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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. 4942
Order No. R-4534

APPLICATION OF TEXAS WEST OIL &
GAS CORPORATION 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 April 11, 1973,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 17th day of May, 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, Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation,
seeks approval of its State "2" Com Well No. 1 at a point 2310
feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of
Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, as an
apparent extension to the Antelope Ridge-Atoka Gas Pool, Lea
County, New Mexico.

(3) That said well was originally planned to penetrate
the Devonian and Morrow formations as a dual completion, and
the W/2 of said Section 2 was to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That unusually high pressure was encountered in the
Atoka formation at a depth of 12,300 feet and the well was
completed in that zone.

(5) That the N/2 of said Section 2 is proposed to be
dedicated to the well, thereby rendering the well location
unorthodox.

(6) That no objection to this unorthodox location was
raised by offset operators.

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(7) 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 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 will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Atoka formation is hereby approved for the State "2" Com Well No. 1, to be located at a point 2310 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Antelope Ridge-Atoka Gas Pool extension, Lea County, New Mexico.


(2) That the N/2 of said Section 2 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.


(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


I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMITO, Member


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

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