

*Entered March 11, 1975  
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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. 5431  
Order No. R-4978

APPLICATION OF DAVID C. COLLIER  
FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL 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 5, 1975, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 11th day of March, 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, David C. Collier, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location for his Kersey Well No. 1-Y drilled 1980 feet from the South line and 2330 feet from the West line of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Artesia Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the NE/4 SW/4 of said Section 33 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That the well was drilled at said unorthodox location in error resulting from the skidding of the drilling rig away from applicant's Kersey Well No. 1, a junked and abandoned hole located 1980 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the West line of said Section 33.

(5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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(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 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 oil well location is hereby approved for the David C. Collier Kersey Well No. 1-Y drilled at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 2330 feet from the West line of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Artesia Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) That the NE/4 SW/4 of said Section 33 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

  
PHIL R. LUCERO, Member

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

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