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

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

CASE NO. 9643 Order No. R-8928

APPLICATION OF STEVE SELL FOR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING AND AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on April 26, 1989, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this <u>loth</u> day of May, 1989, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
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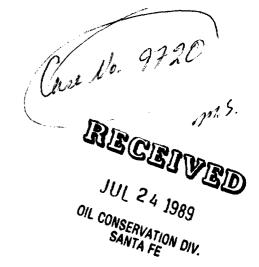
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY

Director

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STEVE SELL P.O. Box 5061 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79704 (915) 687-1664



July 19, 1989

Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, NM 87054-2088

Attn: Mr. Mike Stogner

R-8928

Re: Shafer Federal Comm. #1 Plugback

Sec. 35, T215, R24E Eddy County, New Mexico

Surface Location: 1327'FSL, 1143'FWL T.D. Location: Approx. 2500'FEL, 900'FSL

T.D. Measured Depth: +/- 8000'

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Steve Sell is proposing to re-enter the referenced well and drill out the cement plugs to a depth of approximately 4300'. We then propose to kick the well in a South 60 degree East direction and build an angle adequate to encounter our bottom hole location of approximately 2500' FEL and 900' FSL at approximately 8000' measured depth. I am requesting that Steve Sell be given a 200' radius window around the bottom hole location. The necessary deviation plans are currently being calculated by the D.I.G. Company.

If the well is successfully completed in the Pennsylvanian, then Steve Sell will dedicate the south half of section 35 for the 320 acre proration unit. Our hearing on this matter covering the deviation proposal and unorthodox location (closer than 330' to an interior 40 acres) is scheduled for August 9, 1989. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (915) 685-1761. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kurt Baley

Kurt Boley Geologist

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Submit 3 Copies to Appropriate District Office

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-103 Revised 1-1-89

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Form C-102 Supersedes C-128 Effective 1-1-65

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY

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January 22, 1990

Steve Sell P.O. Box 5061 Midland, TX 79704

Administrative Order DD-33

Dear Mr. Sell:

Under the provisions of General Rule 111 (c), (d) and (e), Steve Sell made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on December 29, 1989, for authorization to amend their directional drilling authorization for the Shafer Federal Com Well No. 1, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The Division Director Finds That:

- (1) On August 31, 1989, the Division entered Order No. R-8928-A which authorized the applicant to directionally drill its Shafer Federal Com Well No. 1 from a surface location 1327 feet from the South line and 1145 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, to a bottomhole unorthodox gas well location, in the Pennsylvanian formation, within 200 feet of a point 900 feet from the South line and 2500 feet from the East line.
- (2) It is our understanding at this time that while attempting to drill the above-described wellbore, problems were encountered and the wellbore was abandoned prior to reaching the target zone.
- (3) The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 111 (d) and (e) of the Division General Rules and Regulations;
- (4) Satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators have been duly notified;
- (5) The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in General Rule 111 will be met; and
- (6) No objections have been received within the waiting period prescribed by said rule.

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PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT: prior to directional drilling, the operator shall determine the subsurface location of the kick-off point; and

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT: subsequent to the above-described directional drilling, should said well be a producer, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the wellbore from total depth to kick-off point with shot points not more than 100 feet apart; the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of the survey report directly to the Santa Fe office of the Division, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 206, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503, and the operator shall notify the Division's Artesia District Office of the date and time said survey is to be commenced.

- (2) Form C-105 shall be filed in accordance with Division Rule 1105 and the operator shall indicate thereon true vertical depth in addition to measured depths.
- (3) Lots 1 through 6 and the W/2 SW/4 of said Section 35 shall be dedicated to the well forming a previously approved non-standard gas proration unit (Order No. R-8928-A).
- (4) All provisions in said Division Order No. R-8928-A are still in effect for this well and said provisions shall be adhered to as they pertain to spacing, reporting and other related issues.
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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY

Director

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Oil Conservation Division - Artesia cc:

US Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad Case File Nos. 9643 and 9720