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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. 5667
Order No. R-5210

APPLICATION OF BELCO PETROLEUM
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 14, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 27th day of April, 1976, 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.

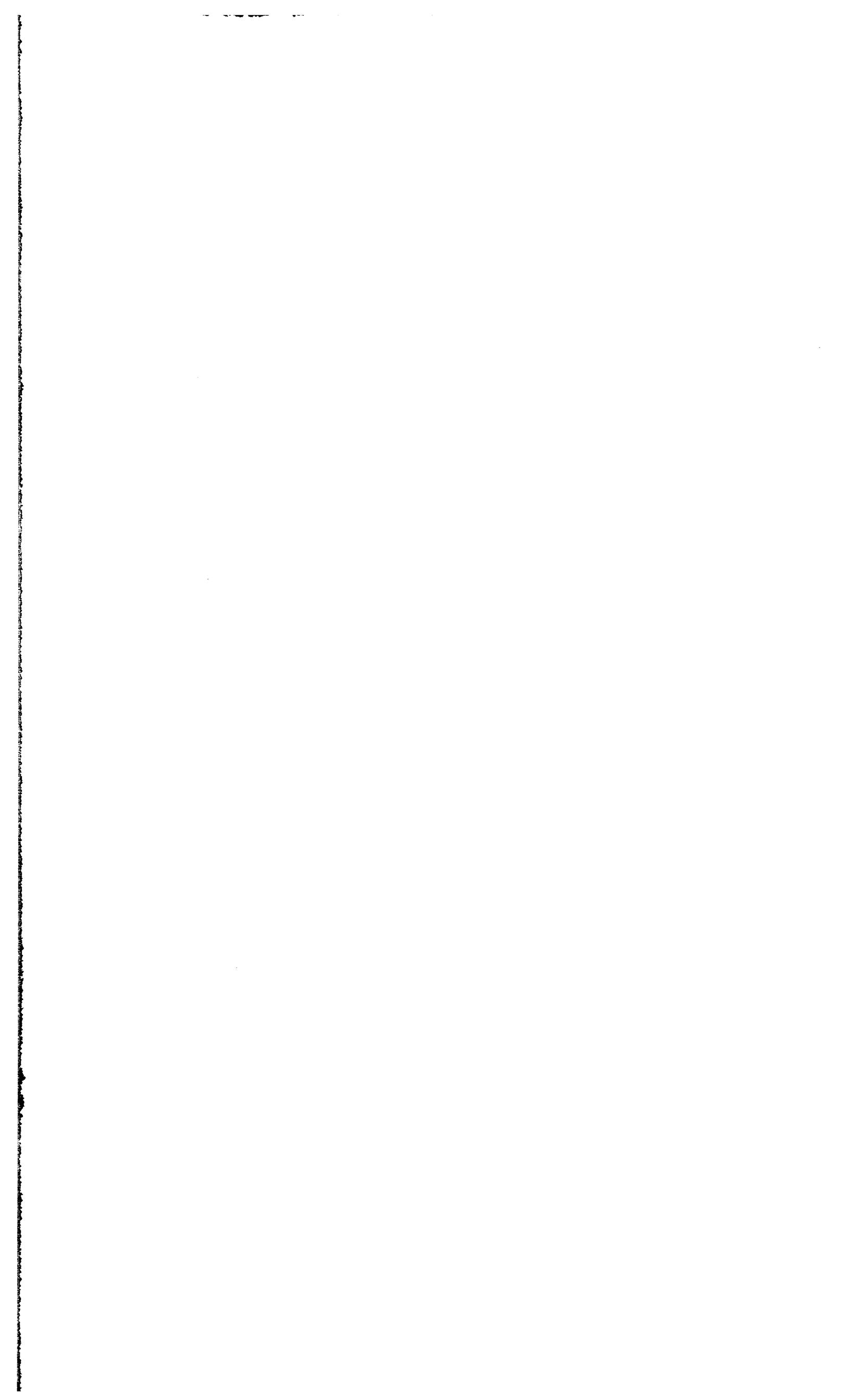
(2) That the applicant, Belco Petroleum Corporation, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 1480 feet from the West line of Section 19, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, to test the Morrow formation, Osudo-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the N/2 of said Section 19 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That said unorthodox location is necessary to avoid drilling into applicant's Wilson-State Well No. 1, a junked and abandoned well previously drilled at a standard location.

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

(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 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.



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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Morrow formation is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 660 feet from the North line and 1480 feet from the West line of Section 19, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Osudo-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the N/2 of said Section 19 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.

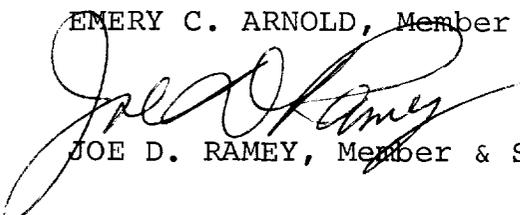
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member



JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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