

*Entered March 21, 1973*  
*R.S.P.*

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. 4915  
Order No. R-4494

APPLICATION OF BELCO PETROLEUM  
CORPORATION FOR A DUAL COMPLETION,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on March 14, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 21st day of March, 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, Belco Petroleum Corporation, seeks authority to complete its James Ranch Unit Well No. 3, located in Unit J of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, as a dual completion (conventional) to produce gas from the Strawn and Atoka formations, Los Medanos Field Area, through the casing-tubing annulus and through tubing, respectively.

(3) That the mechanics of the proposed dual completion are feasible and in accord with good conservation practices.

(4) That approval of the subject application will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

(5) That Commission Order No. R-4479 which authorized the dual completion of said well in the Strawn and Morrow formations should be superseded.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Belco Petroleum Corporation, is hereby authorized to complete its James Ranch Unit Well No. 3, located in Unit J of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, as a dual completion (conventional) to produce gas from the Strawn and Atoka formations, Los Medanos Field Area, through the casing-tubing annulus and through tubing, respectively.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the applicant shall complete, operate, and produce said well in accordance with the provisions of Rule 112-A of the Commission Rules and Regulations insofar as said rule is not inconsistent with this order;

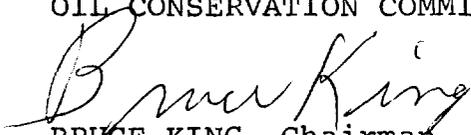
PROVIDED FURTHER, that the applicant shall take packer-leakage tests upon completion and annually thereafter during the Annual Shut-In Pressure Test Period for the Strawn and Atoka Pools.

(2) That Commission Order No. R-4479 is hereby superseded.

(3) 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

  
BRUCE KING, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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