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**Oryx Energy Company** 13155 Noel Road Dallas TX 75240-5067 PO Box 2880 Dallas TX 75221-2880 214 715 4000

June 26, 1992

State of New Mexico Energy and Mineral Department P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

Attention: Mr. David R. Catanach

RE: Request for Non-Standard Proration Unit

Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool

State C A\C1 #1-B Section 2, T12S, R33E Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Oryx Energy Company respectfully requests approval for 40 acre non-standard proration unit for the State C A/C1 #1-B well located in the Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool, Section 2, T12S, R33E, Lea County.

There is only 40 acres to be prorated to this well since the #2 and #5 share the 80 acres in units C and F.

By copy of this letter, sent by registered mail, Amerada Hess will be notified of this request.

Sincerely,

Don Aldridge

Proration Analyst

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## OFFSET OPERATOR

Amerada Hess Drawer D Monument, New Mexico 88265

Amerada Hess Box 2040 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74102

#### Submit to Appropriate District Office State Lease - 4 copies Fee Lease - 3 copies

# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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## OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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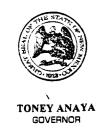
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## ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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June 2, 1986

### MEMORANDUM NO. 4-86

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ALL OPERATORS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM:

R. L. STAMETS, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

CLARIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL PROCESSES IN CERTAIN

POOLS WITH SPECIAL RULES

Division Rule 1 provides in part that: "Special rules, regulations and orders have been and will be issued when requested and shall prevail as against General Rules, Regulations and Orders if in conflict therewith. However, whenever these General Rules do not conflict with special rules heretofore or hereafter adopted, these General Rules shall apply."

Over the years, many special pool rules have been written. Many of these contained special rules providing for administrative exceptions to such matters as location requirements or spacing unit size while others did not. One prevailing opinion is that the intent of those special rules without administrative exception provisions was to preclude such exceptions. The counter opinion is that when read with Rule 1, if nothing is said, then the administrative exception provisions in the General Rules shall apply.

Notice is hereby provided that it is henceforth to be Division policy to utilize the administrative exceptions or approval procedures of the General Rules when special pool rules are silent as to such exceptions. This policy will save both the Division and operators the cost of unnecessary hearings.

Any person who is aware of any pool with special rules which should preclude any of the administrative exceptions or approvals provided in the General Rules should notify this office of such situation at the earliest possible date providing the reasoning for precluding administrative exceptions. Thereafter, we would suspend this policy for such pool and schedule a case to modify such special rules to incorporate the necessary prohibitions.

RLS:dp

SECTION AND BAGLEY-SILURO-DEVONIAN POOL minust theog has Led County, New Mexico. Order No. R-69, Adopting Rules for the Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, May 1 1951; as Amended by Order No. R-69-A, April 29, 1952; Order No. R-69-B, April 29, 1953; Order No. R-69-C, May 21, 1953; Order No. R-69-D, June 30, 1954 april 20, 1954; Apri The matter of the application of the Oil Conservation Commission upon its own motion for sold list of the interest of the operators in the office of the interest of the operators in the office of the interest of the operators in the office of the interest of the operators in the office of the interest of the operators of the operator of the ope servation Commission upon its own motion for

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- (3) That thereafter and prior to the expiration of Order R-69, the Commission after due notice and hearing issued Order R-69-A, which granted an extension of Order R-69, as modified, for a period of one year from and after May 1: 1952.
  - (4) That thereafter and prior to the expiration of Order R-69-A as modified by Order R-69-B, the Commission after due notice and hearing issued Order R-69-C, effective June 1, 1953, to and including June 1, 1954, which authorized the development and production of the Bagley-Siluro-Devonian Pool on an 80acre spacing pattern with 80-acre proration units.
  - (5) That for the prevention of waste and in the interests of conservation, the provisions of said Commission Temporary Order R-69-C, as hereinafter modified and set forth, should be made permanent.

    IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(a) That 80-acre spacing of wells and establishment of 80-acre proration units in the Bagley-Siluro-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, described as: Township 11 South, Range 33 East, NMPM

All Section 34; NW/4 and S/2 Section 35

Township 12 South: Range 38 East, NMPM

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PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the following described unit do, and shall constitute permissible exceptions to the spacin and proration unit plan aforesaid:

Township 11 South Range 33 East, NMPM

N/2 NW/4 of Section 35, S/2 NW/4 of Section 35

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"(b), That he well shall be drilled or produced in said poc succept, it be in conformity with the spacing and proration uni pattern hereinabove sutherized unless, after notice and hearing a special order of authorization is had and obtained from the contribution of authorization is had and obtained from the contribution of authorization as a special order of authorization is had and obtained from the contribution of authorization as a special order of authorization is had and obtained from the contribution of authorization as a special order of authorization is had and obtained from the contribution of authorization as a special order of authorization is had and obtained from the contribution of authorization and authorization are also as a special order of authorization is had an authorization at the contribution of a special order of authorization and authorization are a special order.

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(C) That should any well be drilled off-pattern, under au thority of any special order, then, and in that event, the same the same to the

UT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the Bagley-Siluro-De vonian Pool and the 80-acre proration units therein, herebestablished and confirmed, be and the same hereby are granted established and confirmed, be and the same nereby are granued an allowable equal to the top allowable for wells in the Bagley Sillure-Devonian depth range, calculated by the use of the 80 acre proportional factor as provided for in Rule 505 of the Rules and Regulations of this Commission, together with the acreage factor, if any there be;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that no well in such pool will be accepted an allowable greater than the amount of oil produced

assigned an allowable greater than the amount of oil produced on official gas-oil ratio tests during a 24-hour period in com-pliance with Rule 301 of the said Rules and Regulations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: (a) That each operator in said pool shall take or cause to be taken bottom-hole pressure tests of each producing well operated by him in said pool during the months of July of each calendar year; the results of such tests shall be tabulated, and reflect the pressure of each well; the same shall be filed on obefore the 5th day of August, of each calendar year, with the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico (with copy to Hobb office); it is further provided, that such bottom-hole pressure tests shall be taken in conformity with the requirements of Rule 302 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations as revised.

This order supersedes all previous temporary orders and in terlocutory orders heretofore issued in this case.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and yea hereinabove designated.

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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APPLICATION OF AMERADA HESS

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This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m., on October 31, 1991, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

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## FINDS THAT:

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- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has llow lio robog jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof. location in the Eastey Still a Devonian Pool to be drilled 1830 feet from the North line El agric A intro S 1 (2) inwiThe applicant, Amerada Hessi Corporation, seeks an exception to the provisions of Division Order No. R-69-D, which, in part, promulgated "Special Operating Procedures" for the Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool. At this time the applicant seeks business-non authorization for an unorthodox oil well location to be drilled 1830 feet from the North biaz to AV32 line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said well is to be dedicated to a previously approved 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit comprising the SW/4 are the reduction NE/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 2 (Order No. R-69-D).
  - as the Division may deem necessary. The applicant originally filed this application for administrative review pursuant to Division General Rule 104.F(3) and (4).

- (4) After thorough review of said request, and of the regulations applicable in this matter, including Division Order Nos. R-69, R-69-A, R-69-B, R-69-C, R-69-D and Memorandum 4-86, it was determined that administrative approval could not be granted.
  - (5) At this time the records in the application indicate the following:
    - a. the pool has essentially been developed on 40-acre spacing within this general area;
    - b. the regulations affecting this pool were issued in 1951 and over the years the situation may have changed whereby such stringent procedures for various reasons may no longer be warranted; and,
    - c. the geological and engineering data submitted appears to indicate that the well would recover additional oil which might not otherwise be produced, exhibits good conservation measures, and would prevent waste.

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- (6) Other than Amerada Hess Corporation there is only one other off-setting operator and proper notice pursuant to General Rule 1207.A(5) was made.
- (7) No interested party appeared at the hearing in opposition to this application.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The application of Amerada Hess Corporation for an unorthodox oil well location in the Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool to be drilled 1830 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, is hereby approved.
- (2) Said well is to be dedicated to a previously approved 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit comprising the SW/4 NE/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 2 (Division Order No. R-69-D).
- (3) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY Director

SEAL

# 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. 4877 Order No. R-4460

APPLICATION OF TEXAS PACIFIC OIL COMPANY, INC. FOR TWO NON-STANDARD OIL PRORATION UNITS AND A NON-STANDARD LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 19, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 5th day of January, 1973, 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, Texas Pacific Oil Company, Inc., seeks approval of an 80-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the NE/4 NW/4 and NW/4 NE/4 of Section 2 to be dedicated to its State "C" Well No. 1 located in Unit B, and a 40-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 2 to be dedicated to its State "C" Well No. 2 located in Unit F, and an 80-acre standard proration unit comprising the E/2 NE/4 of Section 2 to be dedicated to its State "D" Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location in Unit A, Township 12 South, Range 33 East, Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil in the Siluro-Devonian formation, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Texas Pacific Oil Company, Inc., is hereby authorized approval of an 80-acre non-standard proration

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unit comprising the NE/4 NW/4 and NW/4 NE/4 of Section 2 to be dedicated to its State "C" Well No. 1 located in Unit B, and a 40-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 2 to be dedicated to its State "C" Well No. 2 located in Unit F, and an 80-acre standard proration unit comprising the E/2 NE/4 of Section 2 to be dedicated to its State "D" Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location in Unit A, Township 12 South, Range 33 East, Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

- (2) That the allowable for the above-described 40-acre non-standard oil proration unit shall bear the same ratio to a standard allowable as 40 bears to 80.
- (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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BRUCE KING, Chairman

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THE APPLICATION OF ORYX ENERGY COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL PRORATION UNIT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER NSP- 1651

# ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

The applicant in this matter, ORYX Energy Company, by letter dated June 26, 1992, seeks an exception to the provisions of Division Order No. R-69-D, which in part, promulgated "Special Operating Procedures" for the Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool. At this time the applicant seeks approval of a non-standard 39.89-acre oil spacing and proration unit comprising Lot 2 (NW/4 NE/4 equivalent, Unit B) of Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, said unit to be dedicated to the existing State "C" AC-1 Com Well No. 1 located at a standard oil well location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of said Section 2.

## The Division Director Finds That:

- (1) The above-described well in this matter was the subject of Division Order No. R-4460, issued in Case 4877 and dated January 5, 1973, which authorized a Bagley Siluro-Devonian non-standard 80-acre, more or less, oil proration unit comprising the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) and NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) equivalents of said Section 2.
- (2) Said Order R-4460 also approved a non-standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool comprising the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) of said Section 2 in which the ORYX Energy Company State "C" AC-1 Well No. 2 was dedicated.
- (3) In January 1984 the predecessor to ORYX Energy Company, Sun Exploration and Production Company, recompleted its State "C" AC-1 Well No. 5, located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 2, from the Bagley Pennsylvanian Pool to the Siluro-Devonian zone. Technically this No. 5 well shared in the allowable assigned the established 79.78-acre unit dedicated to the State "C" AC-1 Well No. 1 in Unit B, even though the C-102 for the No.5 well showed the proration unit to be the E/2 NW/4 equivalent. The E/2 NW/4 rededication to the No. 5 and 1 wells has apparently never been recognized since ORYX is now filing this application to correct this condition.
- (4) It appears the intent of this application is to change the existing non-standard 79.78-acre dedication for the State "C" AC-1 Well Nos. 5 and 1 in Units C and B, respectively, comprising

Lots 2 and 3 (NW/4 NE/4 and NE/4 NW/4 equivalents) and the current 40-acre non-standard oil proration unit for the State "C" AC-1 Well No. 2 comprising the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) to the following:

- form a standard 79.89-acre oil spacing and proration unit comprising Lot 3 (Unit C) and the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) to be rededicate to the aforementioned State "C" AC-1 Well Nos. 2 and 5; and,
- form a non-standard 39.89-acre oil spacing and proration unit with Lot 2 (Unit B) and rededicate to the State "C" AC-1 Well No. 1.
- (5) The applicant originally filed this application for administrative review pursuant to Division General Rule 104.D(2).
- (6) After thorough evaluation of said request and of the regulations applicable in this matter, including Division Order Nos. R-69, R-69-A, R-69-B, R-69-C, R-69-D, R-9624, and Memorandum 4-86, it was determined that administrative approval could be granted.
- (7) New Mexico Oil Conservation Division records indicate the following:
  - a. special pool rules for the Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool, adopted by said Division Order No. R-69, as amended, includes 80-acre spacing;
  - b. the pool has essentially been developed on 40-acre spacing;
  - c. the regulations affecting this pool were issued in 1951 and over the years the Division has relaxed many of the more stringent procedures for variances included in such older orders; and,
  - d. rededication of this acreage would not adversely effect correlative rights.
- (8) Other than ORYX Energy Company there is only one other off-setting operator and notice pursuant to Rule 104.D(2)(a)(iv) was made.
- (9) No objection has been filed in this matter within the prescribed 30 day waiting period.

## It Is Therefore Ordered That:

- (1) Division Order No. R-4460, issued in Case 4877 and dated January 5, 1973, which authorized the Bagley Siluro-Devonian non-standard 79.78-acre oil proration unit comprising Lots 2 and 3, the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) and NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) equivalents, of Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, is hereby placed in abeyance until further notice.
- (2) The application of ORYX Energy Company for the creation of a non-standard 39.89-acre oil spacing and proration unit

comprising Lot 2 (Unit B) of said Section 2 to be rededicate to its State "C" AC-1 Well No. 1 located at a standard oil well location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of said Section 2, is hereby approved.

- (3) The rededication and simultaneous dedication of Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool production from the 79.89 acres comprising Lot 3 (Unit C) and the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) of said Section 2 to the State "C" AC-1 Well Nos. 2 and 5, located in Units F and C, respectively, is also recognized by the Division at this time.
- (4) Jurisdiction of the cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 1992.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY Director