

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
E. J. McCURDY (ALSO KNOWN AS E. J.  
McCURDY, JR.),, FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING  
THE DRILLING OF AN UNORTHODOX (FIFTH)  
LOCATION TO THE "RED SAND" AND 1,214 FEET  
SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE AND 1,426 FEET EAST  
OF THE WEST LINE (NE/4 NW/4) OF SECTION 20,  
T. 18 S., R. 32 E., NMPM., AND TO ADJUST THE  
ALLOWABLE FOR THE FIVE WELLS IN SAID NW/4  
OF SECTION 20 IN THE YOUNG POOL, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 205  
ORDER NO. R-10

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This matter came on for rehearing at 10 o'clock A. M. on February 8, 1950, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 17th day of February, 1950, the Commission having considered the transcript of testimony introduced at said rehearing and also having considered a stipulation filed herein by and between E. J. McCurdy and the Buffalo Oil Company, acting by and through their respective attorneys of record,

FINDS:

1. That due public notice was given and published as required by law and that the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause.
2. That E. J. McCurdy is the owner and holder of a certain oil and gas lease issued by the United States embracing the NW/4 Section 20, T. 18 S., R. 32 E., NMPM., Lea County, New Mexico, located in what is known as the Young Pool.
3. That E. J. McCurdy has heretofore caused producing wells to be drilled in approximately the center of each legal subdivision of the said NW/4 Section 20, which said wells are producing from the "Red Sand" formation.
4. That E. J. McCurdy is in the process of drilling a fifth well 1,214 feet South of the North boundary and 1,426 feet East of the West boundary of Sec. 20, T. 18 S., R. 32 E., NMPM, which said well is being drilled pursuant to the previous order entered in this cause on December 27, 1949.
5. That it was intended that said fifth well be located in approximately the center of the NW/4 of said Section 20, and was located at the location described above due to topographical conditions of the area, and also due to the presence of certain physical installations which could not be disturbed except at considerable expense.
6. That E. J. McCurdy and the Buffalo Oil Company, acting by and through their respective attorneys of record, have entered into a stipulation which has been filed in the above styled case agreeing to the allocation of production to said fifth well upon the following basis:

(over)

- a. That said well shall have a minimum allowable of 25 barrels per day from the time of its completion.
- b. Commencing with the next monthly proration schedule after the entering of this order said fifth well shall be allocated production in conjunction with the E. J. McCurdy No. 4 Well located upon the NW/4 NW/4 Sec. 20, T. 18 S., R. 32 E., NMPM, and that E. J. McCurdy and his successors in interest shall only be permitted to produce from said wells the allowable as fixed by the Commission for the forty acre proration unit described as the NW/4 NW/4 of said Section 20, and in no event shall the combined daily production of the two wells exceed the top allowable as fixed by the Commission for such forty acre proration unit; provided, however, that said fifth well shall be permitted to produce as much as 25 barrels per day, if capable of doing so.

7. That a non-segregation stipulation satisfactory to the Supervisor of the U. S. Geological Survey has heretofore been filed with the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the application of E. J. McCurdy for an order granting permission to drill a fifth well designated as the McCurdy-Young No. 5, 1,214 feet South of the North line and 1,426 feet East of the West line of Sec. 20, T. 18 S., R. 32 E., NMPM., in the Young Pool, Lea County, New Mexico be, and the same hereby is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, by the Commission that production from said fifth well shall be allocated upon the following basis:

- a. That said well shall have a minimum allowable of 25 barrels per day from the time of its completion.
- b. Commencing with the next monthly proration schedule after the entering of this order said fifth well shall be allocated production in conjunction with the E. J. McCurdy No. 4 Well located upon the NW/4 NW/4 Sec. 20, T. 18 S., R. 32 E., NMPM, and that E. J. McCurdy and his successors in interest shall only be permitted to produce from said wells the allowable as fixed by the Commission for the forty acre proration unit described as the NW/4 NW/4 of said Section 20, and in no event shall the combined daily production of the two wells exceed the top allowable as fixed by the Commission for such forty acre proration unit; provided, however, that said fifth well shall be permitted to produce as much as 25 barrels per day, if capable of doing so.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the order of the Commission heretofore entered in this matter upon December 27, 1949 be, and the same is hereby rescinded and shall be of no further force or effect, the same being superseded by this order.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

THOMAS J. MABRY, Chairman

GUY SHEPARD, Member

R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary