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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6205  
Order No. R-5715

APPLICATION OF GIFFORD, MITCHELL &  
WISENBAKER FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 19, 1978,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 28th day of April, 1978, the Division  
Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject  
matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Gifford, Mitchell & Wisenbaker,  
originally requested approval of an unorthodox oil well location  
for its Quanah Parker Well No. 2-Y at a point 2770 feet from the  
South line and 2310 feet from the East line of Section 28, Township  
26 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, West Scarborough-Yates Pool, Lea  
County, New Mexico.

(3) That at the hearing of this case, the applicant requested  
that the proposed location of the well be amended to a point 2771  
feet from the South line and 2285 feet from the East line of said  
Section 28.

(4) That the proposed amended non-standard location is not  
significantly different from the advertised location and is indeed  
less unorthodox.

(5) That the application should be amended to provide for a  
well location as set out in Finding No. (3) above.

(6) That the SW/4 NE/4 of said Section 28 is to be dedicated  
to the well.

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(7) That the proposed non-standard location is necessary due to unstable geologic conditions found at a shallow depth at a standard location in the SW/4 NE/4 of said Section 28.

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

(9) 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 an unorthodox oil well location is hereby approved for the Gifford, Mitchell, & Wisenbaker Quannah Parker Well No. 2-Y to be located at a point 2771 feet from the South line and 2285 feet from the East line of Section 28, Township 26 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, West Scarborough-Yates Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the SW/4 NE/4 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 Division may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

  
JOE D. RAMEY  
Director

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