

*Entered August 1, 1967*  
*A.L.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. 3612  
Order No. R-3285

APPLICATION OF ROGER C. HANKS  
FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCA-  
TION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 12, 1967,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 1st day of August, 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, Roger C. Hanks, seeks authority to  
drill an oil well at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the  
South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 24, Town-  
ship 9 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, South Flying "M"-Pennsylvanian  
Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the Special Rules and Regulations governing the  
South Flying "M"-Pennsylvanian Pool provide that the initial well  
on any 80-acre unit shall be located within 150 feet of the center  
of either the northeast quarter or the southwest quarter of a  
governmental quarter section.
- (4) That the proposed location, in the SE/4 SE/4 of said  
Section 24, is an off-pattern quarter-quarter section location.
- (5) That the applicant proposes to dedicate the S/2 SE/4 of  
the aforesaid Section 24 to the subject well.

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(6) That the entire S/2 SE/4 of the aforesaid Section 24 can reasonably be presumed productive of oil in the South Flying "M"-Pennsylvanian Pool.

(7) That the evidence indicates that a well drilled at the proposed non-standard location in the SE/4 SE/4 of said Section 24 should result in greater ultimate recovery of oil than a well drilled at a standard location, thereby preventing waste.

(8) That the correlative rights of offset operators will be impaired if the subject well is assigned a standard allowable for the subject pool.

(9) That approval of the proposed unorthodox location will not violate correlative rights and will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil from 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 otherwise prevent waste, provided the subject well receives no more than 67 percent of a standard allowable for the South Flying "M"-Pennsylvanian Pool.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Roger C. Hanks, is hereby authorized to drill an oil well at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, South Flying "M"-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the subject well shall be assigned no more than 67 percent of a standard allowable for said pool.

(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*  
GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

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

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