

Entered February 17, 1973
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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. 4897
Order No. R-4476

APPLICATION OF COASTAL STATES GAS
PRODUCING 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 January 31, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 14th day of February, 1973, 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, Coastal States Gas Producing Company, is the owner and operator of the Gonzales Federal 31 Well No. 3 located 660 feet from the South line and 760 feet from the East line of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Flying "M"-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant proposes to plug back and complete, in the Flying "M"-San Andres Pool, the former Belco Petroleum Corporation U. S. Coastal Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 31 and to dedicate the E/2 of the SE/4 of the section to both wells.
- (4) That the above-described wells are closer than 330 feet to each other.
- (5) That the E/2 SE/4 of said Section 31 can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by said wells.
- (6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil in the pool, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Coastal States Gas Producing Company, is hereby authorized to complete the former Belco Petroleum Corporation U. S. Coastal Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location in the Flying "M"-San Andres Pool, 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 31, Township 9 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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


BRUCE KING, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member


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

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