

*Entered November 15, 1967*  
*D.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. 3685  
Order No. R-3290-A

APPLICATION OF GULF OIL CORPORATION  
FOR AN AMENDMENT OF ORDER NO. R-3290,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 8, 1967, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 15th day of November, 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, Gulf Oil Corporation, is the owner and operator of the R. E. Cole (NCT-A) Well No. 9 located at an unorthodox oil well location 1075 feet from the South line and 2395 feet from the West line of Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That Order No. R-3290 of the Commission authorized the applicant to drill the subject well at said unorthodox location in undesignated Silurian and Montoya oil pools to avoid topographic difficulties that would be encountered at a standard location in the SE/4 SW/4 of the aforesaid Section 16.
- (4) That the subject well was non-productive in said Silurian and Montoya oil pools.

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(5) That the subject well has been plugged back and completed as a Drinkard oil well.

(6) That the applicant seeks an amendment of the aforesaid Order No. R-3290 to permit the substitution of the Drinkard Pool for the previously authorized pools.

(7) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil in the Drinkard 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 and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Order (1) of Order No. R-3290 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"(1) That the applicant, Gulf Oil Corporation, is hereby authorized an unorthodox oil well location for its R. E. Cole (NCT-A) Well No. 9, located 1075 feet from the South line and 2395 feet from the West line of Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico."

(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

*Guston B. Hays*  
GUSTON B. HAYS, Member

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

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