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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. 5162 Order No. R-4725

APPLICATION OF WESTERN OIL PRODUCERS, INC. 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 30, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this  $13 \, \mathrm{th}$  day of February, 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, Western Oil Producers, Inc., seeks approval of a gas well location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, to test the Morrow formation.
- (3) That the S/2 of said Section 34 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location should encounter an additional pay zone which would not be encountered in a well drilled at a standard location and will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.
- (6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its 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 a well to be located at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the S/2 of said Section 34 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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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