

Entered March 29, 1977

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. 5890
Order No. R-5407

APPLICATION OF JAMES C. WHITTEN
FOR AN UNORTHODOX 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 23, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 29th 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, James C. Whitten, seeks approval for the re-entry of the Roberts Federal Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, Lea Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That if said re-entry is unsuccessful, applicant proposes to drill a new well at an unorthodox location 2030 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 14.

(4) That the SE/4 of said Section 14 is to be dedicated to one of the aforesaid wells.

(5) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the oil underlying the proration unit.

(6) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That applicant is hereby given approval to re-enter the Roberts Federal Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, Lea Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That if re-entry of said Roberts Federal Well No. 1 should prove unsuccessful, the applicant is authorized to drill a new well at an unorthodox location 2030 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 14, Lea Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the SE/4 of said Section 14 shall be dedicated to one of the above-described wells.

(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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