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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. 4863
Order No. R-4455

APPLICATION OF C & K PETROLEUM
INC. FOR A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION
UNIT AND AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 29, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 19th day of December, 1972, 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, C & K Petroleum Inc., seeks authority to drill a well at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line, or in the alternative, 990 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, and to dedicate the S/2 of said Section to the well.
- (3) That a standard location for the subject well would be no closer than 1980 feet to the end boundary, or closer than 660 feet to the side boundary of the dedicated half section, nor closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section line.
- (4) That at a standard location, the well would be drilled in a cultivated field, that the necessary service road would cross the cultivated area and a buried irrigation pipeline, that at either of the proposed unorthodox locations the well would be drilled on pasture lands, and that the land owner has objected to such well being drilled on the cultivated land but not on the pasture land.

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(5) That one offset operator has objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

(6) That a well drilled at the alternative proposed unorthodox location would be more distant from the objecting offset operator's acreage and well than a well drilled at the closest possible standard location.

(7) That the S/2 of said Section 18 may reasonably be presumed to be productive of gas from the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool.

(8) That a well located at the alternative unorthodox location can efficiently and economically drain the S/2 of said Section 18.

(9) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, will 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 an unorthodox location in the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool is hereby approved for a C & K Petroleum Inc. well to be located 990 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) That a standard 320-acre gas proration unit for said pool, comprising the S/2 of said Section 18, shall be dedicated to said well.

(3) 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


BRUCE KING, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMENTA, Member


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

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