

*Entered July 18, 1967*  
*A.G.P.*

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. 3593  
Order No. R-3276

APPLICATION OF AMERADA PETROLEUM  
CORPORATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 6, 1967,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 18th day of July, 1967, 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 Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject  
matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Amerada Petroleum Corporation, is  
the operator of the L. M. Lambert Well No. 8, located in Unit G  
of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County,  
New Mexico.

(3) That by Order No. R-2355, dated October 31, 1962, issued  
in Case No. 2669, the applicant was authorized to complete the  
subject well as a dual completion to produce oil from the Monument-  
Paddock Oil Pool through a 2 3/8 x 1 1/4-inch tapered tubing string  
and to produce oil from the Monument-Blaine Oil Pool through a  
parallel 2 3/8 x 2 1/16-inch tapered tubing string separated by  
a permanent type packer set at approximately 5550 feet.

(4) That as part of the evidence presented in Case No. 2669  
to secure Commission approval of the aforementioned dual completion,

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the applicant in said Case No. 2669 presented evidence that the aforementioned installation could be satisfactorily utilized to artificially lift both zones to depletion should such artificial lifting become necessary.

(5) That the applicant has replaced the aforesaid strings of tubing with a single string of 2 3/8-inch tubing and proposes to commingle in the well bore and produce therefrom by means of said single string of tubing the oil production from the aforementioned pools.

(6) That the applicant would allocate production to the pools on the basis of annual well tests.

(7) That changes in fluid properties or reservoir pressures in either or both reservoirs may occur and render allocation of oil production on the basis of annual tests inaccurate.

(8) That the applicant has failed to prove that the requested downhole commingling is necessary to efficiently and economically deplete the subject reservoirs.

(9) That the subject application should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the subject application is hereby denied.

(2) 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

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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