

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. 1389  
Order No. R-1135

APPLICATION OF SKELLY OIL COMPANY  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX OIL  
WELL LOCATION IN AN UNDESIGNATED  
DAKOTA OIL POOL IN RIO ARRIBA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on February 26, 1958, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Elvis A. Utz, Examiner duly appointed by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 13th. day of March, 1958, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced and the recommendations of the Examiner Elvis A. Utz, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Skelly Oil Company, is the owner and operator of the C. W. Roberts Well No. 3, which was drilled to and completed in the Dakota formation at a point 1190 feet from the South line and 1450 feet from the East line of Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (3) That under the terms of Rule 104 (b) of the Commission Rules and Regulations, the location of the said C. W. Roberts Well No. 3 is orthodox for a gas well completion but unorthodox for an oil well completion.
- (4) That the said C. W. Roberts Well No. 3 was drilled in an area where all other completions in the Dakota formation have been gas wells and that the said well was therefore projected as a gas well.
- (5) That upon completion the said C. W. Roberts Well No. 3 proved to be an oil well rather than a gas well.

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(6) That the applicant by its application in this case requests approval of the unorthodox oil well location for its said C. W. Roberts Well No. 3.

(7) That approval of the subject application will not cause waste nor impair the correlative rights of any other operator in the area.

(8) That unless the subject application is approved, the applicant will be denied the opportunity to recover its just and equitable share of the oil and gas in place in the Dakota formation underlying the SW/4 SE/4 of said Section 18.

(9) That the subject application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the unorthodox oil well location of the Skelly Oil Company C. W. Roberts Well No. 3 in an undesignated Dakota oil pool at a point 1190 feet from the South line and 1450 feet from the East line of Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, be and the same is hereby approved.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

MURRAY E. MORGAN, Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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