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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. 5199
Order No. R-4770

APPLICATION OF WILLIAM G. ROSS
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 March 27, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 16th day of April, 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, William G. Ross, seeks, as an exception to the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool Rules, authority to drill a gas well 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; that the E/2 of said Section 10 is to be dedicated to said well.

(3) That the rules for the subject pool require that a well drilled at a standard location be located no nearer than 990 feet to the outer boundary of the NW/4 or the SE/4 of the section and no nearer than 330 feet to a governmental quarter-quarter section line.

(4) That the evidence presently available indicates that the entire E/2 of said Section 10 may be presumed to be productive of gas from the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool.

(5) That the entire E/2 of said Section 10 can be efficiently and economically drained by the subject well.

(6) That there is evidence that a well drilled at the proposed location would encounter a thicker pay section than a well drilled at a standard location.

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(7) That the correlative rights of other producers in the pool would be impaired by the proposed unorthodox location if unrestricted production by the subject well is permitted.

(8) That to offset the advantage to be gained over other producers in the pool by virtue of the proposed unorthodox location, the subject well should be assigned an acreage factor of 93 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 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 applicant, William G. Ross, is hereby granted an exception to the well location requirements of the special rules and regulations of the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and is hereby authorized to drill a gas well in said pool at an unorthodox gas well location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that said well shall be assigned an acreage factor of 0.93 in the subject pool for proration purposes.


(2) That the E/2 of said Section 10 shall be dedicated to the well.

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

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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