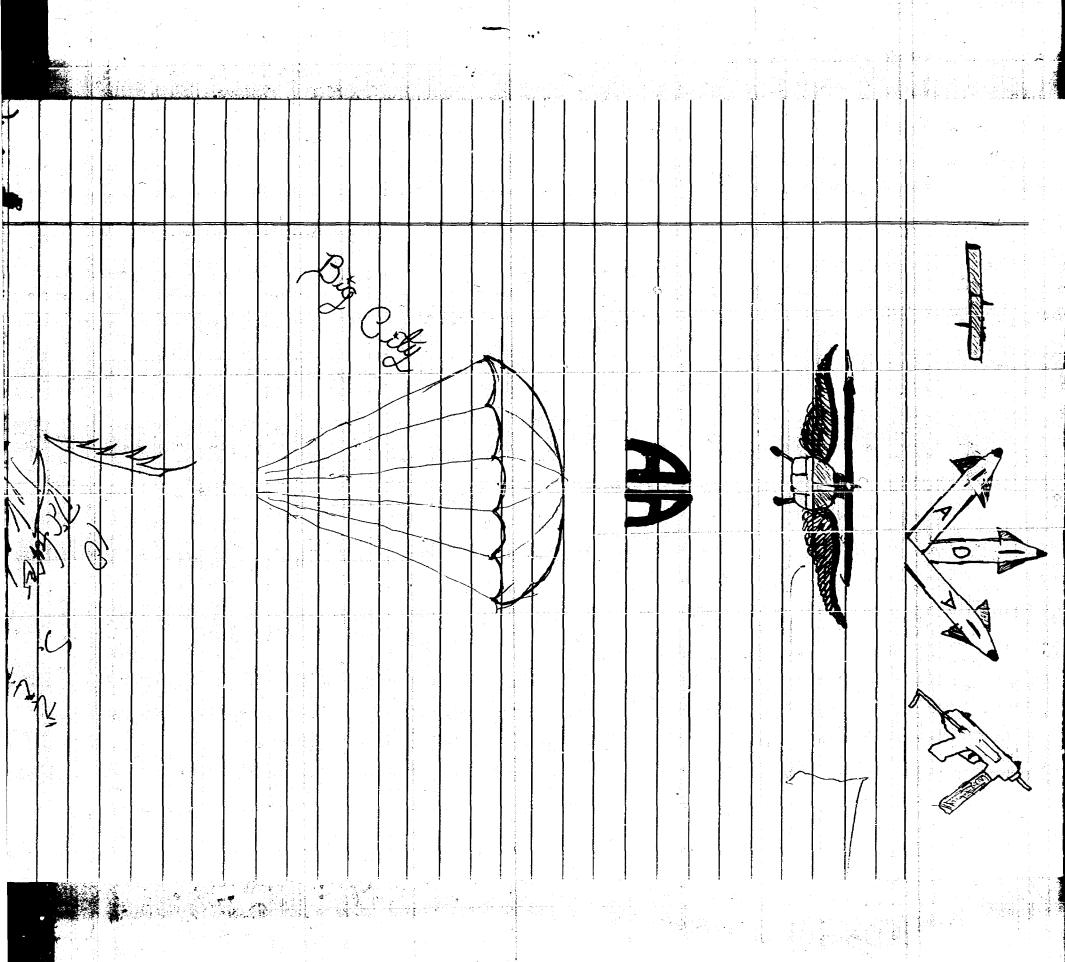
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### **OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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STATE GEOLOGIST EMERY C. ARNOLD

|                       | Re:- | -CASE NO |      |   |  |
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| Mr. Jason Kellahin    |      | ORDER    | NO.  | R-5302                                  |  |
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Palmer Oil and Gas Company

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Dear Sir;

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

Yours very truly JOE D. RAMEY Director

JDR/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

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## 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. 5783 Order No. R-5302

APPLICATION OF PALMER OIL AND GAS COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION AND A NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 13, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 27th day of October, 1976, 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, Palmer Oil and Gas Company, seeks approval for a 335.66-acre non-standard proration unit, comprising all of Sections 6 and 7, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, NMPM, Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant further seeks to dedicate said non-standard proration unit to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location for said pool at a point 1850 feet from the South line and 700 feet from the West line of said Section 7.
- (4) That said Sections 6 and 7 are partial sections resulting from variations in public land surveys.
- (5) That the non-standard proration unit is necessary to permit development of said partial Sections 6 and 7.

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- (6) That the requested unorthodox location is necessary both as a result of the variation in the land survey and to avoid a non-commercial well drilled in the North half of said Section 7.
- (7) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the 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:

- (1) That the applicant, Palmer Oil and Gas Company, is hereby granted approval of a 335.66-acre non-standard gas proration unit consisting of all of partial Sections 6 and 7, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, NMPM, Blanco-Mesaverde Fool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (2) That said non-standard gas proration unit shall be dedicated to applicant's well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1850 feet from the South line and 700 feet from the West line of said Section 7.
- (3) That for allowable purposes said non-standard gas proration unit shall be assigned an acreage factor of 1.05.
- (4) 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

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY CARNOLD, Member

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JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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Dockets Nos. 29-76 and 30-76 are tentatively set for hearing on October 27 and November 10, 1976, Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

#### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 13, 1976

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

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

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for November, 1976, from seventeen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.
  - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for November, 1976, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

#### CASE 5773: (Continued from September 29, 1976, Exeminer Hearing)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the North Millman Unit Area comprising 2,017 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 19 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

- CASE 5783: Application of Palmer Oil and Gas Company for an unorthodox gas well location and a non-standard proration unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause; seeks approval for a 335.66-acre non-standard proration unit, comprising all of Sections 6 and 7, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, Blanco Mesaverde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1850 feet from the South line and 700 feet from the West line of said Section 7.
- CASE 5784: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for four unorthodox locations and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to simultaneously dedicate a previously approved 320-acre Jalmat gas provation unit comprising the NW/4, SW/4 NE/4, E/2 NE/4, NE/4 SE/4 of Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to its John P. Combest Wells Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 located at unorthodox locations in Units H, G, A, and E, respectively, of said Section 35.
- CASE 5785: Application of Doyle Hartman for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Seven Rivers-Queen formation underlying the NE/4, NE/4, NE/4, NE/4, SW/4 NE/4, and SE/4 NE/4 of Section 19, Town-ship 24 South, Range 37 East, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to form four 40-acre proration units to be dedicated to four oil wells to be drilled at standard locations on said tracts. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for risk involved in drilling said wells.
- CASE 5786: Application of Texaco Inc. for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its New Mexico "BZ" State Lease, Langlic-Mattix Pool, Loa County, New Mexico; by the injection of water into the Seven Rivers-Queen formation through seven injection wells located in Unit L of Section 15 and Units B, D, F, H, J, and P of Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 37 East.
- CASE 5787: Application of Boyd Operating Company for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the Grayburg-Jackson Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formation through its Robinson Well No. 8 located in Unit N of Section 25 and its Brinson Wells Nos. 2 and 3 located, respectively, in Units A and G of Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for expansion of the project by approval of additional injection and production wells at orthodox and unorthodox locations.

#### CASE 5574: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 5574 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-5118 which order established a temporary special depth bracket allowable of 750 barrels of oil per day for the Fagle Mesa-Entrada Oil Pool, Sandoval County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said special depth bracket allowable should not be rescinded.

- CASE 5780: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Northwest Production Corporation, Federal Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Blanco 30-12 Well No. 1, located in Unit A of Section 4, Township 30 North, Range 12 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 5781: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Petroleum Development Corporation, American Employers Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the San Luis Federal Well No. 1, located in Unit J of Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 5782: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit U. S. Frigidice, Inc., Fireman's Fund Indemnity Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the U. S. Frigidice Well No. 1, Clyde Berlier (Kayser), located in Unit A of Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 21 East, Mora County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 5788: Southeastern New Mexico nomenclature case calling for the creation, contraction, extension and abolishment of certain pools in Lea, Eddy, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico:
  - a) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Angell Banch-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Penroc Oil Corporation Wright Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit O of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, NAPA... Said pool would comprise:

### TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 28 FAST, MAPM. Section 6: All

b) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the West Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is the David Fasken El Paso Federal Well No. 3 located in Unit H of Section 1, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

## TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, MAPM Section 1: Lots 1 through 8

e) CREATE a new pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Canyon production and designated as the North Chaveroo-Canyon Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Union Oil Company of California Roberts Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 33 East, NAPM. Said pool would comprise:

#### TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, 174PM Section 9: W/2

d) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Poster Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Mark Production Company Foster Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 21, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, NMFM. Said pool would comprise:

## TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NAPM Section 21: E/2

e) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Cherry Canyon production and designated as the Nash Draw Cherry-Canyon Pool. The discovery well is the Mesa Petroleum Company Nash Unit Well No. 4 located in Unit A of Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, MTM. Said pool would comprise:

#### TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 29 FAST, HAPM Section 13: NE/A

f) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the Ojo Chiso-Strawn Cas Pool. The discovery well is the American Quasar Petroleum Company of New Mexico Ojo Chiso Unit Well No. 1, locate in Unit E of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 34 Fast, NETM. Said pool would comprise:

## TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 34 FAST, NAPM Section 23: W/2

g) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Cisco production and designated as the North Vacuum-Cisco Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Marathon Oil

q) EXTEMD the North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 25 FAST, MARM Section 30: SE/A

r) EXTEND the Dayton-San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, MOPM Section 26: SW/4

s) EXTERD the East Empire Yates-Seven Rivers Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, MMPM Section 27: NE/4 and N/2 NW/4

t) EXTEND the Hoag Tank-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 24 FAST, NOTEM Section 23: All

u) EXTEND the Middle Lynch Yates -Seven Rivers Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, 13/PM Section 28: N/2 N/2

v) EXTEND the Maljamar-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, MAPPM Section 32: W/2

w) EXTEND the Peterson-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, PANGE 33 EAST, NAPM Section 20: SW/4

x) EXTEND the Red Lake Queen - Grayburg - San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 13: SE/4 SE/4 Section 24: NF/4

y) EXTEND the Sawyer-San Andres Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, 194944 Section 13: SW/4

z) EXTEND the Shugart Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NAPM Section 26: NW/4 Section 27: NE/4

aa) EXTEND the Vacuum-Queen Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, HAPM Section 2: SW/4 Section 3: SE/4 Company State Section 7 Com Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 7, Township 17 South, Range 35 East, REPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 35 FAST, MUPM Section 7: E/2

h) CONTRACT the vertical limits of the Kemmitz-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to the Cisco formation only, redesignating said pool the Kemmitz-Cisco Pool and redefining said pool to comprise:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 13: N/2 and SE/4

i) CONTRACT the vertical limits of the Sombrero-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to the Atoka formation only, redesignating said pool the Sombrero-Atoka Gas Pool and redefining said pool to comprise:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 33 FAST, NAPPM Section 12: W/2
Section 13: W/2 and SE/4

j) ABOLISH the East Shugart-Queen Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, described as:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 6: NE/4

k) ABOLISH the Watkins-Seven Rivers Pool in Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico, described as:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM Section 36: E/2

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, MARM Section 31: All

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, MIPM Section 6: N/2

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Section 16: E/2

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TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, 134PM Section 3: W/2



### OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

DIRECTOR JOE D. RAMEY

LAND COMMISSIONER STATE GEOLOGIST PHIL R. LUCERO **EMERY C. ARNOLD** 

|  | Re:              | CASE NO.  | 5783                                  |   |     |
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| Mr. Jason Kellahin                           |                  | ORDER NO. | R-530                                 | 2                                       |     |
| Kellahin & Fox<br>Attorneys at Law           | •                |           | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 |   |     |
| Post Office Box 1769<br>Santa Fe, New Mexico |                  | Applicant |                                       | 1 ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( |     |
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Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Yours very truly, OE D. RAMEY Director

JDR/fd Copy of order also sent to: Hobbs OCC\_ Artesia OCC\_ Aztec OCC\_

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## 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. 5783 Order No. R-5302

APPLICATION OF PALMER OIL AND GAS COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION AND A NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 13, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 27th day of October, 1976, 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, Palmer Oil and Gas Company, seeks approval for a 335.66-acre non-standard proration unit, comprising all of Sections 6 and 7, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, NMPM, Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
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- (4) That said Sections 6 and 7 are partial sections resulting from variations in public land surveys.
- (5) That the non-standard proration unit is necessary to permit development of said partial Sections 6 and 7.

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- (6) That the requested unorthodox location is necessary both as a result of the variation in the land survey and to avoid a non-commercial well drilled in the North half of said Section 7.
- (7) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the 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.

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- (3) That for allowable purposes said non-standard gas provation unit shall be assigned an acreage factor of 1.05.
- (4) 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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY CARNOLD, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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- CASE 5780: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Northwest Froduction Corporation, Federal Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Blanco 30-12 Well No. 1, located in Unit A of Section 4, Township 30 North, Range 12 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 5781: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Petroleum Development Corporation, American Employers Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the San Luis Federal Well No. 1, located in Unit J of Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
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- CASE 5788: Southeastern New Mexico nomenclature case calling for the creation, contraction, extension and abolishment of certain pools in Lea, Eddy, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico:
  - a) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Angell Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Penroc Oil Corporation Wright Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit 0 of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

#### TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 28 FAST, MAPM Section 6: All

b) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the West Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is the David Fasken El Paso Federal Well No. 3 located in Unit H of Section 1, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

#### TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, PANGE 26 EAST, MAPPA Section 1: Lots 1 through 8

c) CREATE a new pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Canyon production and designated as the North Chaveroo-Canyon Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Union Oil Company of California Roberts Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 33 East, NAPM. Said pool would comprise:

#### TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, MAPN Section 9: W/2

d) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Foster Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Mark Production Company Foster Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 21, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, NMFM. Said pool would comprise:

## TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, PANGE 24 EAST, MAPM Section 21: E/2

e) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Cherry Canyon production and designated as the Mash Draw Cherry-Canyon Pool. The discovery well is the Mesa Petroleum Company Nash Unit Well No. 4 located in Unit A of Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, MFM. Said pool would comprise:

### TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 29 FAST, MARM Section 13: NE/4

f) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the Ojo Chiso-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is the American Quasar Petroleum Company of New Mexico Ojo Chiso Unit Well No. 1, located in Unit E of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 34 Fast, NAPM. Said pool would comprise:

#### TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 34 FAST, NAPM Section 23: W/2

g) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a ges pool for Cisco production and designated at the North Vacuum-Cisco Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Marathon Oil

Dockets Nos. 29-76 and 30-76 are tentatively set for hearing on October 27 and November 10, 1976. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

#### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 13, 1976

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION 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:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for November, 1976, from seventeen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.
  - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for November, 1976, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

#### CASE 5773: (Continued from September 29, 1976, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the North Millman Unit Area comprising 2,017 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 19 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

- CASE 5783: Application of Falmer Oil and Gas Company for an unorthodox gas well location and a non-standard proration unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 335.66-acre non-standard proration unit, comprising all of Sections 6 and 7, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, Blanco Mesaverde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1850 feet from the South line and 700 feet from the West line of said Section 7.
- CASE 5784: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for four unorthodox locations and simultaneous dedication; lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to simultaneously dedicate a previously approved 320-core Jalmat gas proration unit comprising the NW/4, SW/4 NF/4, E/2 NE/4, NE/4 SE/4 of Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool; Lea County, New Mexico, to its John P. Combest Wells Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 located at unorthodox locations in Units H, G, A, and E, respectively, of said Section 35.
- CASE 5785: Application of Doyle Hartman for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Seven Rivers-Cucen formation underlying the NE/1 %2/4, NW/4 NE/4, SW/4 NE/4, and SE/4 NE/4 of Section 19, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to form four 40-acre proration units to be dedicated to four oil wells to be drilled at standard locations on said tracts. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for risk involved in drilling said wells.
- CASE 5736: Application of Texaco Inc. for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its New Mexico "BZ" State Lease, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, by the injection of water into the Seven Rivers-Queen formation through seven injection wells located in Unit L of Section 15 and Units B, D, F, H, J, and P of Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 37 East.
- CASE 5787: Application of Boyd Operating Company for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the Grayburg-Jackson Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formation through its Robinson Well No. 8 located in Unit N of Section 25 and its Brinson Wells Nos. 2 and 3 located, respectively, in Units A and G of Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for expansion of the project by approval of additional injection and production wells at orthodox and unorthodox locations.

#### CASE 5574: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 5574 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-5118 which order established a temporary special depth bracket allowable of 750 barrels of oil per day for the Eagle Mesa-Entrada Oil Pool, Sandoval County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said special depth bracket allowable should not be rescinded.

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### TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 25 FAST, MAPM Section 30: SE/4

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TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, MAPM Section 26: SW/4

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TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, MMPM Section 27: NE/4 and N/2 NW/4

t) EXTEND the Hoag Tank-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, MAPPA Section 23: All

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TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NAPM Section 28: N/2 N/2

v) EXTEND the Maljamar-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NAPM Section 32: W/2

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TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NAPM Section 20: SW/4

x) EXTEND the Red Lake Queen - Grayburg - San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 13: SE/4 SE/4 Section 24: NE/4

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TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, MAPM Section 13: SW/4

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TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NAPM Section 26: NW/4 Section 27: NE/4

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TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NAPM Section 2: SW/4
Section 3: SE/4

Examiner Hearing - Wednesday - October 13, 1976

Docket No. 27-76

Company State Section 7 Com Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 7, Township 17 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 35 FAST, HEAPM Section 7: E/2

h) CONTRACT the vertical limits of the Kemnitz-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to the Cisco formation only, redesignating said pool the Kemnitz-Cisco Pool and redefining said pool to comprise:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NEPTA Section 13: N/2 and SE/4

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TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, RAPM Section 12: W/2 Section 13: W/2 and SE/4

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TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NAPM Section 6: NE/4

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TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, MAPM Section 36: E/2

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TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NUPM Section 31: NW/4 and S/2

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TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, HIPM Section 18: SE/4

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TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, MARM Section 1: S/2

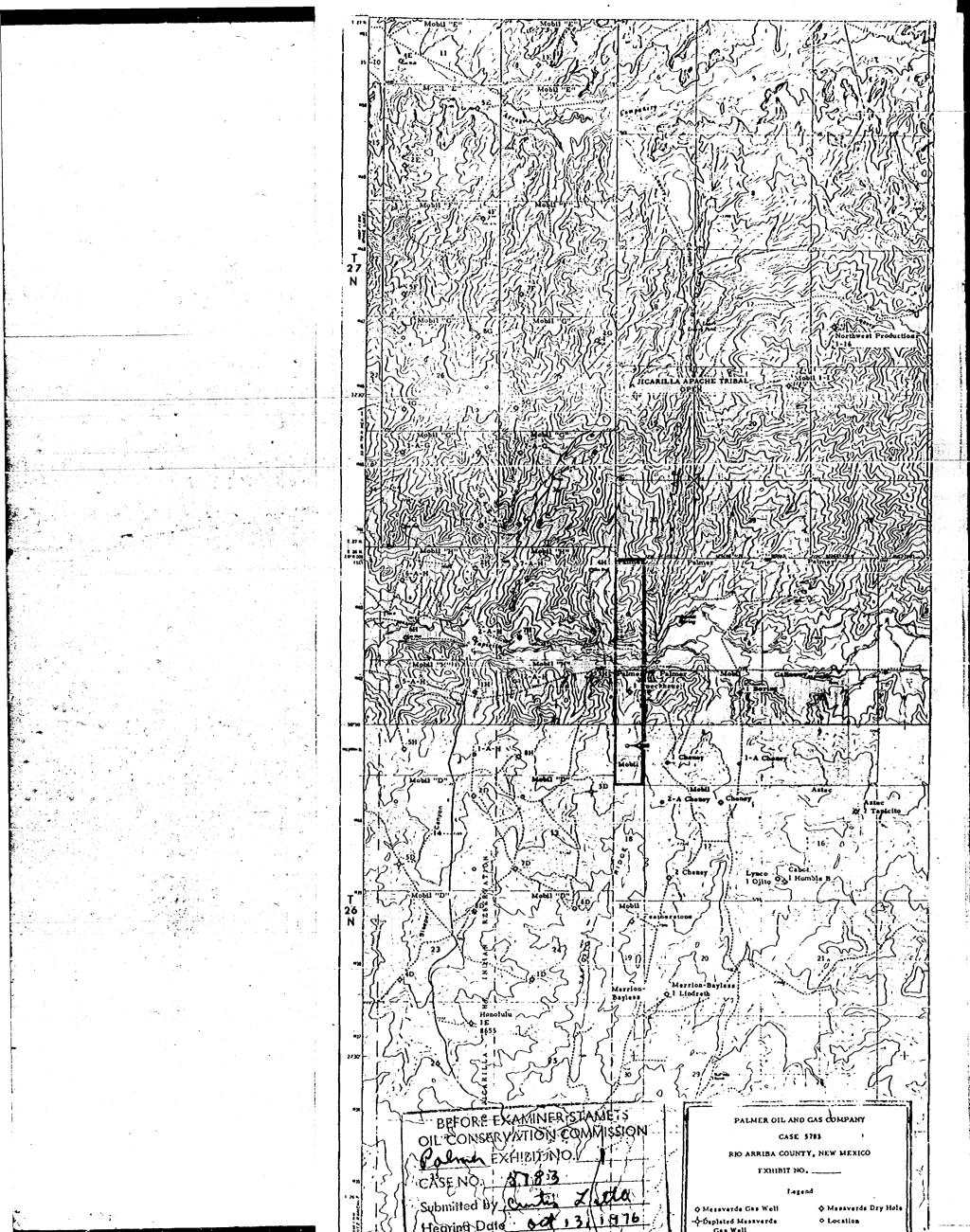
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ROBERT E.FOX W.THOMAS KELLAHIN

September 15, 1976

Mr. Joe Ramey, Secretary-Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed please find the original and two copies of the application of Palmer Oil & Gas Company for approval of an unorthodox well location and non-standard approval of arriba County, New Mexico. We would appreciate unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. We would appreciate this being set for the October 13th hearing.

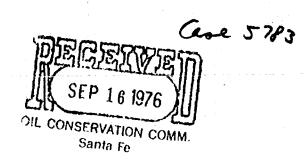
Yours very truly,

Jason W. Kellahin

CC: Mr. Les Campbell

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**Enclosure** 



#### BEFORE THE

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WHEREFORE applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Commission's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Commission approve applicant's application as applied for.

Respectfully submitted,
PALMER OIL & GAS COMPANY

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ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT



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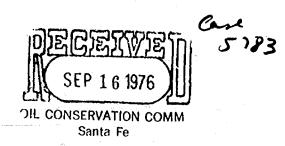
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# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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CASE NO. 5783

Order No. R-\_5302

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 13

19 76, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets

NOW, on this day of October , 19 76 , the Commission, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised

## FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject
- (2) That the applicant, Palmer Oil and Gas Company, seeks approval for a 335.66-acre non-standard proration unit, comprising all of Sections 6 and 7, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, NMPM, Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

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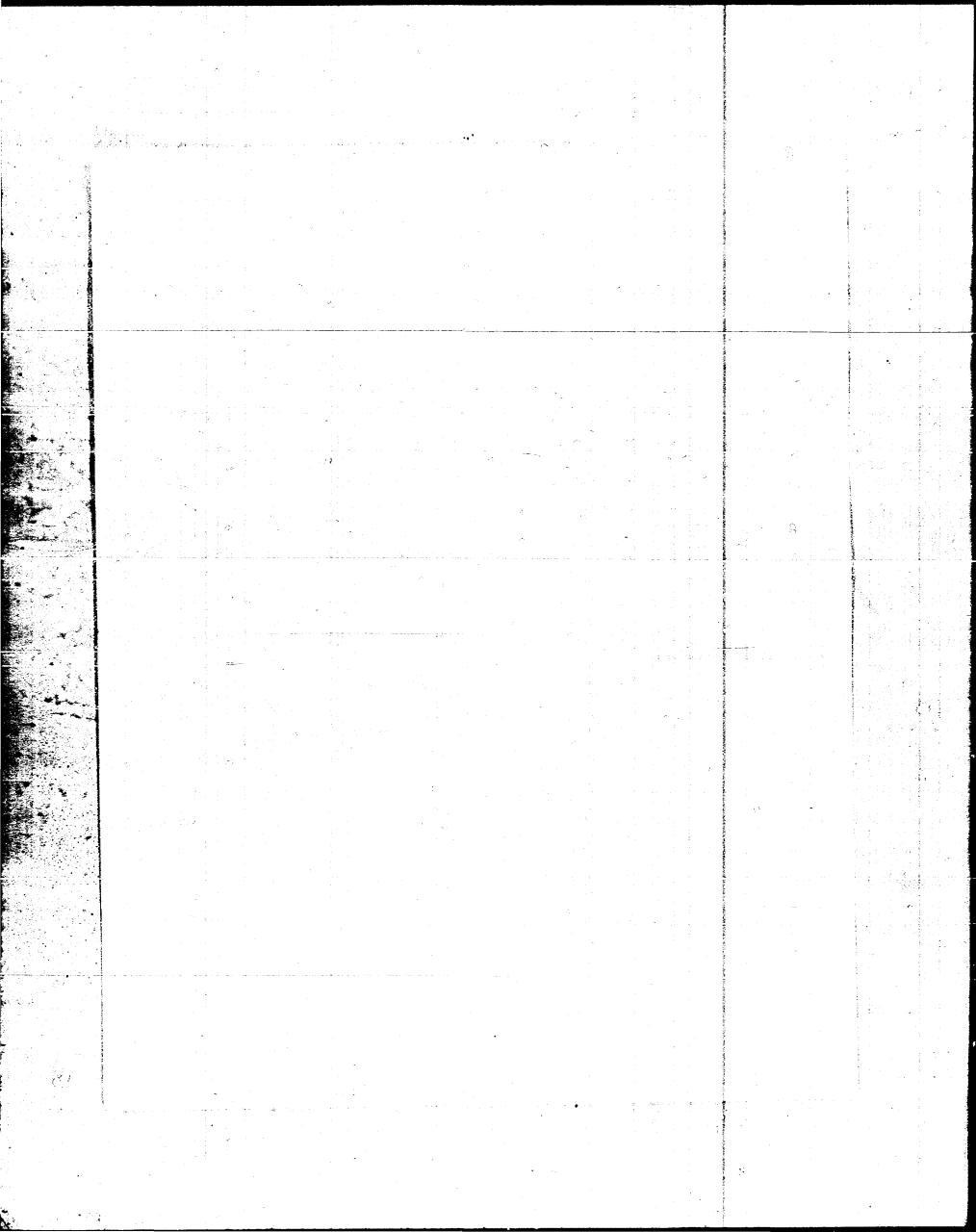
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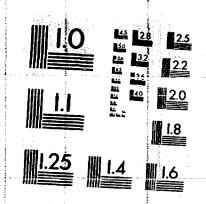
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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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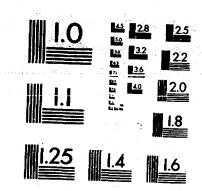
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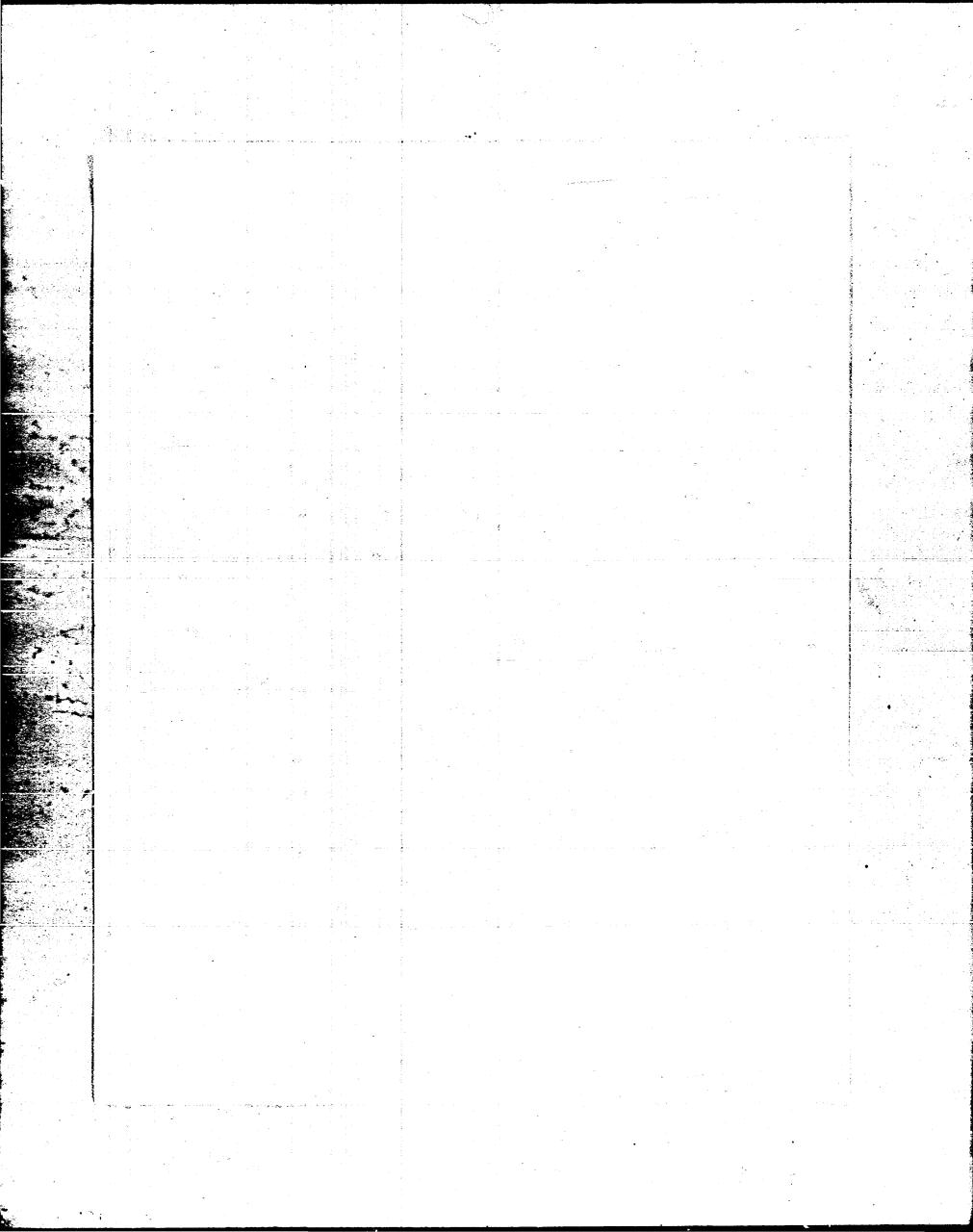
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