Entered August 9, 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. 5985 Order No. R-5498

APPLICATION OF ORLA PETCO, INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 20, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 9th day of August, 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, Orla Petco, Inc., seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its B. K. Morrison Well No. 1 to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, to test the Pennsylvanian formation, West Four Mile Draw Field, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the S/2 of said Section 5 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.

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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 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 gas well location for the Pennsylvanian formation is hereby approved for the Orla Petco, Inc. B. K. Morrison Well No. 1 to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, West Four Mile Draw Field, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the S/2 of said Section 5 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

OE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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