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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. 5990  
Order No. R-5503

APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL  
COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION,  
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 20, 1977,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 9th day of August, 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, Continental Oil Company, seeks  
approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its AXI  
Apache "D" Well No. 5 to be drilled 2310 feet from the North  
line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 19, Town-  
ship 24 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Ballard-Pictured Cliffs  
Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

(3) That the NW/4 of said Section 19 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.

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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 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 is hereby approved for the Continental Oil Company AXI Apache "D" Well No. 5 to be drilled at a point 2310 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 19, Township 24 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

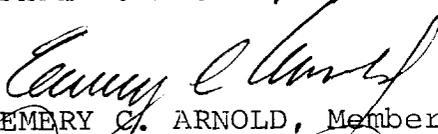
(2) That the NW/4 of said Section 19 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

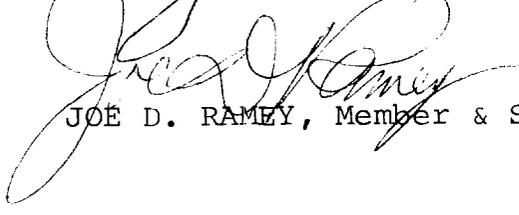
(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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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