

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY FOR
COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN JUAN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE: 9264

A P P L I C A T I O N

Comes now Tenneco Oil Company, by and through its attorneys, Kellahin, Kellahin & Aubrey, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin Dakota Pool underlying the E/2 of Section 10, T29N, R13W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico for the formation of a proration and spacing unit for the drilling of its City of Farmington Com 1-E Well, an infill well, at an unorthodox surface and bottom hole location previously approved by the Division in Order R-8253 and Order R-8253-A (Nunc Pro Tunc) and in support thereof would show:

1. Applicant is the owner of the right to drill and develop the E/2 of Section 10, T29N, R13W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

2. Upon Applicants request, the Division issued Order R-8297 which pooled this spacing unit for the drilling of the Tenneco Oil Company's City of Farmington Com Well #1, the original Dakota well on this tract.

3. Applicant now seeks to pool any uncommitted mineral interest to the drilling of the infill well in the E/2 of said Section 10 to be known as the City of Farmington Com 1-E Well.

4. That the Division, by Order R-8253 and Order R-8253-A, has approved the unorthodox surface and bottom hole location of the subject well to be drilled as a directionally drilled wellbore.

5. Applicant has sought to obtain the cooperation of all parties.

6. In order to obtain their just and equitable share of the production underlying the above lands, Applicant needs an order pooling the mineral interest involved.

7. Those who have not consented to join in the drilling of the well, with their address, to the best of the applicant's information and belief, are listed in Exhibit "A" attached and incorporated herein.

8. The parties named in paragraph 7 above have been furnished a copy of this application.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Division's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order pooling the mineral interest described herein. Applicant further prays that

it be named operator of the well, and that the order make provisions for applicant to recover out of production its costs of drilling the subject well, completing and equipping it, costs of operation, including costs of supervision and a risk factor in the amount of 200% for the drilling of the well, for such other and further relief as may be proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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