

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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APPLICATION OF CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY
FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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Case No. 15155

APPLICATION

ConocoPhillips Company applies for an order approving an unorthodox oil well location in the West Maljamar-Yeso Pool for a well located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is the operator of the Emerald Fed. No. 1, which has a surface location 730 feet from the south line and 140 from the east line of Section 17.

2. The Emerald Fed. Well No. 1 was permitted as a directional well with an approved bottomhole location 413 feet from the south line and 359 feet from the east line of Section 17.

3. The West Maljamar-Yeso Pool's well location requirements are those set forth in the Division's statewide rules, requiring a well to be no closer than 330 feet to a quarter-quarter section line.

4. The Emerald Fed. Well No. 1 unintentionally deviated during drilling to a bottomhole location 191 feet from the south line and 361 feet from the east line of Section 17, and thus is unorthodox. Applicant requests approval of the forgoing location.

5. Approval of the unorthodox oil well location will prevent waste and protect correlative rights, and will not give applicant an advantage with respect to offsetting interest owners.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order approving an unorthodox oil well location for the Emerald Fed. Well No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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