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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. 5845 Order No. R-5365

APPLICATION OF TEXACO INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 2, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 8th day of February, 1977, 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, Texaco Inc., seeks approval of an unorthodox location for its Navajo Tribe "BS" Well No. 5 to be drilled at a point 1340 feet from the South line and 1300 feet from the West line of Section 23, Township 26 North, Range 18 West, NMPM, Tocito Dome Pennsylvanian "D" Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the SW/4 of said Section 23 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the oil and gas underlying the proration unit.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil and 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.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That an unorthodox oil well location for the Texaco Inc. Navajo Tribe "BS" Well No. 5 is hereby approved, said well to be located at a point 1340 feet from the South line and 1300 feet from the West line of Section 23, Township 26 North, Range 18 West, NMPM, Tocito Dome Pennsylvanian "D" Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the SW/4 of said Section 23 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 CARNOLD, Member

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