

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. 8927  
Order No. R-8249

APPLICATION OF BHP PETROLEUM COMPANY  
INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on June 25, 1986, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 8th day of July, 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, BHP Petroleum Company Inc., seeks approval of an unorthodox location for an oil well to be drilled 1000 feet from the North line and 1100 feet from the East line of Section 10, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) The N/2 NE/4 of said Section 10 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) A well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the oil underlying the proration unit.

(5) No offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

(6) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable

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share of the oil in the affected 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 THAT:

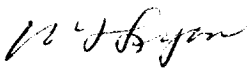
(1) The application of BHP Petroleum Company Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location in the Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool is hereby approved for a well to be drilled 1000 feet from the North line and 1100 feet from the East line of Section 10, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) The N/2 NE/4 of said Section 10 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

(3) 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.

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R. L. STAMETS,  
*acting* Director

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