

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

CASE No. 3596
Order No. R-3259

APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY
FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, RIO ARRIBA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 6, 1967,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 8th day of June, 1967, the Commission, a
quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record,
and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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, Tenneco Oil Company, seeks approval
of an unorthodox gas well location in the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool
for its Jicarilla "B" Well No. 8 at a point 790 feet from the North
line and 2510 feet from the East line of Section 15, Township 26
North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the subject well was originally projected to the
Dakota formation and was drilled at a standard location for the
Basin-Dakota Gas Pool.
- (4) That a standard gas well location for the Blanco-Mesaverde
Gas Pool is not feasible due to the extremely rough terrain at said
standard location.

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(5) That approval of the subject application should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable gas as the applicant proposes to dually complete the subject well in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool and the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool.

(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, 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 otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That an unorthodox location is hereby approved for the Tenneco Oil Company Jicarilla "B" Well No. 8 in the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool at a point 790 feet from the North line and 2510 feet from the East line of Section 15, Township 26 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

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

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