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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. 5651 Order No. R-5195

APPLICATION OF BURMAH OIL & GAS CO. 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 31, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 20th day of April, 1976, 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, Burmah Oil & Gas Co., seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 1780 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 11, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, to test the Morrow formation, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the W/2 of said Section 11 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That the unorthodox location is necessitated by reason of topography.
- (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 1780 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 11, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the W/2 of said Section 11 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

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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