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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7772
Order No. R-7224

APPLICATION OF TEXACO INC. FOR AN
UNORTHODOX LOCATION, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 2, 1983, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 28th day of February, 1983, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Texaco Inc., seeks approval of an unorthodox injection well location for its West Vacuum Unit Well No. 55 located 170 feet from the North line and 110 feet from the East line of Section 3, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to complete an efficient waterflood injection pattern in its West Vacuum Unit Area.

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

(5) 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

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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.

(6) That the injection of water into the subject well shall be subject to all provisions of previous orders of the Division relating to the West Vacuum Unit Waterflood Project, including Division Order Nos. R-3008, R-4234, and R-5093.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

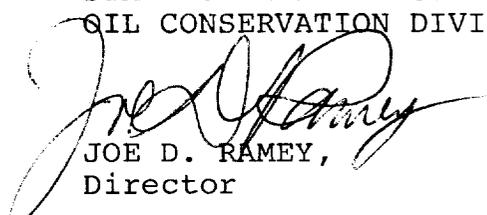
(1) That the application of Texaco Inc. for an unorthodox injection well location is hereby approved for the West Vacuum Unit Well No. 55 to be located at a point 170 feet from the North line and 110 feet from the East line of Section 3, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That operation of and injection into the subject well shall be subject to all of the provisions applicable to other injection wells in the West Vacuum Unit Area Waterflood Project, as promulgated by Division Order Nos. R-3008, R-4234, and R-5093.

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION


JOE D. RAMEY,
Director

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