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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. 4444
Order No. R-4052

APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY
FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 28, 1970, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 6th day of November, 1970, 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, Tenneco Oil Company, seeks an exception to Rule 3 of the Special Rules and Regulations governing the Allison-Pennsylvanian Pool as promulgated by Order No. R-1389-B to permit the completion of its Merrell Well No. 2 at an unorthodox location 1830 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the subject well was inadvertently drilled at said unorthodox location.

(4) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil in the Allison-Pennsylvanian Pool, will prevent the

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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 the applicant, Tenneco Oil Company, is hereby granted an exception to the well location requirements of Rule 3 of the Special Rules and Regulations governing the Allison-Pennsylvanian Pool as promulgated by Order No. R-1389-B to complete its Merrell Well No. 2 at an unorthodox location 1830 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, 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


ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member


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

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