

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7963  
Order No. R-7371

APPLICATION OF SUN EXPLORATION  
AND PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN  
UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 28, 1983, and October 26, 1983, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 27th day of October, 1983, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Sun Exploration and Production Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location to be drilled 1260 feet from the North line and 1310 feet from the West line of Section 10, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, to test the Abo formation, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the NW/4 NW/4 of said Section 10 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the oil underlying the proration unit.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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(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 affected formation, 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 will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of Sun Exploration and Production Company for an unorthodox oil well location for the Abo formation is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 1260 feet from the North line and 1310 feet from the West line of Section 10, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the NW/4 NW/4 of said Section 10 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

(3) That 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 hereinafove designated.



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