

CASE NO.

6781

APPLICATION,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG.
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
3 January 1980

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Yates Petroleum)
Corporation for an unorthodox)
gas well location, Eddy County,)
New Mexico.)
CASE
6781

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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MR. PADILLA: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. DICKERSON: Chad Dickerson, Losee, Carson, and Dickerson, P. A., Artesia, appearing for the applicant.

We have one witness.

(Witness sworn.)

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A. Ray Beck. Artesia, New Mexico.
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A. Yes, sir.

Q. You are familiar with the application of Yates Petroleum Corporation in these proceedings and the lands involved?

A. Yes.

MR. DICKERSON: Is this witness considered qualified?

MR. STAMETS: He is.

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8 CROSS EXAMINATION

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13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q And it also is to get down towards the
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16 A Yes, sir.

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ORDER NO. R-6252

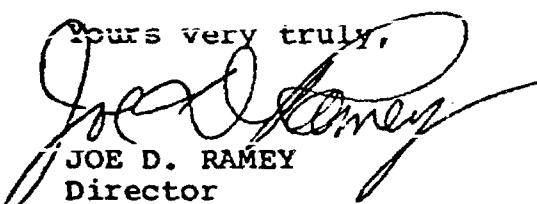
Applicant:

Yates Petroleum Corporation

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced
Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Yours very truly,


JOE D. RAMEY
Director

JDR/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

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Other _____

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

CASE NO. 6781
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APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX
GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 3, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 16th day of January, 1980, 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, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 28 East; NMPM, to test the Morrow formation, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the E/2 of said Section 1 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.

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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 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location for the Morrow formation is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the E/2 of said Section 1 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 hereinabove designated.

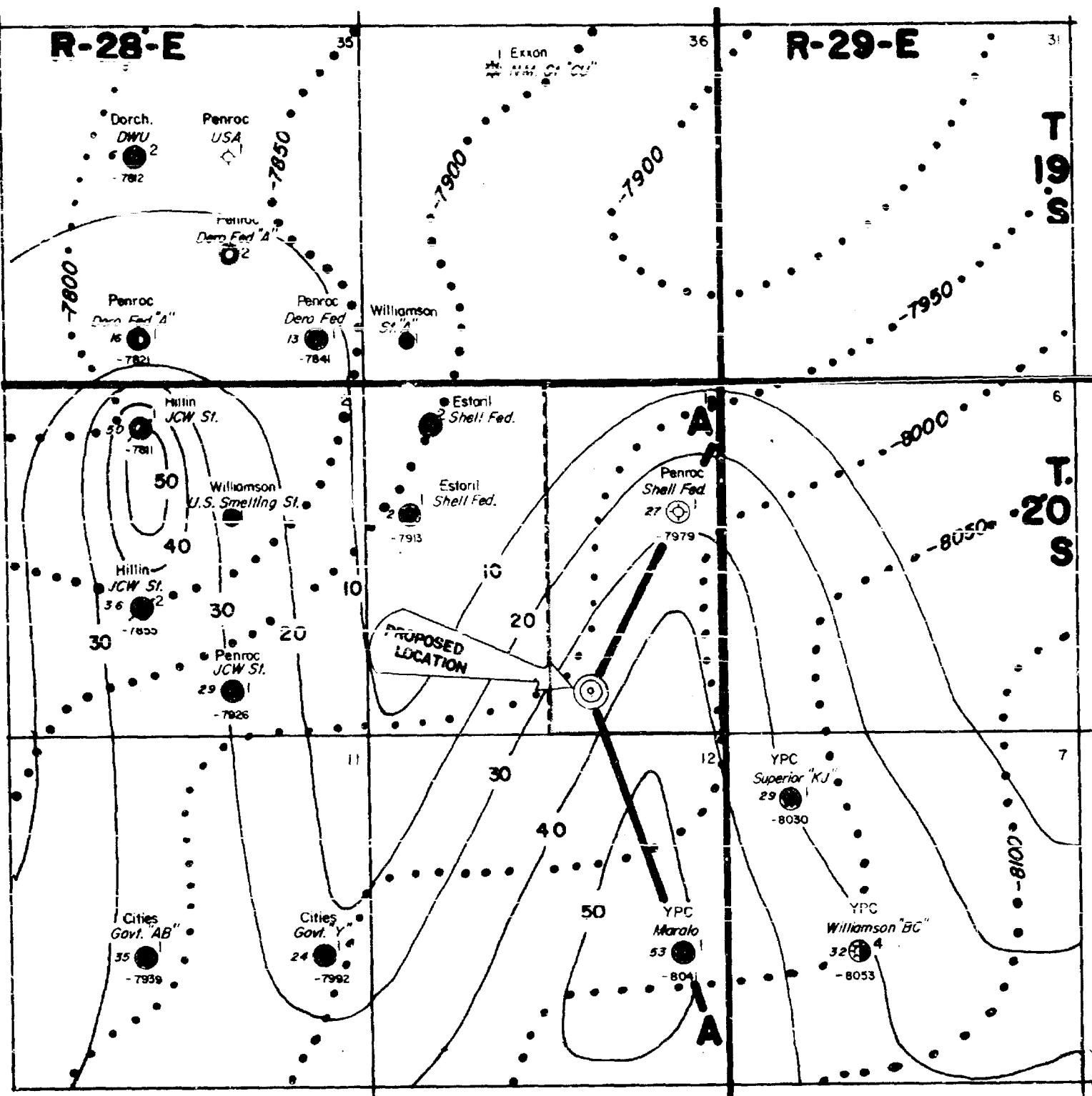
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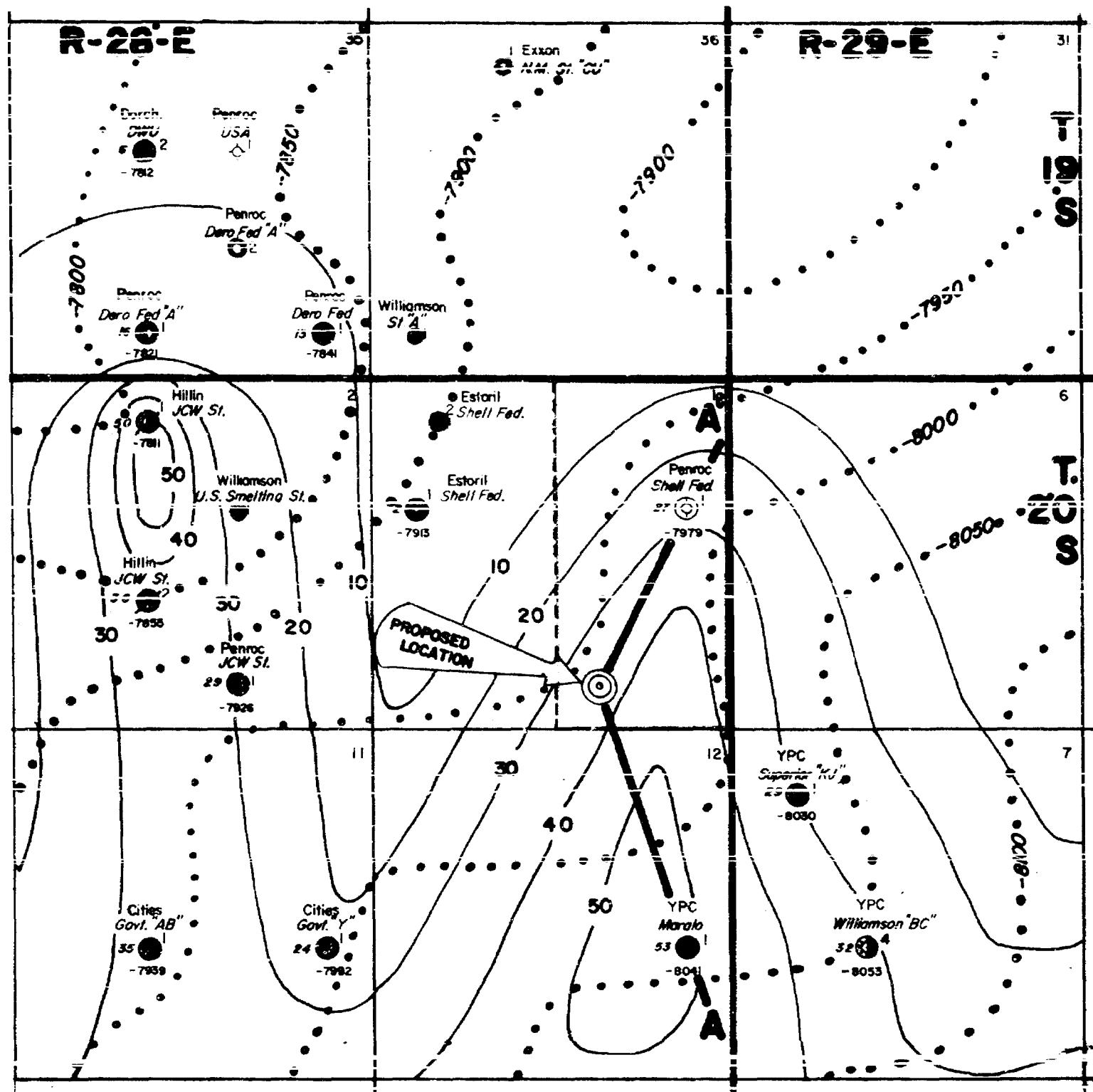
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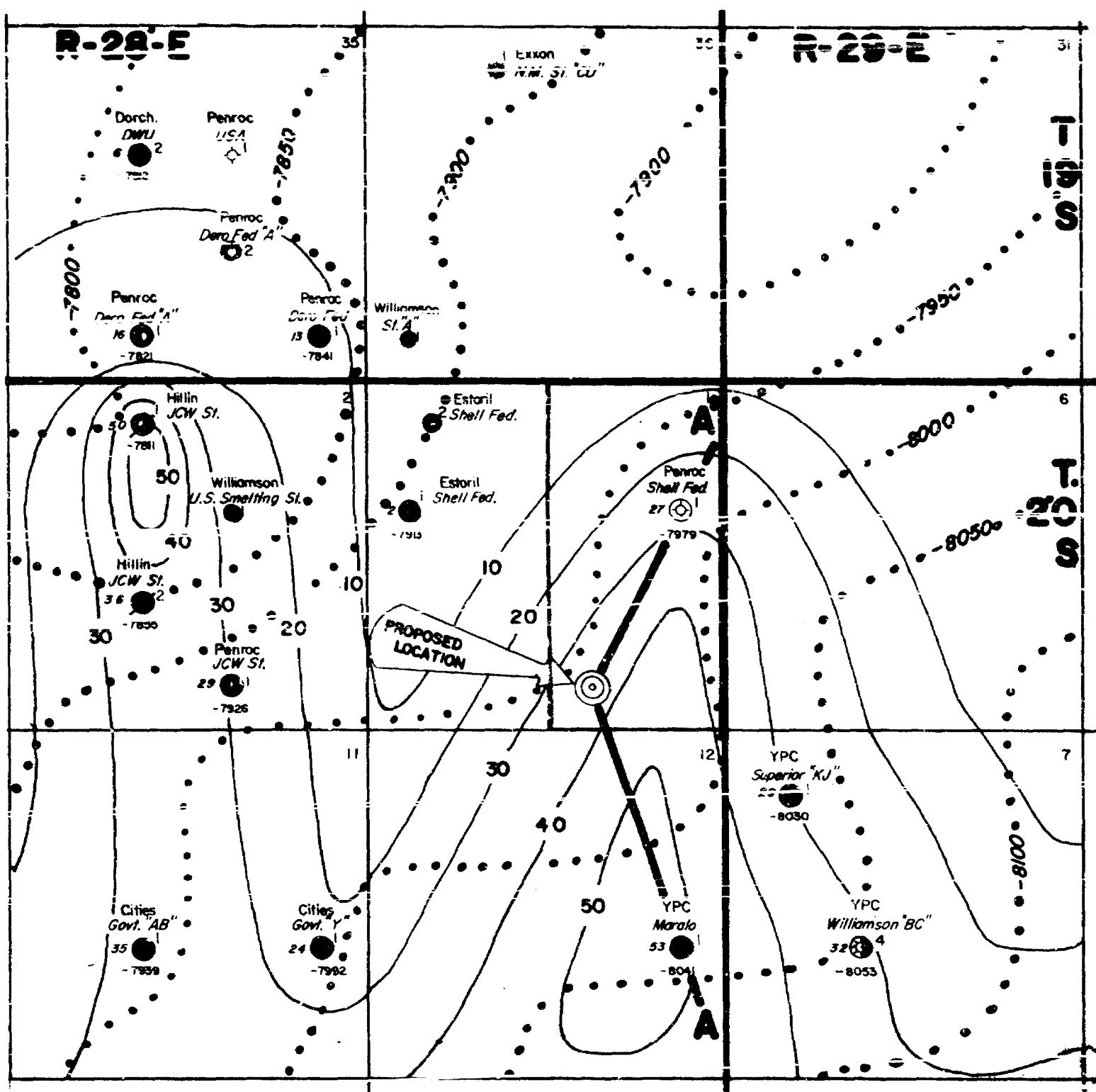
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CASE 6767: (Continued from December 12, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Alpha Twenty-One Production Company for two non-standard gas proration units, unorthodox well location, and approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 40-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 27, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, to be dedicated to El Paso Natural Gas Company's Harrison Well No. 2, and also a 200-acre unit comprising the S/2 N/2 and NE/4 NW/4 of said Section 27 to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1980 feet from the North line and 560 feet from the West line of Section 27. Applicant further seeks a finding that the drilling of the latter well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of an existing proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well.

CASE 6487: (Continued from October 17, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a waiver of existing well-spacing requirements and a finding that the drilling of its Shell F State Com Well No. 2 located in Unit N of Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well.

CASE 6732: (Continued from November 28, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Dorchester Exploration, Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Morton Solid State Unit Well No. 1 located 2156 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 4, Township 15 South, Range 34 East, Tres Papalotes-Pennsylvanian Pool.

CASE 6775: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Young Deep Unit Area, comprising 2242 acres, more or less, of Federal lands in Township 18 South, Range 32 East.

CASE 6776: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Young Deep Unit Well No. 1, a Morrow test to be drilled 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, the W/2 of said Section 10 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 6777: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for an NGPA determination, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a new onshore reservoir determination for its Amoco 22 State Well No. 2 located in Unit G of Section 22, Township 23 South, Range 27 East.

CASE 6778: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for an NGPA determination, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a new onshore reservoir determination for its Loco Hills Welch Well No. 2 located in Unit N of Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 29 East.

CASE 6745: (Continued from November 20, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interest in the Wolfcamp-Pennsylvanian formations underlying the W/2 of Section 28, Township 23 South, Range 24 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 6779: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Pronghorn Unit Area, comprising 5,120 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Townships 22 and 23 South, Range 33 East.

CASE 6780: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Serpentine Bends Unit Area, comprising 4,802 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Township 24 South, Ranges 23 and 24 East.

CASE 6781: 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 a Morrow test well to be drilled 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, the E/2 of said Section 1 to be dedicated to the well.

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Case 6781

Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Director
Energy and Minerals Department
Oil Conservation Division
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Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed for filing, please find three copies of an Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location in Eddy County, New Mexico.

We ask that this case be set for hearing before an examiner and that you furnish us with a docket of said hearing.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

LOSEE, CARSON & DICKERSON, P.A.


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CD:pvm
Enclosures

cc: Yates Petroleum Corporation

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COUNTY, NEW MEXICO : :

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Yates Petroleum Corporation, by its attorneys, and in support hereof, respectfully states:

1. Applicant is the operator of the Morrow formation underlying:

Township 20 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 1: E/2

and proposes to drill its Antongiovanni "MJ" Fed. No. 1 Well at a point located 1,980 feet from the east line and 660 feet from the south line of Section 1.

2. The applicant seeks an exception to the well location requirements of Rule 104-C.2(a) of the Oil Conservation Division to permit the drilling of the well at the above mentioned unorthodox location to a depth sufficient to adequately test the Morrow formation.

3. A standard 320-acre gas proration unit comprising the E/2 of said Section 1 should be dedicated to such well or to such lesser portion thereof as is reasonably shown to be productive of gas.

4. The approval of this application will afford applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of gas, will prevent 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.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays:

A. That this application be set for hearing before an examiner and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.

B. That upon hearing the Division enter its order granting applicant permission to drill its Antongiovanni "MJ" Fed. No. 1 Well 1,980 feet from the east line and 660 feet from the south line of said Section 1, and to dedicate the E/2 of Section 1, which is reasonably presumed to be productive of gas from the Morrow formation.

C. And for such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By: Chad Dickerson
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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF :
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN :
UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY :
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO : CASE NO. 6281
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APPLICATION

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1. Applicant is the operator of the Morrow formation underlying:

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Section 1: E/2

and proposes to drill its Antongiovanni "MJ" Fed. No. 1 Well at a point located 1,980 feet from the east line and 660 feet from the south line of Section 1.

2. The applicant seeks an exception to the well location requirements of Rule 104-C.2(a) of the Oil Conservation Division to permit the drilling of the well at the above mentioned unorthodox location to a depth sufficient to adequately test the Morrow formation.

3. A standard 320-acre gas proration unit comprising the E/2 of said Section 1 should be dedicated to such well or to such lesser portion thereof as is reasonably shown to be productive of gas.

4. The approval of this application will afford applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of gas, will prevent 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.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays:

A. That this application be set for hearing before an examiner and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.

B. That upon hearing the Division enter its order granting applicant permission to drill its Antongiovanni "MJ" Fed. No. 1 Well 1,980 feet from the east line and 660 feet from the south line of said Section 1, and to dedicate the E/2 of Section 1, which is reasonably presumed to be productive of gas from the Morrow formation.

C. And for such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
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CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6781

ORDER NO. R-6652

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 3,
1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.
NOW, on this day of January, 1980, 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, Yates Petroleum Corporation,
seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660
feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the
East line of Section 1, Township 20 South,
Range 28 East, NMPM, to test the Morrow
formation, , Eddy
County, New Mexico.

(3) That the E/2 of said Section 1 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.

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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 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

the application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for
(1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Morrow
formation is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 660
feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East
line of Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 28 East
NMPM, Eddy, Eddy County,
New Mexico.

(2) That the E/2 of said Section 1 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 hereinabove designated.