Entered June 8, 1761

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. 3596 Order No. R-3259

APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 6, 1967, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>8th</u> day of June, 1967, 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 of an unorthodox gas well location in the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool for its Jicarilla "B" Well No. 8 at a point 790 feet from the North line and 2510 feet from the East line of Section 15, Township 26 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

(3) That the subject well was originally projected to the Dakota formation and was drilled at a standard location for the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool.

(4) That a standard gas well location for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool is not feasible due to the extremely rough terrain at said standard location.

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(5) That approval of the subject application should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable gas as the applicant proposes to dually complete the subject well in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool and the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool.

(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the Blanco-Mesaverde 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 location is hereby approved for the Tenneco Oil Company Jicarilla "B" Well No. 8 in the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool at a point 790 feet from the North line and 2510 feet from the East line of Section 15, Township 26 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba 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, **C**ha rman GUYTON B HAYS, Member \$ E 8 . C A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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