

*Entered June 25, 1974*  
*A.P.*

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. 5263  
Order No. R-4814

APPLICATION OF READING & BATES  
OIL AND 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 June 19, 1974,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 25th day of June, 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, Reading & Bates Oil and Gas  
Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660  
feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of  
Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, to test the  
Morrow formation, West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New  
Mexico.

(3) That the S/2 of said Section 8 is to be dedicated to  
the well.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better  
enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration  
unit.

(5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed un-  
orthodox 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 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) That the S/2 of said Section 8 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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