

*Entered September 13, 1965
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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. 3288
Order No. R-2963

APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY
FOR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING, SAN JUAN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on August 11, 1965, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 13th day of September, 1965, the Commission, a quorum being present, 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 Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Tenneco Oil Company, seeks authority to plug back and directionally drill 20 wells in Townships 29 and 30 North, Ranges 8 and 9 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, and to recomplete said wells in the Mesaverde formation or the Mesaverde and Dakota formations.
- (3) That the applicant proposes to conduct deviation tests to assure that each well is bottomed no nearer than 200 feet to the outer boundary of the proration unit.
- (4) That due to the method originally utilized to complete the subject wells in the Mesaverde formation, conventional recompletion methods are impracticable.
- (5) That the proposed method of recompletion will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, result in more efficient completions, and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Tenneco Oil Company, is hereby authorized to directionally drill to the Mesaverde formation or to the Mesaverde and Dakota formations the following-described wells:

SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM

Florance No. 22, Unit H, Section 12

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, NMPM

Florance No. 39, Unit B, Section 35

Florance No. 45, Unit G, Section 22

Florance No. 29, Unit K, Section 25

Florance No. 37, Unit H, Section 6

Florance No. 40, Unit G, Section 21

Moore No. 1, Unit N, Section 8

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM

Florance No. 2, Unit A, Section 20

Florance No. 3, Unit M, Section 22

Florance No. 4, Unit L, Section 10

Florance No. 6, Unit M, Section 23

Florance No. 13, Unit B, Section 18

Florance No. 20, Unit B, Section 24

Prichard No. 1, Unit M, Section 1

Riddle No. 1, Unit B, Section 21

Riddle No. 2, Unit N, Section 17

State No. 1, Unit M, Section 32

State No. 2, Unit M, Section 16

Florance No. 8, Unit N, Section 14

Florance No. 16-X, Unit A, Section 6

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That the applicant shall conduct a deviation test on each well and shall conduct a directional survey on any well that could be bottomed nearer than 200 feet to the outer boundary of the proration unit.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman



GUYTON B. HAYS, Member



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

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