

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
AMERADA PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN)
EXCEPTION TO RULE 404 RELATING TO THE)
PRODUCTION OF GAS FROM ITS STATE "MA")
WELL NO. 1, MOORE DEVONIAN FIELD,)
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.)

CASE NO. 427

APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION

Comes now Amerada Petroleum Corporation and alleges and states:

1.

That Amerada Petroleum Corporation has heretofore drilled a well in the Moore Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, known as the State "MA" No. 1 well, located in the center of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 24, Township 11 South, Range 32 East.

2.

That said State "MA" No. 1 well has been dually completed so as to produce gas from the Wolfcamp formation and oil from the Devonian formation.

3.

That Amerada Petroleum Corporation has heretofore drilled in said pool an oil well known as Allie M. Lee No. 1 well, located in the center of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 23, Township 11 South, Range 32 East.

4.

That said Allie M. Lee No. 1 well is a limited capacity well with insufficient energy to cause it to flow naturally; that some form of artificial lift is necessary to obtain the production; that the recovery of oil may not be in such quantities as to pay for the cost of pumping equipment and that gas lift is the most economical means of producing said well.

5.

That in order to prevent waste, applicant should be granted an exception to Rule 404 in order to produce gas from the State "MA" No. 1 well in quantities sufficient for gas lift operations on the Allie M. Lee No. 1 well.

WHEREFORE, applicant respectfully requests the Commission to set this application for hearing and that due and proper notice be given as required by law and at the conclusion of said hearing, the Commission enter its order granting applicant an exception to Rule 404, authorizing the production of gas from the State "MA" No. 1 well, referred to above, in sufficient quantities to carry on gas lift operations for the purpose of lifting oil from the Allie M. Lee No. 1 well, or any other limited capacity well heretofore completed in the said Moore Devonian Pool.

Attached hereto is a plat showing the location of the two subject wells.

Done at Tulsa, Oklahoma, this 29th day of September, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

AMERADA PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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