Entered July 2, 1970

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. 4372 Order No. R-3986

APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL HYDROCARBONS INCORPORATED FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 1, 1970, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this ^{2nd} day of July, 1970, 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, International Hydrocarbons Incorporated, seeks an exception to Rule 4 of the Special Rules and Regulations governing the Red Hills-Wolfcamp Gas Pool as promulgated by Order No. R-3073 to drill a well at an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 8, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the evidence indicates that a well drilled at the proposed non-standard location should encounter the productive formation higher than a well drilled at a standard location and should, therefore, result in greater ultimate recovery of gas, thereby preventing waste.

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(4) That the evidence indicates that the entire subject section is productive of gas in the Red Hills-Wolfcamp Gas Pool.

(5) That the entire subject section can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the subject well.

(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the Red Hills-Wolfcamp Gas 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 otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, International Hydrocarbons Incorporated, is hereby granted an exception to the well location requirements of the Red Hills-Wolfcamp Gas Pool as promulgated by Order No. R-3073 and is hereby authorized to drill a well at an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 8, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member Tenter,

SEAL

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

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