

*Re* CASE 5617: ROBINSON RESOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT CO., INC. FOR AN *rent*  
UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO.

5617

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APPLICATION,  
TRANSCRIPTS,  
SMALL EXHIBITS,

ETC.



BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 5617  
Order No. R-5161

APPLICATION OF ROBINSON RESOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. FOR AN  
UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 20, 1976,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 3rd day of February, 1976, the Commission,  
a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the  
record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being  
fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That the public notice having been given as required  
by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the  
subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Robinson Resource Development  
Company, Inc., seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location  
1530 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line  
of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy  
County, New Mexico, to test the Pennsylvanian formation.

(3) That the N/2 of said Section 18 is to be dedicated  
to the well.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better  
enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration  
unit.

(5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed  
unorthodox location.

(6) That approval of the subject application will afford  
the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable  
share of the gas in the subject pool, 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.

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Case No. 5617  
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

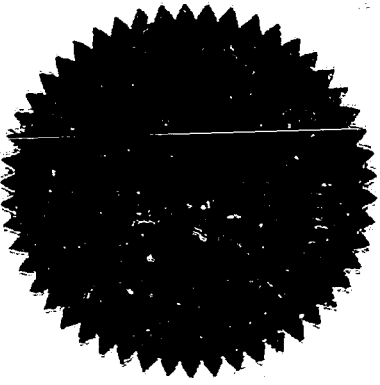
(1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Pennsylvanian formation is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 1530 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) That the N/2 of said Section 18 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 Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

*Emery C. Arnold*  
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*Joe D. Ramey*  
JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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BEFORE THE  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
January 20, 1976

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Robinson Resource Development Company, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. CASE 5617

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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1 MR. NUTTER: We will call Case 5617.

2 MR. CARR: Case 5617, Application of Robinson  
3 Resource Development Company, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well  
4 location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

5 MR. HINKLE: Clarence Hinkle, Hinkle, Bondurant,  
6 Cox and Eaton, appearing on behalf of Robinson Resources and  
7 we have one witness and three exhibits.

8 (THEREUPON, the witness was duly sworn.)

9  
10 MARK L. ROBINSON

11 called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was  
12 examined and testified as follows:

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14  
15 BY MR. HINKLE:

16 Q State your name and your residence?

17 A Mark L. Robinson, Roswell, New Mexico.

18 Q What is your position with Robinson Resources?

19 A I'm the president of Robinson Resource Development

20 Company.

21 Q Have you previously testified before the Commission?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q And qualified as a petroleum geologist?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q Have you made a study of the area which is involved

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1 in this case?

2 A. Yes, I have.

3 MR. HINKLE: Are his qualifications sufficient?

4 MR. NUTTER: Yes, they are.

5 Q (Mr. Hinkle continuing.) Have you prepared or has  
6 there been prepared under your direction, certain exhibits for  
7 introduction in this case?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q They are the ones marked One, Two and Three?

10 A. That is correct.

11 Q Refer to Exhibit One and explain what this is and what  
12 it shows?

13 A. Exhibit One is a lease map showing the lease situation  
14 around the proposed unorthodox location, which is indicated by  
15 the arrow. The leases colored yellow are under lease to  
16 Robinson Resource Development Company. The red box covering  
17 the north half of Section 18 is a communitized three twenty,  
18 we are going to drill the well on. The well is unorthodox, of  
19 course, by virtue of its closeness to the eastern boundary of  
20 the communitized area. I might also point out that the  
21 communitized area is drawn along, covering the north half of  
22 Section 18 because Gulf has two Federal leases which expire  
23 March 1st, and, therefore, the communitization is so con-  
24 structed as to protect those leases from exploit.

25 Q The communitization agreement has been signed by

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1 Gulf?

2 A. Yes, it has.

3 Q. And the well agreed upon?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. Where is the exact location of your well and the  
6 footage from the lease line?

7 A. It is fifteen hundred and thirty feet from the  
8 north line and three hundred and thirty feet from the east  
9 line.

10 Q. Now, refer to Exhibit Two and give what it shows?

11 A. This is a seismic map based on recent seismic work  
12 conducted by Robinson Resource Development Company and Gulf  
13 last summer. It shows the structural configuration of the  
14 prospect we intend to test with the unorthodox well and is  
15 contoured on the upper part of the Mississippian which is  
16 just below the Morrow sands, which are the zones that we plan  
17 to test in the well.

18 Q. Were all of these shot lines run by Robinson or who  
19 were they run by?

20 A. No, sir, one of them was run by our company and three  
21 of them were run by Gulf.

22 Q. What is the projected depth of the well?

23 A. Ten thousand, three hundred feet.

24 Q. And that will test the Morrow formation, in your  
25 opinion?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. What is the blue line which is shown on Exhibit Two?

3 A. The blue line is a working interest unit we're  
4 in the process of forming to obtain financial and leasehold  
5 cooperation from the various lease owners who own acreage  
6 within those five sections.

7 Q. Upon the formation of this working interest, the  
8 well, then, would appear to be right about the center of  
9 the whole working interest unit, is that correct?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Now, refer to Exhibit Three and explain what this  
12 shows?

13 A. Exhibit Three is a location plat showing the  
14 unorthodox well location with the red dot and showing various  
15 cultural and topographic features that influenced our  
16 positioning of the well. The paved roadway is the highway  
17 between the Artesia-Carlsbad highway and Sitting Bull Falls.  
18 The Deadman's Draw, which is labeled "deep, dry wash" is  
19 about a twenty-foot deep, steep-walled gulley and these two  
20 features have had a measure of influence on where we could  
21 put the well. That is the reason for submitting the plat.

22 Q. What is the character of the surface of this area?

23 A. It is a very flat, limestone boulder outcrop area.

24 Q. You couldn't very well locate the well any further  
25 from your lease line and get your area necessary for your

1 well, is that right?

2 A. No, sir, that is correct.

3 Q. Do you have any further comments with respect to  
4 these exhibits?

5 A. Well, I might point out, going back to Exhibit Two,  
6 the standard location, of course, on the three twenty would be  
7 nineteen hundred and eighty feet from the east line of  
8 Section 18. However, we don't feel that would be an adequate  
9 test of the structure because we would be falling off the  
10 crest some hundred feet. I probably should have gotten that  
11 in a little earlier in the testimony. That is one of the  
12 primary reasons I'm here.

13 Q. So you will have the most strategic and the best  
14 chance to get production?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. In your opinion, will approval of this application  
17 be in the interest of conservation and the prevention of  
18 waste and protect correlative rights?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 MR. HINKLE: We would like to offer Exhibits One  
21 through Three.

22 MR. NUTTER: Exhibits One through Three will be  
23 admitted into evidence.

24 (THEREUPON, Applicant's Exhibits One through  
25 Three were admitted into evidence.)

CROSS EXAMINATION

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2 BY MR. NUTTER:

3 Q Actually, Mr. Robinson, it is a combination of not  
4 only surface terrain and this highway and wash and so forth  
5 but also some geological considerations that dictates the  
6 location of the well?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q And it is a consideration of leases mostly that  
9 dictates the north half of the section rather than the east  
10 half of the section?

11 A That is correct.

12 Q Has any thought been given to forming a regular  
13 unit or will it just be strictly a working interest unit here?

14 A Well, it's a working interest unit. The principal  
15 consideration is time. To form a Federal unit it just takes  
16 a great deal of time.

17 Q I do note that there are a lot of Federal leases  
18 in this proposed working interest unit but there are some fee  
19 leases in here also and as a matter of fact, this well it  
20 appears, will be drilled on a fee lease?

21 A Yes, sir. Let me back that last question up just  
22 a minute. We went to the Federal people and talked to them  
23 about this and they really would not approve it with so many  
24 fee leases involved. That is the real answer to your question.

25 MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions of

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1 Mr. Robinson? He may be excused.

2 (THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

3 MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further, Mr.  
4 Hinkle?

5 MR. HINKLE: That's all, thank you.

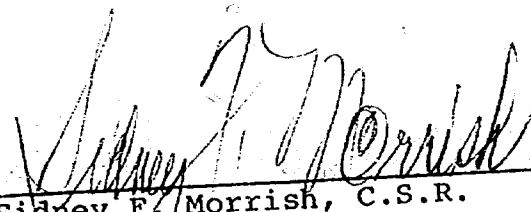
6 MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish  
7 to offer in Case 5617? We will take the case under advise-  
8 ment.

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do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript  
of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record  
of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and  
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Sidney F. Morrish, C.S.R.

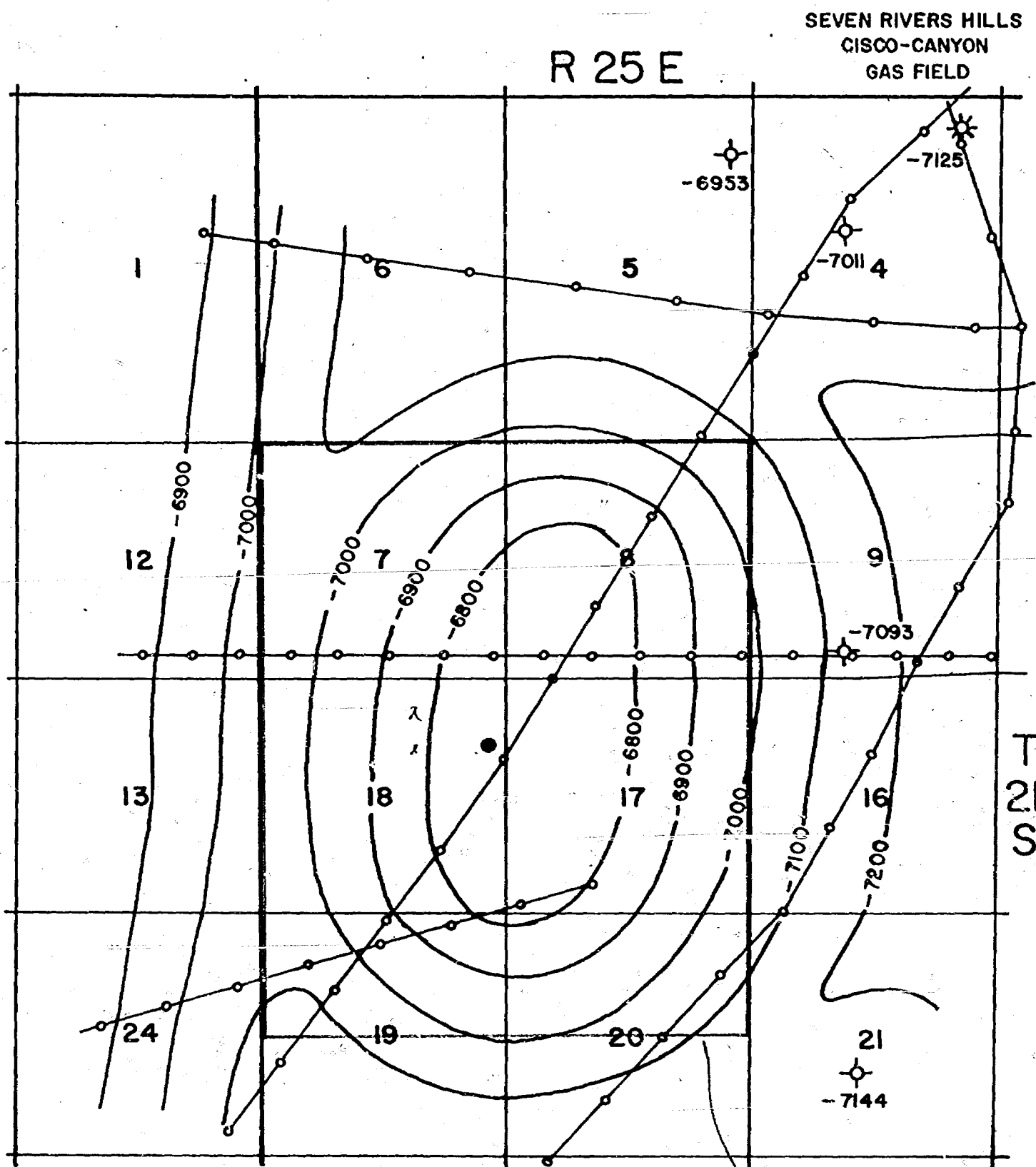
I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
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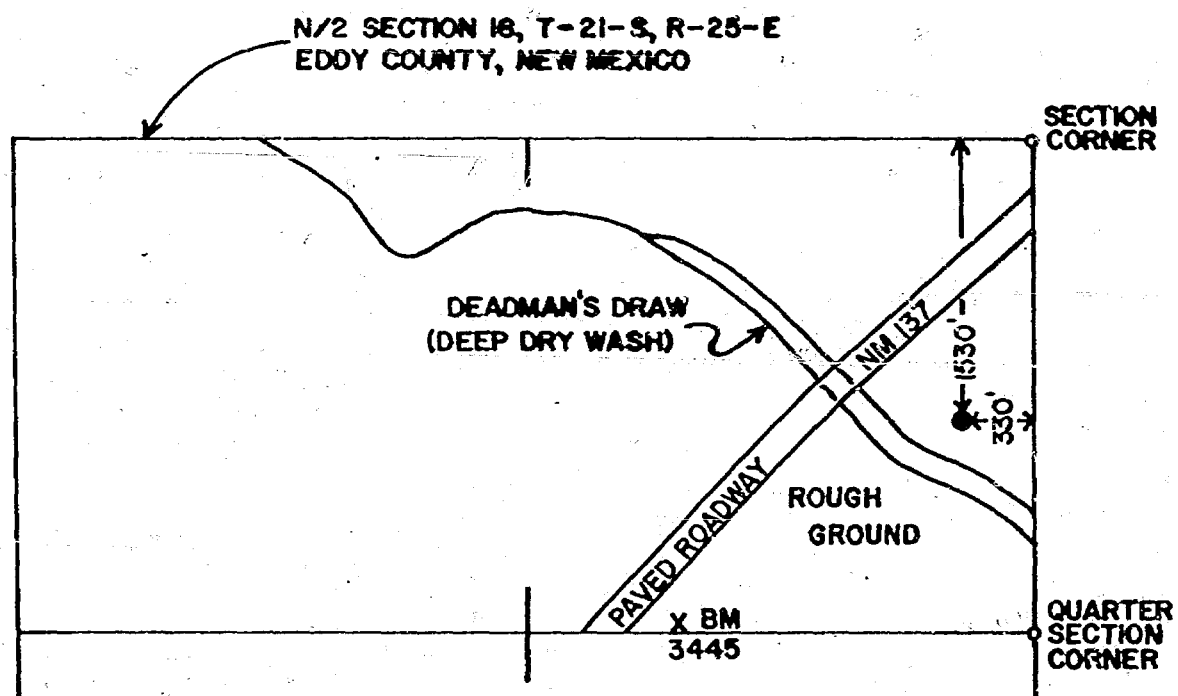
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to form  
WI unit  
(blue line)*

BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
*apls* EXHIBIT NO. 2  
CASE NO. 5617

ROBINSON RESOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT CO. INC

ROCKY ARROYO PROSPECT  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



LOCATION PLAT  
SHOWING UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION  
AND ADJACENT TOPOGRAPHIC  
AND CULTURAL FEATURES

Scale: 1" = 1000'

BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EXHIBIT NO. 3

ROBINSON RESOURCES

Dockets Nos. 5-76 and 6-76 are tentatively set for hearing on February 4 and February 18, 1976. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - TUESDAY - JANUARY 20, 1976

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,  
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Richard L. Stamets, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 5614: Application of Amerada Hess Corporation for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle Basin-Dakota gas production and oil produced from an undesignated Gallup pool in the wellbore of its Apache "A" Well No. 7, located in Unit J of Section 26, Township 25 North, Range 5 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

CASE 5615: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Morely EW Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the South and East lines of Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the S/2 of said Section 27 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 5616: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for an unorthodox gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to simultaneously dedicate a previously approved 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the W/2 of Section 29, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to its W. H. Harrison "D" WN Com Well No. 1, located in Unit L of said Section 29 and its W. H. Harrison "A" WN Well No. 2, at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North and West lines of said Section 29.

CASE 5617: Application of Robinson Resource Development Company, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a Morrow test well to be drilled 1530 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the N/2 of said Section 18 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 5618: Application of Mesa Petroleum Co. for a triple completion, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the triple completion (conventional) of its Primo Well No. 1A, located in Unit D of Section 6, Township 31 North, Range 10 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, to produce gas from the Pictured Cliffs, Chacra and Mesaverde formations.

CASE 5117: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 5117 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4691, which order established temporary special pool rules for the North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on less than 320-acre spacing and why the special depth bracket allowable should remain in effect.

CASE 5619: Application of Agua, Inc. for an extension of time, Order No. R-4495-A, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a 90-day extension of the February 7, 1976, deadline to cease the disposal of produced salt water through perforations from 4,230 feet to 4,320 feet in its SKD Well No. C-2, located in Unit C of Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5603: (Continued from January 7, 1976 Examiner Hearing)

Application of Burleson and Huff for compulsory pooling, a non-standard gas proration unit, and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Jalmat Gas Pool underlying the NW/4 of Section 35, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to form a non-standard 160-acre proration unit; applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Langlie-Mattix Pool underlying each of the following tracts in said Section 35 to form three standard 40-acre proration units: the NE/4 NW/4, to be dedicated to applicant's Dabbs Well No. 1, located 330 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the West line of said Section 35; the SE/4 NW/4, to be dedicated to applicant's Dabbs Well No. 3, located 1980 feet from the North and West lines of said Section 35; and the SW/4 NW/4, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled on said tract at a standard Langlie-Mattix Pool location. In the event re-entry into either the Dabbs Well No. 1 or No. 3 is unsuccessful, applicant proposes to drill a replacement well at a standard location on its tract. Applicant further proposes to dedicate the 160-acre Jalmat proration unit to one of the three above-described wells, and in the event it should be the Dabbs Well No. 1, applicant seeks approval for the unorthodox Jalmat location for said well. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering, drilling, and completing said wells and the allocation of such costs as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of the applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for the risk involved in re-entering, drilling, and completing said well.

CASE 5604: (Continued from January 7, 1976 Examiner Hearing)

Application of Burleson & Huff for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the Querecho Plains-Queen Pool by the injection of water into the Queen formation through its Anadarko Federal Well No. 6 to be drilled at an unorthodox location in the approximate center of the SW/4 of Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for approval of additional wells at standard and non-standard locations within the project area.

Docket No. 4-76

Dockets Nos. 5-76 and 6-76 are tentatively set for hearing on February 4 and February 18, 1976. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 21, 1976

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - MORGAN HALL  
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

CASE 5592: (De Novo)

Application of Agua, Inc. for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced water by injection into the San Andres formation through the open-hole interval from approximately 4000 to 5000 feet in its Blinbry-Drinkard SWD System Well No. A-22 located 817 feet from the North line and 965 feet from the East line of Section 22, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

Upon application of Agua, Inc., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 5571: (De Novo)

Application of Robert G. Cox for amendment of Order No. R-4561, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks amendment of Order No. R-4561, which order permitted the directional drilling of applicant's Federal "EA" Well No. 1, located 330 feet from the North and West lines of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Empire-Abo Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to be bottomed within 100 feet of the surface location. Applicant seeks the amendment of said order to permit bottoming of the subject well approximately 58 feet from the North line and 8 feet from the West line of said Section 12 and to permit verification of said downhole location by single-shot directional surveys made concurrently with the drilling of said well.

Upon application of Robert G. Cox, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

NOTE: Case No. 5592, above, will be dismissed at the request of applicant.

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

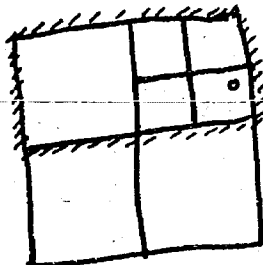
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21 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, N.M.P.M.  
(UNIT H) TO TEST THE MORROW FORMATION  
AND THE DEDICATION OF SAID WELL TO  
THE N $\frac{1}{2}$  SAID SECTION 18.

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Comes Robinson Resource Development Company, Inc., acting by  
and through the undersigned attorneys, and hereby makes application  
for approval of an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New  
Mexico. Applicant seeks approval for an unorthodox location of a  
well to be drilled 1530 feet from the north line and 330 feet from  
the east line Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M.  
(Unit H) to test the Morrow formation and the dedication of said well  
to the N $\frac{1}{2}$  said Section 18, and in support thereof respectfully shows:

1. There is attached hereto, as Exhibit "A", a plat indicating  
the proposed unorthodox location and that the N $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 18 is to  
be dedicated to said well. Said plat also shows the ownership of  
all of the leasehold interests within said Section 18 and within  
a radius of 2 miles surrounding said section. Said exhibit also  
shows all the wells which have been drilled in the area.

2. The oil and gas leases covering the N $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 18 are owned  
by Gulf Oil Company and applicant and said parties have agreed to  
enter into a Communitization Agreement covering said half section,  
for the purpose of drilling the proposed well, which will be projected  
to test the Morrow formation of Pennsylvanian age. Gulf Oil Company  
and Robinson Resource Development Company, Inc. also own most of the  
oil and gas leases offsetting said proposed location to the north,  
northeast, east and south. The following are the names and addresses  
of the other owners of leases offsetting said proposed location:



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MARALO, Inc. (unleased mineral interest)  
Midland Tower  
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Copies of this application are being mailed to all of the above offset owners.

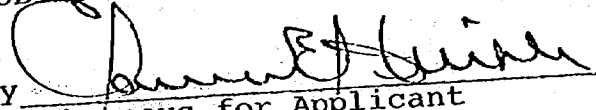
3. That the approval of the proposed unorthodox location is desired partially due to the topography of the area and in order to obtain the most strategic location in view of the geological information available for making a discovery of gas in paying quantities in the Morrow formation.

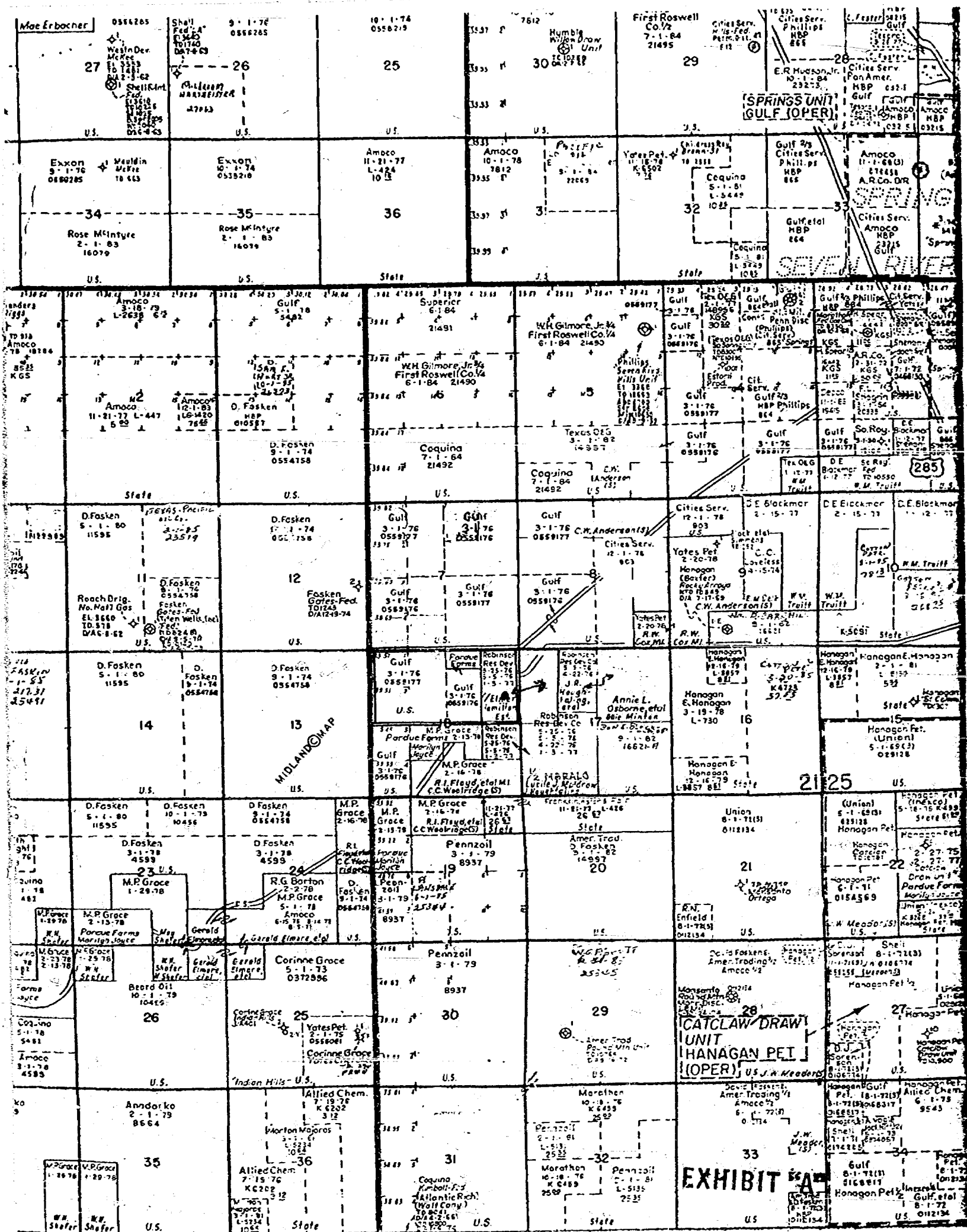
4. Applicant believes that the approval of this application will be in the interest of conservation, the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights.

5. Applicant requests that this application be included on the examiner's docket for a hearing in January, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gentlemen:

We enclose herewith in triplicate application of Robinson Resource Development Company, Inc. for an unorthodox location in Eddy County. We would appreciate this matter being placed on the docket for an examiner's hearing in January.

Yours very truly,

HINKLE, BONDURANT, COX & EATON

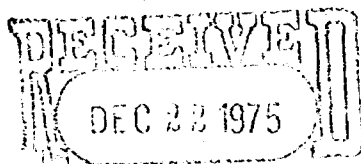
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Case 5617

CONSERVATION COMM.

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF ROBINSON RESOURCE  
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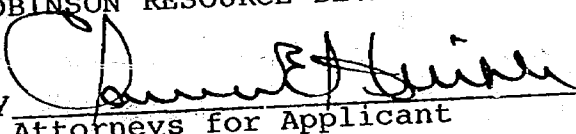
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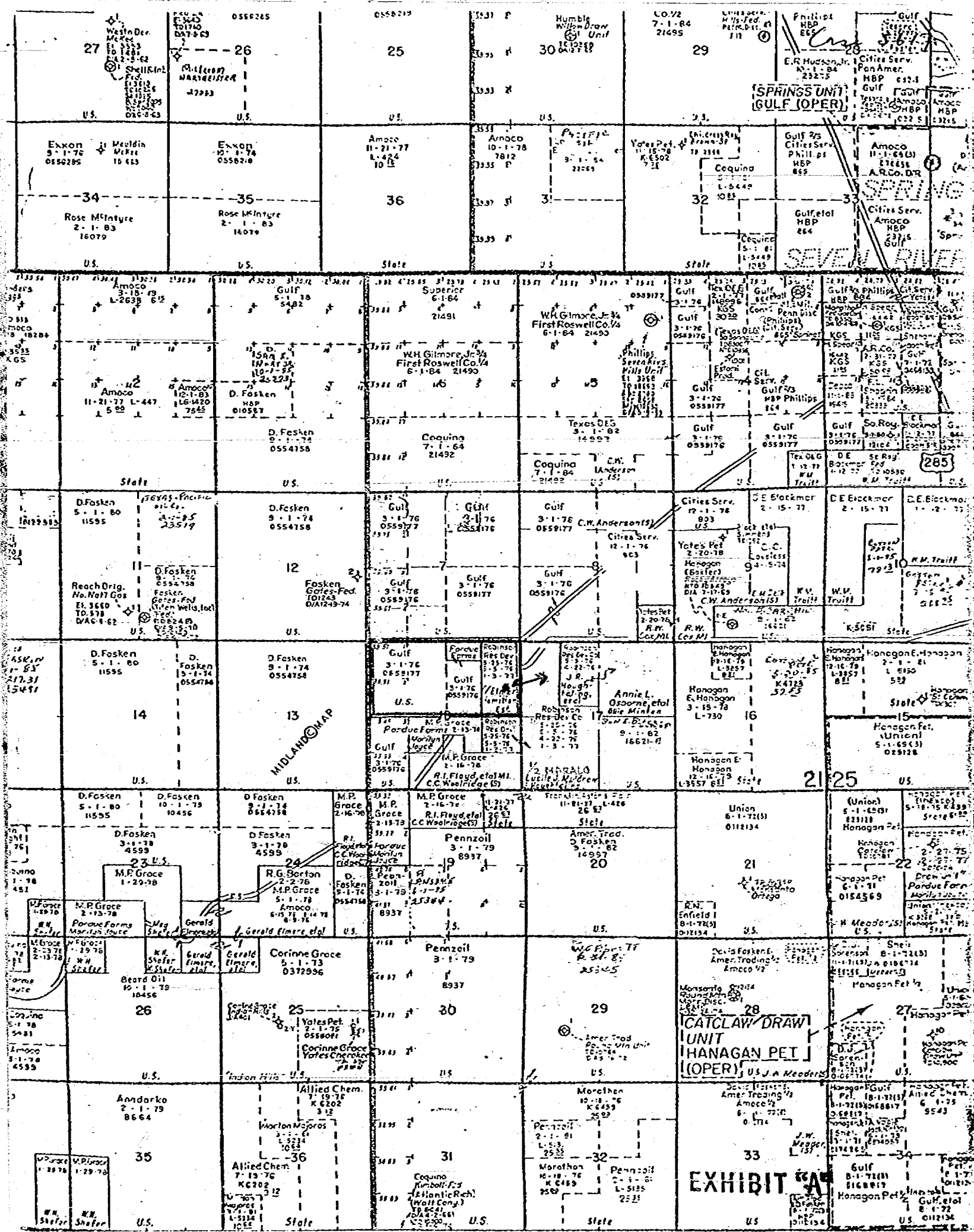
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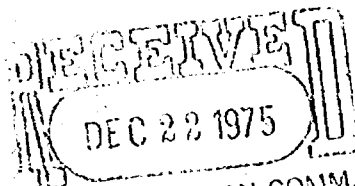
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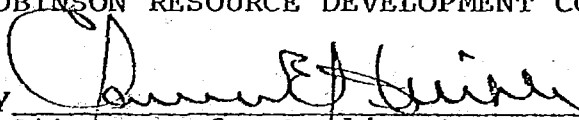
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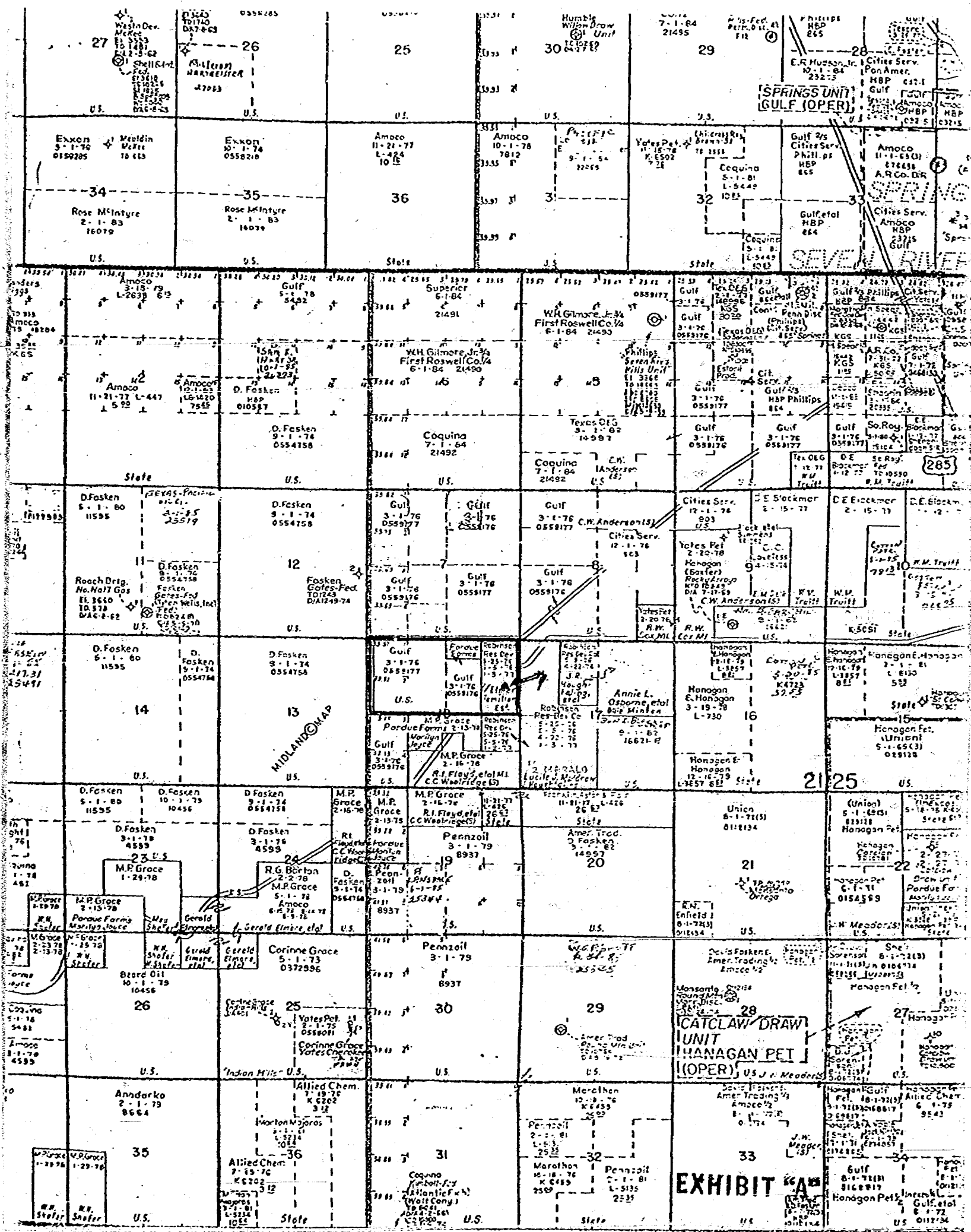
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Order No. R- 5161

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 20, 1976,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this February day of January, 1976, the Commission,  
a quorum being present, 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  
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applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.

(5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox  
location.

