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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. 5748 Order No. R-5284

APPLICATION OF TERRAPET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

# ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 1, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 16th day of September, 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, Terrapet Management Corporation, as agent for R. L. Strong Corporation, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 31, Township 14 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, to test the Pennsylvanian formation, Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico.

(3) That the S/2 of said Section 31 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.

(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

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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 Pennsylvanian formation is hereby approved for the R. L. Strong Corporation Buffalo State 31 Well No. 1, to be located at a point 990 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 31, Township 14 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico.

(2) That the S/2 of said Section 31 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

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PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member Member A JOE D. RAMAY, Secretary

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