

*Entered (April 19, 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. 4930  
Order No. R-4508

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM  
CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX  
GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 28, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 19th day of April, 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, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for a proposed well to be located 1650 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, West Atoka-Morrow gas pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That a well drilled at the proposed non-standard location should encounter additional pay in the Morrow which would not be encountered in a well drilled at a standard location and should, therefore, result in greater ultimate recovery of gas, thereby preventing waste.
- (4) That the N/2 of said Section 18 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (5) That a well drilled at the proposed unorthodox location can efficiently and economically drain the N/2 of said Section 18.
- (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 subject West Atoka-Morrow gas pool,

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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 will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

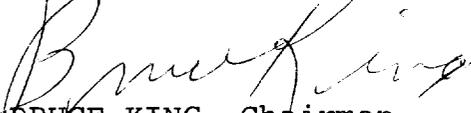
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That an unorthodox gas well location is hereby approved for Yates Petroleum Corporation's proposed well in the West Atoka-Morrow gas pool at a point 1650 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

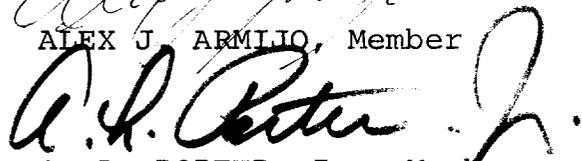
(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
BRUCE KING, Chairman

  
ALEX J. ARMLIGO, Member

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

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