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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. 5143
Order No. R-4709

APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL GAS
COMPANY 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 January 16, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 18th day of January, 1974, 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, El Paso Natural Gas Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Rocky Arroyo "D" Com Well No. 2 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 22 East, NMPM, to test the Morrow formation, Rocky Arroyo-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the S/2 of said Section 4 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That a well drilled at the proposed unorthodox location should encounter a more favorable pay section or sections than a well drilled in a standard location for the S/2 of Section 4.

(5) That the applicant is the operator of the Rocky Arroyo Unit in the subject pool.

(6) That the proposed unorthodox location crowds toward the center of the applicant's Rocky Arroyo Unit.

(7) That no offset operator has objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

(8) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the gas in 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 will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

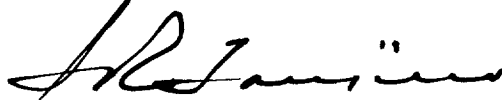
(1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Morrow formation is hereby approved for the Rocky Arroyo "D" Com Well No. 2 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 22 East, NMPM, Rocky Arroyo-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.


(2) That the S/2 of said Section 4 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

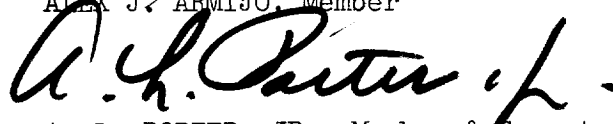
(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMIÑO, Member


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

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