

Amerada

Case 314

EXHIBIT NO. 5

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE
OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 248
ORDER NO. R-52

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF AMERADA PETROLEUM CORPORATION
FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE SPACING
PATTERN HERETOFORE ESTABLISHED IN
THE KNOWLES POOL.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This case came on for hearing on 25 January, 1951, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the Commission having heard the evidence and the argument of counsel, and being duly advised finds:

1. It has jurisdiction of this case and of the parties interested therein, due notice of this hearing having been given.

2. Pursuant to Orders R-23 and R-40, heretofore entered an 80-acre spacing pattern has been established for the Knowles pool and proration units established therein. One of said proration units so established embraces the N/2 NW/4 Section 2, T.17S, R.38E, Lea County, New Mexico.

3. Amerada Petroleum Corporation has heretofore drilled and plugged on 16 October, 1950 a dry hole drilled to the Devonian formation and located in the center of the NW/4 NW/4 Section 2, T.17S, R.38E.

4. The structure of the Knowles pool is such that a well drilled in the center of the NE/4 NW/4 of said section would likely be productive of oil from the common reservoir.

5. In order to meet changed conditions, preclude inequities, and preserve correlative rights, applicants should

be granted an exception from Orders R-23 and R-40 so as to permit the drilling of a well in the NE/4 NW/4 of said section 2, and if said well is productive applicants should be granted a normal 40 acre unit allowable with deep pool adaptation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Amerada Petroleum Corporation is hereby granted permission to drill a well to the Devonian formation in the center of the NE/4 NW/4 section 2, T 17 S, R 38 E.

2. If said well be completed as a producing well, it shall have a normal 40-acre unit allowable with deep pool adaptation.

3. This order should be considered as an exception to Orders R-23 and R-40, but shall not otherwise affect said orders.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 29 day of January, 1951.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

s/ Edwin L. Mechem
EDWIN L. MECHEM, CHAIRMAN

s/ Guy Shepard
GUY SHEPARD, MEMBER

s/ R. R. Spurrier
R. R. SPURRIER, SECRETARY