

CASE 6729: ADAMS EXPLORATION COMPANY 7 FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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For the Applicant:

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MR, NUTTER: Case Number 6729 will be

dismissed.

(Hearing concluded.)

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January 10, 1980

Mr. Thomas Kellahin Kellahin & Kellahin Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico

6729 CASE NO. Re: ORDER NO. R-6228

Applicant:

Adams Exploration Company

Dear Sir:

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

Pours very truly, M 7 Ľ JOE D. RAMEY Director

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Copy of order also sent to:

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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. 6729 Order No. R-6228

APPLICATION OF ADAMS EXPLORATION COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

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This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 12, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>9th</u> day of January, 1980, 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 upon request of the applicant, this case should be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Case No. 6729 is hereby dismissed.

(2) 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 the stated.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION JOE D. RAMEY Director



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Examiner Hearing - Wednesday - December 12, 1979

- CASE 6760: Application of Sun Oil Company for an unorthodox location, non-standard gas proration unit, infill findings, and simultaneous dedication, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its State "AY" Well. No. 5, located in Unit E of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 35 East, Todd-Upper San Andres Gas Pool, to be simultaneously dedicated with its State "AY" Well No. 3 in Unit F of Section 36 to a 160-acre non-standard gas pro-ration unit comprising the NW/4 of Section 36. Also sought are findings that the proposed well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing unit well.
- CASE 6761: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for an unorthodox gas well location and approval of infill drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of an Atoka-Morrow test well to be drilled 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 28 East; applicant further seeks a finding that the drilling of said well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the provation unit, being the W/2 of said Section 2, which cannot be so drained by the existing well.
- CASE 6762: Application of Joe Don Cook for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Order No. R-3221 to permit disposal of produced brine into an unlined surface pit located in Section 1, Township 19 South, Range 31 East, Shugart Pool.
- CASE 6763: Application of Adams Exploration Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the North Osudo-Morrow Gas Pool underlying Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South and West lines of said Section 16. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and empleting said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and emerges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator on the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6729: (Continued from November 14, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Adams Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 36 East, North Osudo-Morrow Gas Pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 6725: (Continued from November 28, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Tenneco Oil Company for three non-standard gas protation units, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 291.23-acre non-standard gas protation unit comprising the W/2 of Section 6 and the NW/4 of Section 7, a 347.58-acre unit comprising the W/2 of Section 19 and the NW/4 of Section 30, and a 375.17-acre unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 30 and the W/2 of Section 31, all in Township 29 North, Range 8 West, Basin-Dakota Pool, each unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.

CASE 6751: (Continued from November 28, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Tenneco Oil Company for the rescission of special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the rescission of the special pool rules for the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool to provide for 320-acre spacing rather than 640 acres. In the absence of obj.ction, the pool rules will be rescinded and the pool placed on standard 320-acre spacing for Pennsylvanian gas pools rather than the present 640-acre spacing.

CASE 6764: Application of Lee Crane for surface commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the surface commingling of undesignated Ojo Alamo and Oswell-Farmington production from his Martin Wells Nos. 1 and 3 located in Section 34, Township 30 North, Range 11 West.

CASE 6765: Application of Nesa Petroleum Company for an exception to Order No. R-111-A and an unorthodox well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the casing-cementing rules of Order No. R-111-A to complete its Bass Federal Well No. 2 to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1450 feet from the North line and 1850 feet from the West line and its Bass Federal Well No. 3 to be drilled in Unit D, both in Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 31 East, by setting surface casing in the "Red Bed" section of the basal Rustler formation and production casing at total depth. Both casing strings would have cement circulated to the surface.

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Docket No. 42-79

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- CASE 6730: Application of Petroleum Development Corporation to limit 640-acre spacing, Eddy and Les Counties, New Nexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order limiting the applicability of the 640-acre spacing and well location rules for the Lusk-Morrow Gas Pool to the present boundaries of said pool so that wells drilled nearby but outside the pool would be governed by Rule 104 of the Division's Rules.
- <u>CASE 6731</u>: Application of Petroleum Development Corporation for a non-standard gas proration unit and an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be drilled 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 31 East, lusk-Morrow Gas Pool, the N/2 of maid Section 13 to be dedicated to the well as a non-standard 320-acre proration unit.

CASE 6709: (Continued from October 31, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of HNG Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the N/2 of Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

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October 26, 1979

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Mr. Joe Ramey Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

> Adams Exploration Compulsory Pooling Re:

Dear Joe:

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Please set the enclosed Application for hearing on November 14, 1979.

Very truly yours,

W. Thomas Kellahin

WTK:eps Enclosure

cc: Mr. James C. Brown

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Amoco Production Company NE/4 of Section P. O. Box 3092 Houston, Texas 77001 Attention: Mike Burkhart

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