

Entered June 17, 1975



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. 5491  
Order No. R-4009-A

APPLICATION OF MURPHY H. BAXTER FOR  
AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION AND  
AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, LEA  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 10, 1975, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 17th day of June, 1975, 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, Murphy H. Baxter, is the operator of the North EK Queen Unit Waterflood Project, EK Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, which was approved by Commission Order No. R-4009, dated August 12, 1970.
- (3) That to provide for a more efficient production pattern in said unit, applicant seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location for a well to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 1460 feet from the East line of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, in said Unit.
- (4) That the applicant further seeks the establishment of an administrative procedure whereby additional injection and producing wells may be drilled in said Unit at orthodox and unorthodox locations.
- (5) That in order to permit the applicant the flexibility needed to complete an efficient injection and producing pattern in said project, thereby increasing ultimate recovery and preventing waste, the subject application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Murphy H. Baxter, is hereby authorized to drill a producing well at an unorthodox oil well location 1980 feet from the North line and 1460 feet from the East line of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, EK Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) The Secretary-Director of the Commission is hereby authorized to approve additional producing wells and injection wells at orthodox and unorthodox locations within the boundaries of the North EK Unit Area as may be necessary to complete an efficient production and injection pattern, provided said wells are drilled no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of said unit nor closer than 10 feet to any quarter-quarter section of subdivision inner boundary. To obtain such approval, the project operator shall file proper application with the Commission, which application, if it seeks authorization to convert additional wells to injection or to drill additional production or injection wells shall include the following:

- (a) A plat showing the location of proposed well, all wells within the project area, and offset operators, locating wells which offset the project area.
- (b) A schematic drawing of any proposed injection well which fully describes the casing, tubing, packer, leak detection equipment, perforated interval, and depth.
- (c) A letter stating that all offset operators to the proposed well have been furnished a complete copy of the application and the date of notification.

The Secretary-Director may approve the proposed well if, within 20 days after receiving the application, no objection to the proposal is received. The Secretary-Director may grant immediate approval, provided waivers of objection are received from all offset operators.

(3) 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.

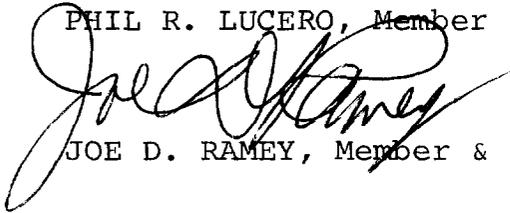
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JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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