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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. 5881  
Order No. R-5399

APPLICATION OF WESTERN OIL PRODUCERS,  
INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL  
LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

NOW, on this 15th day of March, 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, Western Oil Producers, Inc., seeks  
approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Amoco State  
Well No. 1, completed in the Atoka formation 660 feet from the  
South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 28, Township  
16 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the W/2 of said Section 28 is to be dedicated to  
the well.
- (4) That said well was originally projected as an oil well  
in the Kemnitz area but was dry in the Kemnitz and the Seaman  
zones and was subsequently drilled to and completed in the Atoka  
zone of the Pennsylvanian as a gas well.
- (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 is hereby approved for the Western Oil Producers, Inc. Amoco State Well No. 1, completed in the Atoka formation at a point 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 28, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the W/2 of said Section 28 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

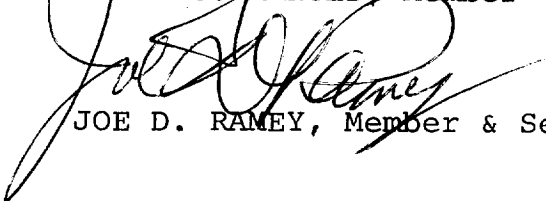
(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-  
above 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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