

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Happy Oil Company P.O. Drawer 770 Artesia, New Mexico 88210 Attention: Diana Klantz

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O. C. D. ARTESIA, OFFICE

Re: Administrative Order NFL-138

Dear Ms. Klantz:

Reference is made to your application for an Infill Well Finding and Well-Spacing Waiver made pursuant to Section 271.305(t) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulations, Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, and Oil Conservation Division Order No. R-6013 for the following described well:

> Toomey Allen Well No. 10, Located 330 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

THE DIVISION FINDS THAT:

(1) Section 271.305(b) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Interim Regulations promulgated pursuant to the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 provides that, in order for in infill well to qualify as a new onshore production well under Section 103 of said Act, the Division must find, prior to the commencement of drilling, that the well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the reservoir covered by the proration unit which cannot be so drained by any existing well within that unit, and must grant a waver of existing well-spacing requirements.

(2) By Division Order No. R-6013, dated June 7, 1979, the Division established an administrative procedure whereby the Division Director and the Division Examiners are empowered to act for the Division and find that an infill well is necessary.

(3) The well for which a finding is sought is to be completed in the Artesia Queen Grayburg San Andres Pool, and the standard spacing unit in said pool is 40 acres. (4) A standard 40-acre oil proration unit comprising the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of said Section 28 is currently dedicated to the Toomey Allen Well No. 9 also located in Unit P of said Section.

(5) Said unit is <u>not</u> being effectively and efficiently drained by the existing well(s) on the unit.

(6) The drilling and completion of the well for which a finding is sought should result in the production of an additional 57,252 MCF of gas from the proration unit which would not otherwise be recovered.

(7) All the requirements of Division Order No. R-6013 have been complied with, and the well for which a finding is sought is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the reservoir covered by said proration unit which cannot be so drained by any existing well within the unit.

(8) In order to permit effective and efficient drainage of said proration unit, the subject application should be approved as an exception to the standard well spacing requirements for the pool.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The applicant is hereby authorized to drill the Toomey Allen Well No. 10, as described above, as an infill well on the existing proration unit comprising the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 23, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Artesia Queen Grayburg San Andres Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. The authorization for infill drilling granted by this order is an exception to applicable well spacing requirements and is necessary to permit the drainage of a portion of the reservoir covered by said proration unit which cannot be effectively and efficiently drained by any existing well thereon.

(2) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely; Mahar Hognic

Michael E. Stogner Examiner

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