

CASE 4/61: Application of SHELL
FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, LEA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case Number

4761

Application

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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CONFERENCE HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
July 12, 1972

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Shell Oil
Company for an unorthodox
location, Lea County, New
Mexico.

CASE NO. 4761

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets
Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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1 MR. STAMETS: Case 4761.

2 MR. HATCH: Case 4761: Application of Shell
3 Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New
4 Mexico.

5 The Applicant has requested that Case 4761 be
6 dismissed.

7 MR. STAMETS: Case 4761 will be dismissed.
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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
2) ss
3 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

4 I, RICHARD E. MCCORMICK, a Certified Shorthand Reporter,
5 in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico,
6 do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript
7 of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
8 was reported by me; and that the same is a true and correct
9 record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge,
10 skill and ability.

11 *Richard E. McCormick*
12 CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
a correct record of the proceedings in
the hearing of case no. 4761
given by me on July 17, 19 76
Richard E. McCormick
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission



OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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July 19, 1972

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Re: Case No. 4761

Order No. R-4347

Applicant:

SHELL OIL COMPANY

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

a L. Porten

A. L. PORTER, Jr.
Secretary-Director

ALP/ir

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC X

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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. 4761
Order No. R-4347

APPLICATION OF SHELL OIL
COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX
LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 12, 1972,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 19th day of July, 1972, the Commission,
a quorum being present, having considered the record and the
recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the
premises,

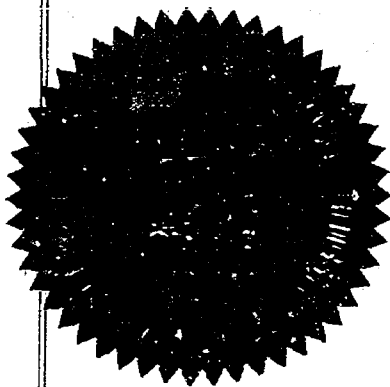
FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be
granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 4761 is hereby dismissed.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-
above designated.



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bruce King
BRUCE KING, Chairman

Alex J. Armijo
ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

A. L. Porter, Jr.
A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

CASE 4759: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for a special gas-oil ratio limitation, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Rule 506 of the Commission Rules and Regulations, a limiting gas-oil ratio limitation of 6,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil in the Justis Tubb-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 4732: (Continued from the June 7, 1972 Examiner Hearing)
Application of Continental Oil Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle production from the Skaggs-Glorieta, East Weir-Blinbry, and Skaggs-Drinkard Pools in the wellbore of its Skaggs "B" Well No. 5 located 990 feet from the North line and 1700 feet from the West line of Section 12, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 4760: Application of Anadarko Production Company for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Penrose-Skelly Pool by the injection of water through its R. E. Cole Well No. 3 located in the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 16 and its E. W. Walden Well No. 6 located in the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

Applicant further seeks establishment of a procedure whereby the conversion of additional wells to injection may be approved administratively.

CASE 4761: Application of Shell Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill a well at an unorthodox location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 33, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, Antelope Ridge-Devonian Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 4762: Application of Shell Oil Company for an unorthodox location and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to deepen its Antelope Ridge Well No. 4 to the Antelope Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line of Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, which location is approximately 800 feet from its Antelope Ridge Well No. 2 located 660 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line, same pool, township and range. Applicant proposes to simultaneously dedicate the N/2 of said Section 4 to the two wells.

CASE 4763: Application of Black River Corporation for compulsory pooling and non-standard proration unit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying the E/2 of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 24 East, adjacent to the Washington Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, comprising, approximately, a 409.22-acre non-standard proration unit. Said acreage to be dedicated to its Cities "3" Federal Well No. 2 located 2212 feet from the North line and 1998 feet from the East line of said Section 3.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

JUN 21 1972

OIL CONSERVATION COMM.
Santa Fe

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF SHELL OIL COMPANY FOR AN
UNORTHODOX LOCATION IN THE ANTELOPE
RIDGE-DEVONIAN GAS POOL, SECTION 33,
TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 4761

A P P L I C A T I O N

Comes now the Shell Oil Company and makes this application
for an unorthodox well location and in support thereof states:

1. Shell Oil Company is the operator of the Antelope Ridge
Unit comprising Sections 27, 28, 33, 34, Township 23 South, Range
34 East, and Sections 3 and 4, Township 24 South, Range 34 East,
all in Lea County, New Mexico.

2. Shell Oil Company proposes to drill a well to be
designated Antelope Ridge No. 5 to a total depth of approximately
15,000 feet as a Devonian test well in Section 33, Township 23
South, Range 34 East.

3. By Order No. R-2623-A of this Commission, special
field rules were promulgated for the Antelope Ridge-Devonian
Gas Pool, creating 640 acre spacing and requiring that drilling
of any Devonian well required a location on the interior four
quarter-quarter sections of a governmental section.

4. Shell Oil Company proposes to drill its well 1980 feet
from the south line and 660 feet from the east line of said
Section 33, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M.

5. The proposed unorthodox location will prevent the
augmentation of risk and the drilling of unnecessary wells.

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Date 6-28-72

6. The granting of the application will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

Respectfully submitted,

MONTGOMERY, FEDERICI, ANDREWS,
HANNAHS & MORRIS

By 

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a quorum being present, having considered the record and the recom-
mendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be
granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 4761 is hereby dismissed.

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

**CASE 4762: Application of SHELL
FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION &
SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION, LEA CO.**