

Entered October 27, 1976

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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. 5772
Order No. R-5304

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 29, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 27th day of October, 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, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Federal "BZ" Well No. 16 to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, to test the Morrow formation.
- (3) That the N/2 of said Section 28 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 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 applicant's Federal "BZ" Well No. 16 to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) That the N/2 of said Section 28 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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