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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. 4326
Order No. R-3939

APPLICATION OF NEWMONT OIL COMPANY
FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 25, 1970, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 1st day of April, 1970, 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, Newmont Oil Company, seeks an exception to the requirements of Rule 104 C I of the Commission Rules and Regulations to permit the recompletion of its Brigham Well No. 5 at an unorthodox location within one mile of the Loco Hills-Queen Pool 1325 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the subject well was completed at an unorthodox location as a producing well in the Newmont Loco Hills Waterflood Project.

(4) That the subject well has reached its economic limit as a producing well in said Loco Hills Waterflood Project.

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(5) That the applicant proposes to plug back said well from the Grayburg-San Andres formation and recomplete it in the Queen formation.

(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil in the Loco Hills-Queen 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 the applicant, Newmont Oil Company, is hereby granted an exception to Rule 104 C I of the Commission Rules and Regulations to recomplete its Brigham Well No. 5 at an unorthodox location for the Loco Hills-Queen Pool 1325 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy 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, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMJO, Member


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

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