

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



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March 17, 1993

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NASSAU RESOURCES, INC. c/o JEROME P. McHUGH & ASSOCIATES P. O. BOX 809 FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87499-0809

Attn:

Fran Perrin

Administrative Assistant

Re: Applications for unorthodox Pictured Cliffs gas well locations. Carracas Unit-PC "22-B" Well No. 14, "27-B" Well No. 8, "28-B" Well No. 7, and "35-B" Well No. 8 all in Township 32 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Perrin:

Reference is made to the four subject applications filed with the Division. In reviewing these applications one commonality is apparent that requires further explanation. Within the four Sections affected by these applications (Sections 22, 27, 28, and 35) there are two authorized Basin Fruitland Coal Gas wells, and in each instance the proposed Pictured Cliffs gas well, said interval being spaced on 160-acre units [see Division General Rule 104.B(2) and C(3)] is located within a quarter section that correspondences to the well location requirements for coal gas wells (see RULE 8 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, which require coal gas wells on a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be located in either the NE/4 or SW/4 of a section). However, when Nassau proposed to develop the coal gas reserves within their respective sections the Division was approached to grant unorthodox coal gas well locations in the opposite quarter sections (see Order No. R-8844 and Administrative Orders NSL-2690 and NSL-2691), because Nassau was unable "to locate and obtain U. S. Forest Service approval for a standard (coal gas) well location within the proposed (320-acre coal gas) spacing unit".

Now, however Nassau announces its plans to drill within those quarter sections that were originally off limits to coal gas wells. Please provide an explanation as to why these quarter sections are acceptable for drilling at this particular time, but were not available when the applicable coal gas wells were committed.

Sincerely;

Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Examiner/Engineer

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington

Philip R. Settles: U. S. Forest Service - Blanco, NM

Case File No. 9559

File: NSL-2690 File: NSL-2691

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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June 2, 1989

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO: 97504 (505) 827-5800

Mr. Thomas Kellahin Kellahin, Kellahin & Aubrey Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 2265 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Corene Clavidson

Re: CASE NO. 9559 ORDER NO. R-3844-A

Applicant:

Nassau Resources, Inc.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely,

FLORENE DAVIDSON OC Staff Specialist

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCD & Artesia OCD X
Aztec OCD X

Other____

May 25, 1989

Michael Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 (her 3559 M S.

RE: Application for Unorthodox Location
Nassau Resources, Inc., Carracas Unit 27 B #5
Case No. 9559
Order No. R-8844

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Pursuant to our phone conversation this date, the subject OCD Order No. R-8844 has the wrong footage for the CU 27 B #5 well. The well will be 800' from the west line instead of 1800'.

Attached are copies of the surveyor's plat and cover sheet for the APD, indicating the correct location as approved by the BLM.

Please let me know if anything more is required.

Sincerely,

Fran Perrin

Attachments

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Main Office Jerome P. McHugh & Associates Operating Affiliate: Nassau Resources, Inc. 650 South Cherry, Suite 1225 Denver, Colorado 80222 (303) 321-2111 Form 3150-3 (November 1983)

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Form approved. Budget Bureau No. 1004-0136

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> Jerome P McHugh Fermington, H.M.

MAY 16 1989

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION P. O. HOX 2088

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ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

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January 18, 1939

POST CFFICE BOX 2038 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE NEW MEXICO 37501 (505) 827-5800

Mr. Thomas Kellahin Re: Kellahin, Kellahin & Aubrey Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 2265 Santa Fe, New Mexico	CASE NO. 9559 ORDER NO. R-8844 Applicant:
	Nassau Resources, Inc.
Dear Sir:	
Enclosed herewith are two copies of Division order recently entered in	
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Attorneys at Law

El Patio - 117 North Guadalupe
Post Office Box 2265
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2265

Telephone 982-4285 Area Code 505

Karen Aubrey

Jason Kellahin
Of Counsel

W. Thomas Kellahin

January 5, 1989

Mr. Michael E. Stogner Oil Conservation Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 206 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Re: Nassau Resources Carracas Canyon Unit NMOCD Case 9559

Dear Mr. Stogner:

In accordance with your request at the hearing of the referenced case held on December 21, 1988, please find enclosed suggested findings for the Order.

Please call me if you desire additional proposed findings.

Very truly yours,

Thomas Kellahin

WTK/dm Encl.

cc: Kent Craig

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NASSAU RESOURCES, INC. FOR 19 UNORTHODOX COAL GAS WELL LOCATION, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE 9559 ORDER NO. R-

NASSAU RESOURCES INC. PROPOSED ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on December 21, 1988 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael L. Stogner.

NOW, on this _____ day of January, 1989, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) On October 17, 1988, the Division entered Order R-8768 which adopted Special Rules for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool including Rule 7 which provides in part that the first well drilled in a 320 acre spacing units shall be located in either the NE/4 or SW/4 of a governmental quarter section and that it be located no closer than 790 feet to the outer boundary of the spacing unit.
- (3) Prior to the adoption of the rules for this pool, the applicant, Nassau Resources, Inc., formed the Carracas Canyon Unit which consists of 97.7 percent Federal acreage and proposed the development of the unit for Fruitland coal gas production including the location of wells.
- (4) Some nineteen of those wells as set forth on Exhibit A are now at unorthodox well locations as a result of

the adoption of Order R-8768. The preliminary drilling in the unit area has provided sufficient information to reasonably conclude that a substantial portion of the unit can be developed for Basin Fruit Coal Gas production.

- (5) The Carracas Canyon Unit in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico lies almost entirely within the Carson National Forest with all surface use including location of these wells subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Forest Service The January of the Carson National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.
- (6) Included among the surface use restrictions for well locations and roads and pipelines to access these wells within the Carracas Canyon Unit were topographical restrictions concerning soil conservation, steepness of slope, limitation on grade for roads, forest preservation, wildlife habitat management, and archelogical fact fact preservation.
- (7) The applicant with due diligence has attempted in each section of the unit to locate two wells at locations which would conform to standard well locations under the current Rule 7 of Order R-8768. The U.S. Forest Service Management of future use of the Carracas Canyon area surfaces involves maximizing the use of existing roads and minimizing construction of new roads.
- (8) For each spacing unit for the proposed nineteen unorthodox coal gas well locations, the applicant has been unable to locate and obtain U.S. Forest Service approval for a standard well location within that proposed spacing unit.
- (9) For each of the nineteen unorthodox well locations, the U.S. Forest Service has determined that each location is either approved or approvable and that no alternative standard location can be approved. In some instances while a surface location may be possible at a standard well location, there is no acceptable location for the necessary roads and pipeline rights of way to access the well locations.
- (10) While the proposed nineteen wells are off pattern locations under the Special Rules for the Basin Coal Gas Pool, they will provide for an orderly development of the unit on 320 acre spacing patterns.

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- (13) No interest owner in the Unit nor any interested party adjoining the unit appeared and objected to this Application.
- (14) Approval of this Application will allow the applicant and the United States Forest Service to implement an orderly plan for exploration and development which is consistent with oil and gas conservation and will not adversely impact environmental concerns.
- (15) Approval of this Application will result in prevention of waste, the protection of correlative rights and will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED

- Carracas 2A-#11 All Sec. 2-T31N-R5W (Unit K) Off Pattern 2200' FWL 2000' FSL
- Carracas 14A-#4 N/2 Sec. 14-T32N-R5W (Unit D) Off Pattern 790' FNL 790' FWL
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December 22, 1988

Ernie Busch New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1000 Rio Brazos Rd. Aztec, N. M. 87410

Dear Ernie:

Pursuant to our recent phone conversation regarding New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Order #R-8768, following is a list of Diassau Resources: Basin Fruitland Coal wells in the Carracas Unit for which we had an approved Application to Drill prior to November 1, 1988, and which are now considered to be non-standard locations since they are either in the northwest or southeast quarters. It is our understanding that these wells are "grandfathered" and therefore, can still be drilled as permitted, if not already drilled.

Carracas U	Init :	13 A	#15	Drilled
Carracas U	Init :	16 B	#6	
Carracas U	init :	18 B	#15	(Non-standard location
				Approved by Oil Conservation
				Division on Oct. 26, 1988)
Carracas U	Init 2	20 B	# 3	Drilled
Carracas U	Init 2	24 A	# 4	Drilled
Carracas U	init :	34 A	# 5	Drilled

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Perrin

Cc: Michael Stogner

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Main Office Jerome P. McHugh & Associates Operating Affiliate: Nassau Resources, Inc. 650 South Cherry, Suite 1225 Denver, Colorado 80222 (303) 321-2111



David L. Wacker
Division Manager
Production Department
Hobbs Division
North American Production

Conoco Inc. P.O. Box 460 726 East Michigan Hobbs, NM 88240 (505) 397-5800

December 21, 1988



Mr. Michael Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Conoco Inc. received notice of force pooling on the following wells:

Howell C Com No. 301 Riddle A Com No. 260 Woodriver Com No. 300 Lindsey Com No. 250 Riddle E Com No. 250 Turner B Com A No. 200 Howell G Com No. 300 Sunray G No. 251 Atlantic D Com No. 201

As of December 21, 1988, the AFEs for the above nine wells have been approved and returned to Meridian Oil Company.

Yours very truly,

Miller Goice

David L. Wacker
Division Manager

CAM: dw

Unocal Oil & Gas Division Unocal Corporation 900 Werner Court, P.O. Box 2620 Casper, Wyoming 82602-2620 Telephone (307) 234-1563



December 8, 1988

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Room 206 Santa Fe, NM 87503

Attention: Mike Stogner

Re: Application for Unorthodox
Location

Nassau Resources, Inc. Carracas Unit 25 B #15 6450' FSL & 1500' FEL Sec. 25, T32N, R4W, NMPM Rio Arriba County, New

Mexico

Gentlemen:

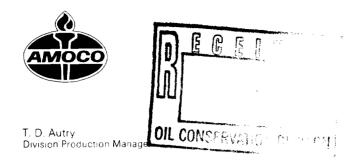
Union Oil Company of California has no objection to the unorthodox location of Carracas Unit 25 B #15 as described above.

Very truly yours,

Lon H. Pardue

District Operations Manager

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Amoco Production Company

Southern Division 1670 Broadway P.O. Box 800 Denver, Colorado 80201 303-830-4040

December 5, 1988

Oil Conservation Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Room 206 Santa Fe, NM 87503

Attn: Mike Stogner

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Application for Unorthodox Location Nassau Resources, Inc. Carracas Unit 25A #16 Section 25-T32N-R5W Rio Arriba County, N.M.

In reference to the Nassau Resources, Inc. application dated November 22,1 988 for an unorthodox location in the subject well, Amoco Production Company has no objection to the proposed location.

If you have any questions please contact Jeff Spitler in Denver at (303) 830-4179.

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