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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. 5881
Order No. R-5399

APPLICATION OF WESTERN OIL PRODUCERS,
INC. 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 March 9, 1977,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 15th day of March, 1977, 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, Western Oil Producers, Inc., seeks
approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Amoco State
Well No. 1, completed in the Atoka formation 660 feet from the
South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 28, Township
16 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the W/2 of said Section 28 is to be dedicated to
the well.
- (4) That said well was originally projected as an oil well
in the Kemnitz area but was dry in the Kemnitz and the Seaman
zones and was subsequently drilled to and completed in the Atoka
zone of the Pennsylvanian as a gas well.
- (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 is hereby approved for the Western Oil Producers, Inc. Amoco State Well No. 1, completed in the Atoka formation at a point 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 28, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

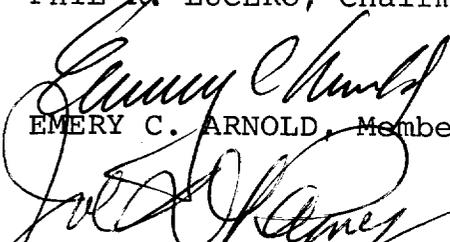
(2) That the W/2 of said Section 28 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

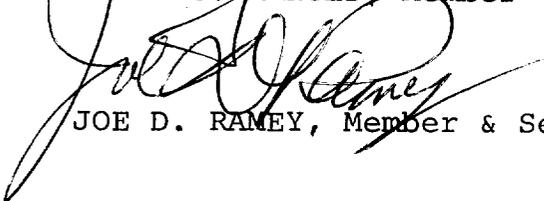
(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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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