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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. 4715
Order No. R-4310

APPLICATION OF GLEN D. AARON
AND JAMES C. WHITTEN FOR AN
UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 17, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 24th day of May, 1972, 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 applicants, Glen D. Aaron and James C. Whitten, seek an exception to the well location requirements of the special rules and regulations for the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool to drill a gas well in said pool at an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; that the W/2 of said Section 11 would be dedicated to said well.

(3) That a standard location for the subject pool would require the well to be located in the NW/4 of the section and no nearer than 990 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter section nor closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section or subdivision inner boundary.

(4) That the evidence indicates that the entire W/2 of said Section 11 is productive of gas from the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool.

(5) That the entire W/2 of said Section 11 can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the subject well.

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(6) That there is evidence that a well at the proposed unorthodox location would penetrate a thicker pay section than a well at an orthodox location.

(7) That due to the unorthodox location of the above-described well, the correlative rights of other producers in the pool will be impaired if unrestricted production by the subject well is permitted.

(8) That to offset the advantage to be gained over other producers in the pool, the subject well to be drilled at an unorthodox location in the W/2 of Section 11 should be assigned an acreage factor of 78 percent in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool.

(9) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the gas in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, will prevent the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, provided the above-described acreage factor is assigned to the subject well.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

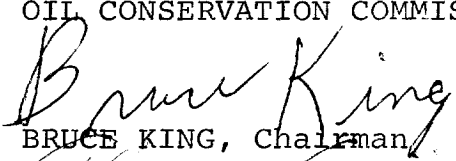
(1) That the applicants, Glen D. Aaron and James C. Whitten, are hereby granted an exception to the well location requirements of the special rules and regulations of the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and are hereby authorized to drill a gas well in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool at an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a standard unit comprising the W/2 of said Section 11.

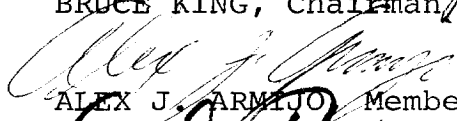
PROVIDED HOWEVER, that said well shall be assigned an acreage factor of 0.78 in the subject pool for proration purposes.

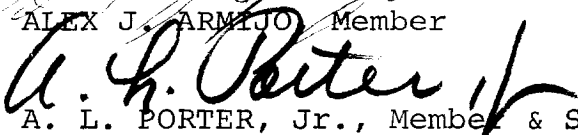
(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


BRUCE KING, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMILLO, Member


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

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