

*Entered February 14, 1964
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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. 2975
Order No. R-2646

APPLICATION OF AMERADA PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX
LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on January 22, 1964, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 3rd day of February, 1964, 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, Amerada Petroleum Corporation, seeks authority to drill a triple completion at an unorthodox location in the Vacuum-Devonian, Vacuum-Wolfcamp, and North Vacuum-Abo Pools within 200 feet of the center of the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the Special Rules and Regulations for each of the subject pools provide that the first well drilled on every standard or non-standard unit shall be located within 200 feet of the center of either the NW/4 or the SE/4 of a governmental quarter section; that no well has previously been drilled in any of the subject pools in the NW/4 SW/4 of said Section 36; and that the applicant proposes to dedicate all or part of the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 36 to the subject well in all three pools.
- (4) That approval of the subject application will impair the correlative rights of offset operators if the well is assigned more than one-half an 80-acre allowable in any of the three pools.

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(5) That approval of the subject application will impair the correlative rights of offset operators if the applicant is permitted to drill the subject well in any portion of the E/2 of the NE/4 SW/4 of said Section 36.

(6) That a Devonian completion in the NE/4 SW/4 of said Section 36 will increase the total quantity of Devonian oil ultimately recovered from the NE/4 SW/4 of said section, thereby preventing waste.

(7) That in order to afford to the owner of each property in the three subject pools underlying said Section 36 the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil and to use his just and equitable share of the energy of the three reservoirs, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, the applicant should be authorized to drill the proposed well at an unorthodox location in the center of the NE/4 SW/4 of said Section 36 or within a tolerance of 200 feet west thereof, provided the well is not assigned more than one-half an 80-acre allowable in any of the three pools.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Amerada Petroleum Corporation, is hereby authorized to drill a triple completion at an unorthodox location in the Vacuum-Devonian, Vacuum-Wolfcamp, and North Vacuum-Abo Pools in the center of the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 36 or within a tolerance of 200 feet west thereof, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That the subject well shall not be assigned more than one-half an 80-acre allowable in each of the three pools.


(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


JACK M. CAMPBELL Chairman


E. S. WALKER, Member


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

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