

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

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

CASE NO. 9285
Order No. R-8609

APPLICATION OF BETTIS BROTHERS, INC.
FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on February 3, 1988, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 8th day of March, 1988, 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) The applicant, Bettis Brothers, Inc., seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 860 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 8, Township 25 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, to test the Wolfcamp, Atoka and Morrow formations, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) The N/2 of said Section 8 is to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit.

(4) At the time of the hearing the applicant requested that Bettis, Boyle and Stovall be named as the operator of the subject well and unit.

(5) A well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.

(6) No offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

(7) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the affected zones, will prevent the economic 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

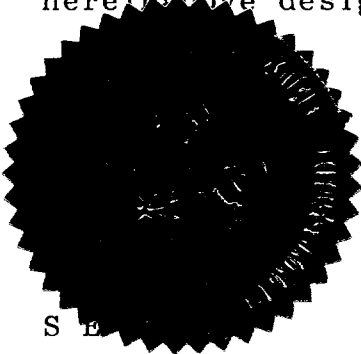
(1) The application of Bettis Brothers, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location for the Wolfcamp, Atoka and Morrow formations is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 660 feet from the North line and 860 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 8, Township 25 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) The N/2 of said Section 8 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.


(3) Bettis, Boyle and Stovall is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(4) 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.



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WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director