

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 248  
ORDER NO. R-52

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF AMERADA PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE SPACING  
PATTERN HERETOFORE ESTABLISHED IN  
THE KNOWLES POOL.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This case came on for hearing on 25 January 1951, at Santa Fe, N. M., and the Commission having heard the evidence and the argument of counsel, and being duly advised finds:

1. It has jurisdiction of this case and of the parties interested therein, due notice of this hearing having been given.
2. Pursuant to Orders R-23 and R-40, heretofore entered, an 80-acre spacing pattern has been established for the Knowles pool and proration units established therein. One of said proration units so established embraces the N/2 NW/4 section 2, T. 17 S, R. 38 E, Lea County, New Mexico.
3. Amerada Petroleum Corporation has heretofore drilled and plugged on 16 October 1950 a dry hole drilled to the Devonian formation and located in the center of the NW/4 NW/4 section 2, T. 17S, R. 38E.
4. The structure of the Knowles pool is such that a well drilled in the center of the NE/4 NW/4 of said section would likely be productive of oil from the common reservoir.
5. In order to meet changed conditions, preclude inequities, and preserve correlative rights, applicants should be granted an exception from Orders R-23 and R-40, in order to permit the drilling of a well in the NE/4 NW/4 of said Section 2, and if said well is productive applicants should be granted a normal 40-acre unit allowable with deep pool adaptation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Amerada Petroleum Corporation is hereby granted permission to drill a well to the Devonian formation in the center of the NE/4 NW/4 section 2, T. 17 S, R. 38 E.
2. If said well be completed as a producing well, it shall have a normal 40-acre unit allowable with deep pool adaptation.
3. This order should be considered as an exception to Orders R-23 and R-40, but shall not otherwise affect said orders.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 29 day of January 1951.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EDWIN L. MECHEM, CHAIRMAN

GUY SHEPARD, MEMBER

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