

*Entered October 22, 1974  
R.H.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. 5326  
Order No. R-4876

APPLICATION OF WILLIAM C. RUSSELL  
FOR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING, SAN JUAN  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 18, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 22nd day of October, 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 C. Russell, seeks authority to reenter his Hammond Well No. 52, formerly the Hammond Well No. 1, the surface location of which is 1800 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 26, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, Largo-Chacra Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, and to directionally drill said well in such a manner as to bottom the well in the Chacra formation within the 160-acre tract dedicated to the well.
- (3) That the applicant has reentered the subject well, has set a whipstock at 2359 feet, and has drilled in an indeterminate direction to a total depth of 3112 feet at an average deviation not in excess of 10 degrees.
- (4) That if the recorded deviation of said well were all in the direction of the nearest lease line, the well would still be bottomed within the boundaries of the lease and of the 160-acre tract dedicated to the well.
- (5) That no offset operator has objected to the proposed directional drilling.

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(6) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, the subject application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, William C. Russell, is hereby authorized to reenter his Hammond Well No. 52, located 1800 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 26, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, Largo-Chacra Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, to set a whipstock at approximately 2359 feet and to directionally drill therefrom to a total depth of approximately 3112 feet at an average deviation not in excess of 10 degrees.

(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

I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

  
ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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