

*Entered August 29, 1967
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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. 3632
Order No. R-3304

APPLICATION OF LEN MAYER 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 August 9, 1967,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 29th 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, Len Mayer, seeks authority to drill
a gas well at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the North line
and 990 feet from the East line of Section 32, Township 18 South,
Range 26 East, NMPM, Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County,
New Mexico.

(3) That the Special Rules and Regulations governing the
Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool provide that each well completed or
recompleted in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool shall be located
in the northwest quarter or the southeast quarter of the section
and shall be located no nearer than 990 feet to the outer boundary
of the quarter section nor nearer than 330 feet to any governmental
quarter-quarter section line.

(4) That the proposed location, in the NE/4 of said Section
32, is an off-pattern quarter section location.

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(5) That the applicant proposes to dedicate the E/2 of the aforesaid Section 32 to the subject well.

(6) That the evidence indicates that a well drilled at the proposed non-standard location in the NE/4 of said Section 32 should encounter a thicker and more prolific pay section than a well drilled at a standard location.

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

(8) That to offset the advantage to be gained over offset operators by the drilling of a well at the proposed non-standard location, the allowable for said well should be reduced.

(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 gas 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 68.25 percent of a standard allowable for the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Len Mayer, is hereby authorized to drill a gas well at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the subject well shall be assigned no more than 68.25 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.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman


GUXTON B. HAYS, Member


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

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