

Entered November 30, 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. 5806
Order No. R-5328

APPLICATION OF ANADARKO PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR TWO UNORTHODOX WELL
LOCATIONS, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 10, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 30th day of November, 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, Anadarko Production Company, seeks approval of two unorthodox well locations for its Artesia State Unit Tract 9 Well No. 5 to be drilled 1270 feet from the North line and 50 feet from the East line of Section 23 and its Artesia State Unit Tract 2 Well No. 3 to be drilled 50 feet from the South line and 1270 feet from the West line of Section 13, both in Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Artesia Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That wells at said unorthodox locations will better enable applicant to prevent oil from being swept outside its Artesia State Unit Waterflood project.
- (4) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.
- (5) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil 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

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number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That two unorthodox well locations for applicant's Artesia State Unit Tract 9 Well No. 5 to be drilled 1270 feet from the North line and 50 feet from the East line of Section 23 and its Artesia State Unit Tract 2 Well No. 3 to be drilled 50 feet from the South line and 1270 feet from the West line of Section 13, both in Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Artesia Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby approved.

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

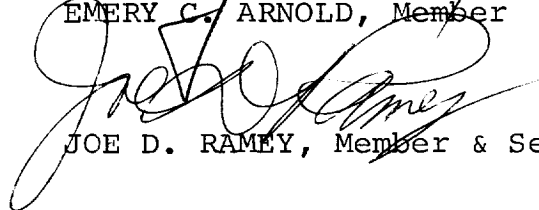
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman



EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member



JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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