NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO 87501

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER . NGPA-37

EXEMPTION FROM THE NATURAL GAS PRICING ACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 62-7-5, NMSA 1978, AND DIVISION ORDER NO. R-5436

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- (1) That Section 5 of the Natural Gas Pricing Act (being Secs. 62-7-1 to 62-7-10, MMSA 1978) provides that the Natural Gas Pricing Act shall not apply to the production and sale of natural gas in intrastate commerce from a well the drilling of or first intrastate sale of which commenced on or after January 1, 1975, provided however, that the Act shail apply to such a well if it is drilled within an established protation unit which was producing or capable of producing macural gas prior to January 1, 1975, from the same reservoir unless the Oil Conservation Division exempts such well upon a finding that such new well was justified for reasons other than avoiding the application fo the Natural Gas Pricing Act.
- (2) That by Order No. R-5436, dated June 8, 1977, the Division established an administrative procedure whereby the Director of the Division is empowered to act for the Division and exempt gas wells from the provisions of Section 5 of the Matural Gas Pricing Act provided said wells were drilled on or after January 1, 1975, within established provation units which were producing or capable of producing natural gas from the same reservoir prior to January 1, 1975.
- (3) That to qualify for such exemption, under said Order No. R-5436, a gas well must be classified either as a replacement well or as an infill well.
- (4) That pursuant to Order No. R-5436, the Director of the Division may find that a replacement well is justified for memons other than avoiding the pricing provisions of the Natural Gas Pricing Act upon a showing by the operator that:
 - (a) The well was necessary to replace a well lost due to economically irreparable down-hole mechanical failure or formation damages or that · 100 100 特别的人名英格兰斯特特
 - (b) the well was necessary to replace a well producing at non-connectial rates; or that
 - (c) the drilling of the well commenced prior to January 18, 1977.
- (5) That pursuant to Order No. R-5436, the Director of the Division may find that an infill well is justified for reasons other than avoiding the pricing provisions of the Natural Gas Pricing Act upon a showing by the operator that:
 - (a) the well was drilled in a cool where the Division, after notice and hearing, has issued an order finding that infill drilling in such pool will increase the recoverable reserves under the various proration units in such pool, will result in more efficient use of reservoir energy, and will tend to ensure greater ultimate recovery of gas from the pool; on that the pool of the
 - the well is necessary to protect the protection unit from uncompensated drainage or to protect correlative rights; or that
 - (c) the drilling of the well commenced prior to January 18, 1977.
- (6) That the applicant herein Amoco Production Companyhus requested exemption from the provisions of the Matural Cas Pricing Act pursuant to Section 62-7-5, NMSA 1978, and Division Order No. 8-5436 for the above-named well.
- (7) That all the requirements of said Order No. R-5436 have been complied with, and that said well is justified for exemption from the provisions of the Natural Gas Pricing Act inasmuch as said well was not drilled for the purpose of avoiding the application of said act, but was in fact:
 - () A Replacement Well
 - () necessary to replace a well lost due to economically irreparable down-hole mechanical failure or formation damage.
 -) necessary to replace a well producing at non-commercial rates.
 - () a well the drilling of which commenced prior to January 18. 1977.
 - (x) An Infill Well
 - (X) drilled in a pool where the Division, after notice and hearing, has issued an order finding that infill drilling in such pool will increase the recoverable reserves under the various provation units in the pool, will result in more efficient use of reservoir energy, and will tend to ensure greater ultimate recovery of gas from the pool, said pool being the Basin Dakota Gas and the order being Division Order No. R- 1670 V
 - () necessary to protect the proration unit from unconcensated drainage or to protect correlative rights.
 - () a well the drilling of which commenced prior to January 18, 1977.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the above-named well is hereby exempted from Section 5 of the Natural Cas Pricing Act (Secs. 62-7-1 to 62-7-10, MMSA 1978). Retroactive to the date of first sale.
- (2) That jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained, and that this exemption is subject to rescussion upon failure to comply with the provisions of Rule 6(d) or Rule 7(c) of Division Order No. R-5416 or for other good cause shown.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 23 day of __

STAMETS, DIRECTOR

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

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THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION FINDS:
(1) That Section 5 of the Natural Gas Pricing Act (being Secs. 62-7-1 to 62-7-10, NMSA 1978) provides that the Natural Gas Pricing Act shall not apply to the production and sale of natural gas in intrastate commerce from a well the drilling of or first intrastate sale of which commenced on or after January 1, 1975, provided however, that the Act shall apply to such a well if it is drilled within an established proration unit which was producing or capable of producing natural gas prior to January 1, 1975, from the same reservoir unless the Oil Conservation Division exempts such well upon a finding that such new well was justified for reasons other than avoiding the application fo the Natural Gas Pricing Act.
(2) That by Order No. R-5436, dated June 8, 1977, the Division established an administrative procedure whereby the Director of the Division is empowered to act for the Division and exempt gas wells from the provisions of Section 5 of the Natural Gas Pricing Act provided said wells were drilled on or after January 1, 1975, within established proration units which were producing or capable of producing natural gas from the same reservoir prior to January 1, 1975.
(3) That to qualify for such exemption, under said Order No. R-5436, a gas well must be classified either as a replacement well or as an infill well.
(4) That pursuant to Order No. R-5436, the Director of the Division may find that a <u>replacement</u> well is justified for measons other than avoiding the pricing provisions of the Natural Gas Pricing Act upon a showing by the operator that:
(a) The well was necessary to replace a well lost due to economically irreparable down-hole mechanical failure or formation damage; or that
(b) the well was necessary to replace a well producing at non-commercial rates; or that
(c) the drilling of the well commenced prior to January 18, 1977.
(5) That pursuant to Order No. R-5436, the Director of the Division may find that an <u>infill</u> well is justified for reasons other than avoiding the pricing provisions of the Natural Gas Pricing Act upon a showing by the operator that:
(a) the well was drilled in a pool where the Division, after notice and hearing, has issued an order finding that infill drilling in such pool will increase the recoverable reserves under the various proration units in such pool, will result in more efficient use of reservoir energy, and will tend to ensure greater ultimate recovery of gas from the pool; or that
(b) the well is necessary to protect the proration unit from uncompensated drainage or to protect correlative rights; or that
(c) the drilling of the well commenced prior to January 18, 1977.
(6) That the applicant herein How Bod to has requested exemption from the provisions of the Retural Gas Pricing Act pursuant to Section 62-7-5, NMSA 1978, and Division Order No. R-5436 for the above-named well.
(7) That all the requirements of said Order No. R-5436 have been complied with, and that said well is justified for exemption from the provisions of the Natural Gas Pricing Act inasmuch as said well was not drilled for the purpose of avoiding the application of said act, but was in fact:
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drilled in a pool where the Division, after notice and hearing, has issued an order finding that infill drilling in such pool will increase the recoverable reserves under the various proration units in the pool, will result in more efficient use of reservoir energy, and will tend to ensure greater ultimate recovery of gas from the pool, said pool being the Busin Do Auria Ges Pool
and the order being Division Order No. R-1670-V () necessary to protect the proration unit from uncompensated drainage or to protect correlative rights.
() a well the drilling of which commenced prior to January 18, 1977.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:
(1) That the above-named well is hereby exempted from Section 5 of the Natural Gas Pricing Act (Secs. 62-7-1 to 62-7-10, NMSA 1978). He Troactive to the Oute of Livet Sale
(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained, and that this exemption is subject to rescission upon failure to comply with the provisions of Rule 6(d) or Rule 7(c) of Division Order No. R-5436 or for other good cause shown.
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this day of, 19

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY'S APPLICATION TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING WELL EXEMPTED FROM THE NEW MEXICO NATURAL)	Docket No.	
GAS PRICING ACT: WELL NAME: Roberts Gas Com "B" #1E) •) •	g	• • •
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APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION

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I. Introduction

In this application, Amoco Production Company ("Amoco") is requesting that the captioned well be exempted from the New Mexico Natural Gas Pricing Act ("the Act"), Sections 62-7-1 to 62-7-10, NMSA 1978. The application is made pursuant to Section 62-7-5 of that Act, and to the Oil Conservation Commission's Order No. R-5436.

II. Facts

- 1. Amoco is the operator of the captioned well.
- 2. The captioned well is an infill well, being the second well to be drilled on a proration unit comprising the _______ of Section ______ 14 _____, Township ______ 29N _____, Range _______ 13W , in ______ San ______ County, New Mexico. That proration unit and the location of the captioned well thereon is shown on the Form C-102 Plat attached hereto as Exhibit "A," submitted pursuant to Rule 5 of Order R-5436.
- 3. The first well to be drilled on the proration unit described in Paragraph 2 was the Roberts Gas "B" #1E well (the "First Well"); that well was producing or capable of producing natural gas prior to January 1, 1975.
- 4. The drilling of the captioned well was commenced on 2/18/81; that well is completed for production in the Basin Dakota Pool, as is indicated by the completion report attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

5. Pursuant to Rule 7(a) of Order R-5436, Amoco states that the drilling of the captioned well as an infill well in the Pool named in Paragraph 4 was permitted by Order No. R-1670-V of the Oil Conservation Commission (or of the Division). That infill order contains findings of the sort called for by Rule 7(a).

III. Certification

Pursuant to Rule 7(c) of Order R-5436 the undersigned, speaking on behalf of Amoco, certifies that the ability of the First Well to produce into the pipeline has not been and will not be restricted by Amoco in any manner for the purpose of avoiding the application of the Act to sales of natural gas from that well.

IV. Request

Amoco requests the Division to enter an order (i) finding that the captioned well was justified for reasons other than avoiding the application of the Act and (ii) exempting that well from the Act. Amoco further requests that the exemption have effect prospectively or retroactively, as is indicated immediately below:

- □ prospectively, from the date this application is received by the Division;
- A retroactively, from the date of first production of natural gas from the captioned well up to and including the day before the date this application is received by the Division.

V. Conclusion

By its submission of this application Amoco in no way surrenders its right to argue (i) that promulgation of the infill order cited above in Paragraph II.5 was sufficient, under Section 62-7-5 of the Act, to exempt the captioned well from the Act; or (ii) that the Division's determination that the captioned well qualifies as a New Onshore Production Well under Section 103 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (if, in fact, such a determination has been made) was sufficient,

under Section 62-7-5 of the Act, to exempt that well from the Act; or (iii) that Order R-5436 is unenforceable.

Respectfully submitted, AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY

Typed name A.P./Payne

Regional Gas Sales Manager Title

Date:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on the 29 th day february, 1984 a copy of the foregoing Application for Exemption was mailed to the following persons at the indicated addresses:

District Office Oil Conservation Division

Purchaser: Amoco Gas Company

P.O. Box 3092 Houston, TX 77253

Working Interest Owners:

Pioneer Production Corp.

P.O. Box 2542

Amarillo, TX 79189

Texaco, Inc. P.O. Box 2100

Denver, CO 80201

National Drilling Company, Inc.

4810 North Kenneth Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60630

Signature: ______ Stephen D. K

Typed name: <u>Stephen D. Ring</u>

Capacity: Attorney
(Acting for Amoco Production

Company)

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INSTRUCTIONS

This form is to be filed with the appropriate District Office of the Commission not later than 20 days over the completion of any newly-filled of despended well. It shall be accompanied by one copy of all electrical and reflectivity begann on the well and a numery of all special tests conducted, including drill stem tests. All depths reported shall be measured depths to the case of directionally drilled wells, the vertical depths shall also be reported. For multiple completions, tiens 36 through 14 shall be reported for each zone. The form is to be filed in quintiplicate except on state land, where six copies are required. For Bule 1195.

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