

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. 8890
Order No. R-8236

APPLICATION OF NORTHWEST PIPELINE
CORPORATION FOR HARDSHIP GAS WELL
CLASSIFICATION, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on May 28, 1986, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 4th day of June, 1986, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) The applicant, Northwest Pipeline Corporation, seeks a determination that its San Juan 29-5 Unit Well No. 91, located 1140 feet from the North line and 1840 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 35, Township 29 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Basin-Dakota Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, is a hardship gas well which should be granted priority access to pipeline takes in order to avoid waste.

(3) The evidence presented by the applicant was insufficient or inconclusive to show that formation damage, waste, or other harm has or would occur if the well were not granted a hardship classification.

(4) The applicant failed to demonstrate that a reasonable attempt was made to eliminate or prevent any of the problems encountered in said well which ultimately led to the filing of this application.

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(5) The applicant's request to grant the San Juan 29-5 Unit Well No. 91 a hardship gas well classification should therefore be denied.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The application of Northwest Pipeline Corporation for a hardship classification for its San Juan 29-5 Unit Well No. 91 located 1140 feet from the North line and 1840 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 35, Township 29 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Basin-Dakota Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, is hereby denied.

(2) 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


R. L. STAMETS,
Director

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