Case Number 4681

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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
March 15, 1972

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Anadarko Production Company for a waterflood expansion and for directional drilling, Lea County, New Mexico

No. 4681

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING



MR. NUTTER: Case No. 4681.

MR. HATCH: Application of Anadarko Production Company for a waterflood expansion and for directional drilling, Lea County, New Mexico.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, Jason Kellahin, of Kellahin and Fox, appearing for the Applicant. We have one witness I would like to have sworn.

(Whereupon, the witness was sworn.)

(Whereupon, Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 were marked for identification.)

C. W. STUMHOFFER

A Witness, having been first duly sworn on oath, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Q Would you state your name, please?

A My name is C. W. Stumhoffer, S-t-u-m-h-o-f-f-e-r.

Q Mr. Stumhoffer, have you testified before the Oil Conservation Commission and made your qualifications a matter of record?

A Yes, I have.

MR. KELLAHIN: Are the witness's

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qualifications acceptable?

MR. NUTTER: Yes, they are.

Q What is proposed by the Applicant in Case No. 4681?

A Anadarko Production Company, in Case No. 4681, requests Commission approval for the expansion of waterflood development of the Langlie-Mattix Penrose Sand in Lea County, New Mexico, as an amendment of the Order No. R-4224.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Commission please,
Order No. R-4225 was entered in Case No. 4627
and the only difference, actually, in the two
cases is the bottom hole locations of the wells
involved. So in the interest of saving some
repetition of the testimony, I would like to ask
the Commission to take note of the record and
exhibits that were offered in Case No. 4627.

MR. NUTTER: We will take notice of that case file.

Q Now, referring to what has been marked as Applicant's Exhibit No. 1, would you identify that exhibit?

A Exhibit No. 1 is a tabulation of the proposed water injection wells that are proposed to be drilled at nonstandard locations, both surface and bottom hole, and a map is attached thereto to show a location of the wells geographically.

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1	Q Is the map attached to Exhibit No. 1 essentially
2	the same map that was offered in the previous case?
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4	A Yes, it is.
5	Q The surface locations are the same, is that
6	correct?
	A The surface locations are not the same.
7	Q They are not the same?
8	A No, sir.
9	Q Would you tell us what the differences are?
10	A In Order No. R-4225, we obtained approval from the
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12	Commission to drill wells number 1 - 2, 2 - 2, 8 - 5 and
13	40 - 1 at nonstandard locations. These locations were $1 - 2$,
14	1310 feet from the south line, 1310 feet from the west line
	of Section 14, Township 22 South, Range 37 East.
15	Q Are you moving that well now to 1220 from the
16	south and west lines?
17	A We are changing that location to 1220 feet from
18	the south line and 1220 feet from the west line of Section
19	14 and we propose to bottom this hole in 50×100 foot
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21	rectangular area commencing at a point on the northeast
22	corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter
	of Section 14, proceeding west 50 feet, south 100 feet,
23	east 50 feet and then north 100 feet to the point of beginning
24	MR. NUTTER: Mr. Stumhoffer, as you get
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to each of these, I think rather than describe that location, if it is the same as shown here on Exhibit 1, rather than give a lengthy description, just say it is the same. THE WITNESS: Fine. Well No. 2 - 2 was approved originally at a surface location of 990 feet from the north line and 1310 feet from the west line of Section 23, same township and range. In the future, I will leave township and range off because it is all the same.

The new surface location will be 980 feet from the north line and 1250 feet from the west line of Section 23 and it will be completed as shown on Exhibit 1.

I think you can say it's the same as to the surface locations.

A _ 8 - 5 was approved 10 feet from the north line and 10 feet from the west line, the new surface location is shown in Exhibit 1.

Well No. 40-1 was approved to be drilled at a location 1650 feet from the south line 1310 feet from the west line of Section 23. The new location is shown on Exhibit 1.

In addition to those four wells, we propose to now drill three additional injection wells at

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nonstandard locations. These are Well No. 6 - 2, to be located as shown on Exhibit 1; Well No. 583 and Well No. 7 - 4, as shown on Exhibit 1, also.

- Q On each of these, the bottom hole location will not coincide with the surface location, is that correct?
 - A That's correct.
- Q Do you propose to deviate the wells to reach the locations you are proposing here?
 - A That is correct.
- Q Would you run surveys on the wells, or how do you propose to determine where those wells are bottomed?

A Eastman Surveys will run surveys, we will conduct a survey at approximately -- the initial survey on each well at approximately 2200 feet, and if it's not going to where went to bottom it up, we will then deviate to correct for any we need to insure that we bottom up with the locations we have indicated on Exhibit 1.

Q What has been your experience on the deviation of the well bore without any conscious effort to deviate the well in this area?

A The last well we drilled on the Langlie-Mattix, we ran a deviation survey on it and we found that the tendencies for the wells without any controls will drift to the north and east and we have located our surface locations

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accordingly and hope that the natural drift will take care 2 of it. Q But you will determine that at each stage of the drilling at what did you say, 2200 feet? Yes. We do have one that we will have to intentionally deviate and that's Well No. 8-5. We cannot rig up on a surface location to the southwest of the proposed bottom hole location, and we will have to control drill 9 that well all the way. 10 Now, will all these wells be bottomed upon the 11 Langlie-Mattix Penrose Sand units? 12 Yes, sir. This is the purpose of the deviating 13 the holes, so we can check where the bottom hole location is, 14 to assure that we are on the unit area. 15 Are all of these going to be used for injection 16 wells? 17 Yes, correct. A 18 As part of your recovery program? Q 19 Yes, sir. Α 20 That, of course, has already been approved by 21 the Commission, your water injection program? 22 Yes, sir. 23 Is there any change in the source of your water 24

you are injecting into these wells?

No, it will be the same water supply we have been using all the time. About the same volume you will be injecting? Q A Yes. Referring now to what has been marked as Exhibit Q No. 2, would you identify that exhibit? Exhibit No. 2 is the log of a typical water 8 injection well completion on the unit. It's a log of -it's a Dresser-Atlas log of Well No. 25-3, located in 10 Section 28, 22 South, 37 East, and on this log we have 11 indicated the top and bottom of the zone that is being 12 water produced in the Penrose Sand. 13 14

Exhibit 3, will you identify that, please?

Exhibit No. 3 is a schematic diagram of a typical water injection completion on the Langlie-Mattix Unit.

> MR. NUTTER: This that you have identified as Exhibit 2 -- what was Exhibit 2?

THE WITNESS: Exhibit 2 was the log. This is a typical completion of a new water injection well, and the seven wells that we are requesting approval for of this same type. We propose to drill to a T D of approximately 3700 feet, run logs, run 4 1/2 inch casing to be cemented with approximately -- I think about two

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hundred fifty sacks, enough to bring cement up to around 2,000 feet. And then we will perforate the pay zone, the Penrose Sand, and set --run plastic coated tubing, set on a packer immediately above the top of the Penrose Sand perforation, and inject down the tubing.

The annulus between the casing and tubing will be open and we will have a valve on the outlet at the surface and a pressure gauge. It will normally be open so we can detect any leakage.

- Q (By Mr. Kellahin) Is this the same type of completion you have used in your other injection wells?
 - A Yes.
- Q Were Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 prepared by you or under your supervision?

A Yes, sir.

MR. KELLAHIN: At this time, I would like to offer into Evidence Exhibits 1, 2 and 3.

MR. NUTTER: Anadarko's Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 will be admitted.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 were offered and admitted in evidence.)

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CROSS EXAMINATION 2 BY MR. NUTTER: 3 Is that an ilus loaded with inhibited fluid? Q We have not been using an inhibited fluid. It's 5 normally the water we use on the Unit. Now, the case of directional drilling or crooked 7 hole drilling, Mr. Strumhoffer, it's normally the 8 Commission's policy to require multi-shot directional surveys be run, continuous multi-shot surveys, to shoot 10 points not more than 100 feet apart to determine the bottom 11 hole location. Is this satisfactory with Anadarko? 12 Yes, sir. Λ 13 This casing and cementing program that you show 14 here on Exhibit 3, would apply to the wells that were 15 approved by the previous Orders, as well as to these new 16 ones? 17 Yes, sir, it will be a standard procedure used on A 18 all seven wells, as shown on the typical diagram. 19 MR. NUTTER: Are there further questions 20 of Mr. Strumhoffer? You may be excused. 21 (Whereupon, the witness was excused.)

Mr. Kellahin?

MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further

MR. KELLAHIN: No, Mr. Examiner.

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MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything to offer in Case No. 4681? We will take the case under advisement, and the hearing is adjourned.

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My Commission Expires

I, BETTY J. LANPHERE, Notary Public in and for the County of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me; and that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

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Mr. Jason Kellahin Kellahin & Fox Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico	Order No. R-4284 Applicant: Anadarko Production Company
Dear Sir:	⊘
Enclosed herewith are two copie Commission order recently enter	
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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. 4681 Order No. R-4284

APPLICATION OF ANADARKO PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR A WATERFLOOD EXPANSION AND FOR DIREC-TIONAL DRILLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 15, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Mutter.

MOW, on this 21st day of March, 1972, 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 by Order No. R-4225, dated November 19, 1971, the applicant, Anadarko Production Company, was authorized to expand its Langlie-Mattix Penrose Sand Unit Waterflood Project by the injection of water through four additional wells at unorthodox locations in Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant now seeks authority to change the surface location of said four wells, to drill additional injection wells at unorthodox surface locations, and to directionally drill each of the seven wells.
- (4) That the surface locations of the seven proposed wells, all in Township 22 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County,

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New Mexico, would be:

Well No. 1-2, 1220 feet from the South line and 1220 feet from the West line of Section 14;

Well No. 8-5, 290 feet from the North line and 290 feet from the West line of Section 21;

Well No. 7-4, 55 feet from the North line and 2630 feet from the East line of Section 21;

Well No. 6-2, 55 feet from the North line and 90 feet from the East line of Section 21;

Well No. 5A-3, 55 feet from the North line and 2550 feet from the West line of Section 22;

Well No. 2-2, 980 feet from the North line and 1250 feet from the West line of Section 23;

Well No. 40=1, 1610 feet from the South line and 1220 feet from the West line of Section 23; and

each of the above wells would be directionally drilled and would be bottomed within a 50 x 100 foot rectangle in the extreme: ME corner of Unit M, Section 14; NW corner of Unit D, NW corner of Unit B, and NE corner of Unit A, Section 21; NE corner of Unit C, Section 22; East side of Unit D, and East side of Unit L, Section 23, respectively.

- (5) That the wells in the project area are in an advanced state of depletion and should properly be classified as "stripper" wells.
- (6) That the proposed expansion of the Langlie-Matrix Penrose Sand Unit Waterflood Project should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.
- (7) That the subject application should be approved and the expanded project should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations; provided, however, that the showing of well response as required by Rule 701 E-5 should not be necessary before obtaining administrative approval for the conversion of additional wells to water injection.

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(8) That Order No. R-4225 should be superseded.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Anadarko Production Company, is hereby authorized to expand its Langlie-Mattix Penrose Sand Unit Waterflood Project, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, by the injection of water into the Penrose Sand of the Queen formation through the following-described wells at unorthodox surface locations to be directionally drilled to bottom the wells as follows:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

WELL NO. SURFACE LOCATION BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION

- 1-2 1220 feet from the South line and 1220 feet from the West line of Section 14.
- Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NE/corner of the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 14 proceed West 50', thence South 100', thence East 50', thence North 100' to point of beginning.
- 8-5 290 feet from the North line and 290 feet from the West line of Section 21.
- Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NW/corner of Section 21 proceed East 50', thence South 100', thence West 50', thence North 100' to point of beginning.
- 7-4 55 feet from the North line and 2630 feet from the East line of Section 21.
- Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NW/corner of the NE/4 of Section 21 proceed East 100', thence South 50', thence West 100', thence North 50' to point of beginning.

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WELL NO. SURFACE LOCATION BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION

6-2 55 feet from the North line and 90 feet from the East line of Section 21. Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NE/corner of Section 21 proceed West 100', thence South 50', thence East 100', thence North 50' to point of beginning.

5A-3 55 feet from the North line and 3550 feet from the West line of Section 22.

Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NB/corner of the NW/4 of Section 22 proceed West 100', thence South 50', thence East 100', thence North 50' to point of beginning.

2-2 980 feet from the North line and 1250 feet from the West line of Section 23. Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point 900' from Worth line and 1320' from West line of Section 23 proceed West 50', thence South 100', thence East 50', thence North 100' to point of beginning.

40-1 1610 feet from the South line and 1220 feet from the West line of Section 23. Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point 1600' from South line and 1320' from West line of Section 23 proceed West 50', thence North 100', thence East 50', thence South 100' to point of beginning.

(2) That a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of each of the well bores from total depth to the surface

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with shot points not more than 100 feet apart; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward copies of the survey reports directly to the Santa Fe office of the Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico. and that the operator shall notify the Commission's Hobbs District Office of the date and time surveys are to be commenced.

- (3) That Form C-105 shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 1108 and the operator shall indicate thereon true vertical depths in addition to measured depths.
- (4) That the expanded waterflood project shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the Secretary-Director of the Commission may approve such additional injection wells within said project area as may be necessary to complete an efficient injection pattern; that the showing of well response as required by Rule 701 E-5 shall not be necessary before obtaining administrative approval for the conversion of additional wells to water injection.

- (5) That monthly progress reports of the expanded waterflood project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (6) That Order No. R-4225, dated November 19, 1971, is hereby superseded.
- (7) 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

BRUCE KING, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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(Case 4677 continued)

water disposal well, located in Unit S of Section 2, Township 21 South, Range 33 East, Lynch Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, should not be aquipped and operated as required by Commission Order No. R-3797.

CASE 4678: Application of HNG Oil Company for a dual completion,
Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion
(conventional) of its Elliott Federal "31" Well No. 1
located in Unit A of Section 31, Township 24 South,
Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico, in such a manner
as to permit the production of oil from the Dollarhide

parallel strings of tubing.

CASE 4679: Application of Burk Royalty Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Yates-Seven Rivers formations in the perforated interval from 3705 feet to 3714 feet in its Neal Well No. 3 located in the NW/4 NE/4 NE/4 of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, Lynch Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

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Application of Anadarko Production Company for a waterflood expansion and for directional drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the expansion of its Langlie-Mattix Penrose Sand Waterflood Project, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, by the injection of water into the Penrose Sand through seven directionally drilled wells which would be drilled in lieu of and/or in addition to those wells authorized by Commission Order No. R-4225. Surface locations of the seven proposed wells, all in Township 22 South, Range 37 East, would be: Well No. 1-2, 1220 feet from the South and West lines of Section 14; Well No. 8-5, 290 feet from the North and West lines of Section 21; Well No. 7-4, 55 feet from the North line and 2630 feet from the East line of Section 21; Well No. 6-2, 55 feet from the North line and 90 feet from the East line of Section 21; Well No. 5 A-3, 55 feet from the North line and 2550 feet from the West line of Section 22; Well No. 2-2, 980 feet from the North line and 1250 feet from the West line of Section 23; and Well No.

40-1, 1610 feet from the South line and 1220 feet from the West line of Section 23. Each of the above wells would be

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directionally drilled and would be bottomed within a 50 X 100 foot rectangle in the extreme: NE
corner of Unit M, Section 14; NW corner of Unit D,
NW corner of Unit B, and NE corner of Unit A, Section
21; NE corner of Unit C, Section 22; East side of
Unit D, and East side of Unit L, Section 23, respectively.

BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER

ANADARKO PRODUCTION COMPANY EXHIBIT NO. LANGLIE-MATTIX PENROSE SAND UNIT LANGLIE-MATTIX OIL POGASE NO.

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICOphmitted by Stum shaffer

Non-Standard Water Injection Wells Date Mon. 15, 1972

Proposed Surface and Bottom Hole Locations

Well No.	Surface Location	Bottom Hole Location
Well No. 1-2	1220' from South Line and 1220' from West Line of Section 14-T22S-R37E.	Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NE/corner of the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 14 proceed West 50', thence South 100', thence East 50', thence North 100' to point of beginning.
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Well No. 6-2	55' from North Line and 90' from East Line of Section 21-T228-R37E.	Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NE/corner of Section 21 proceed West 100', thence South 50', thence East 100', thence North 50' to point of beginning.
Well No. 5A-3	55' from North Line and 2550' from West Line of Section 22-T22S-R37E.	Within 50' \times 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NE/corner of the NW/4 Section 22 proceed West 100', thence South 50', thence East 100', thence North 50' to point of beginning.
Well No. 7-4	55' from North Line and 2630' from East Line of Section 21-T22S-R37E.	Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NW/corner of the NE/4 Section 21 proceed East 100', thence South 50', thence West 100', thence North 50' to point of beginning.
Well No. 8-5	290' from North Line and 290' from West Line of Section 21-T22S-R37E.	Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NW/corner of Section 21 proceed East 50', thence South 100', thence West 50', thence North 100' to point of beginning.
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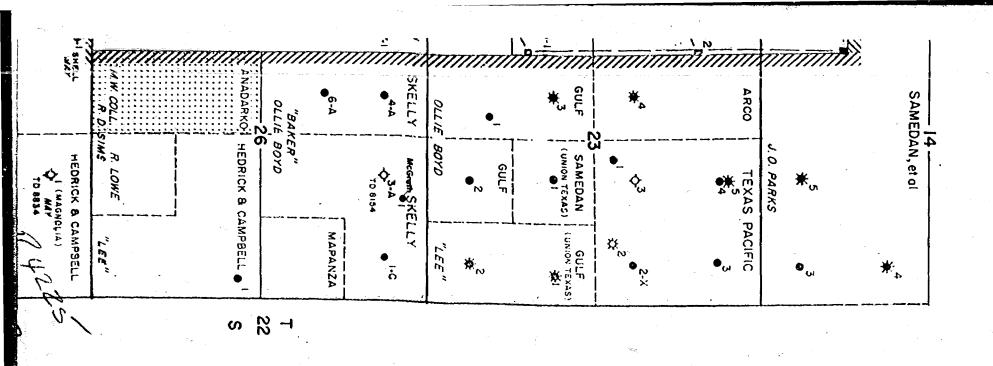
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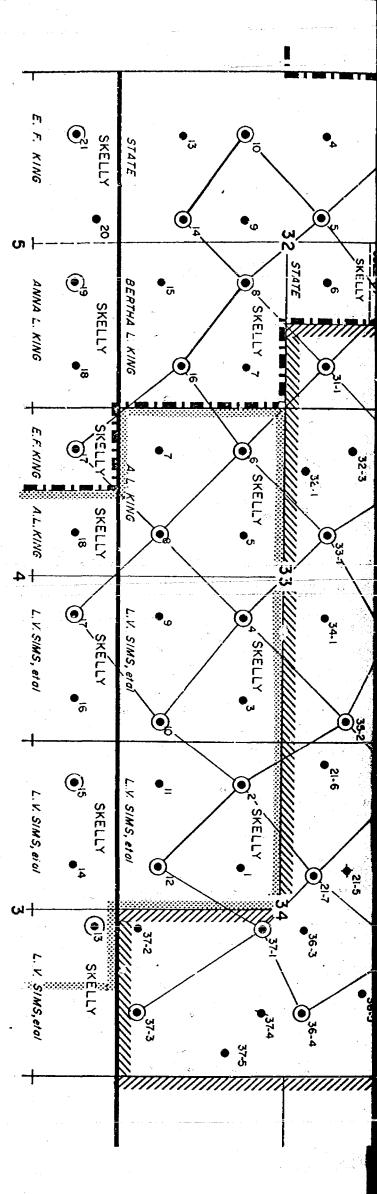
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1610' from South Line and 1220' from West Line of Section 23-T22S-R37E. Within $50' \times 100'$ rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point 1600' from South Line and 1320' from West Line of Section 23 proceed West 50', thence North 100', thence East 50', thence South 100' to point of beginning.

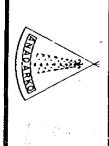
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- Temporarily Abandoned
- Dry & Abandoned
- X Gas Well
- 兼 Dual Completion (Oil & Gas)
- Water Injection Well
- Proposed Water Injection Well
- ⊗ _ Water Supply Well
- ********** Skelly Penrose "A" Unit
- Proposed Location



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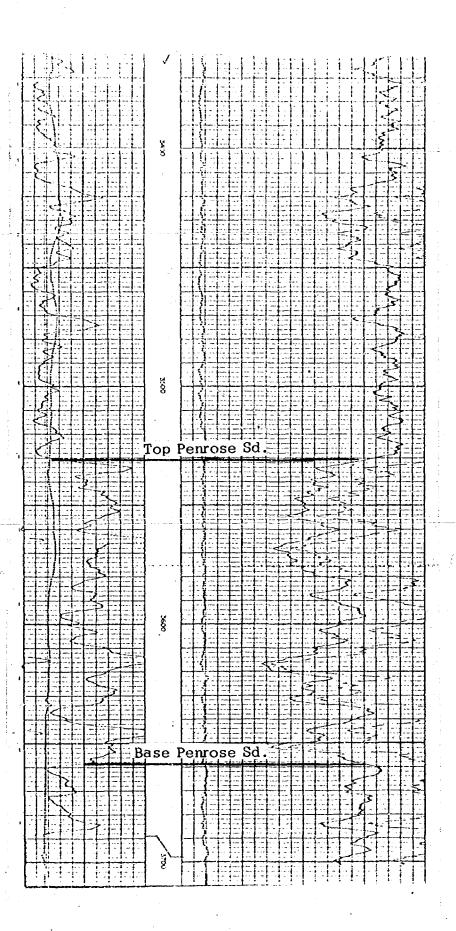
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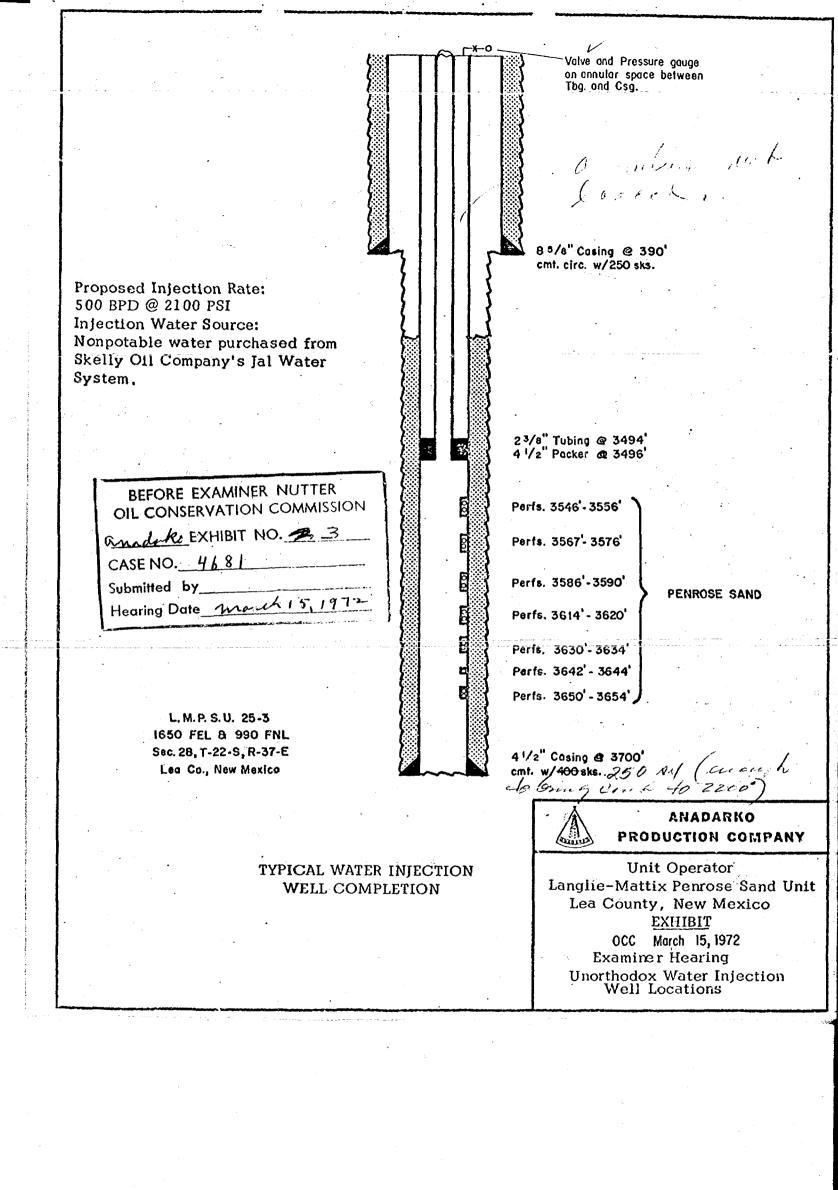
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Langlie-Mattix Penrose Sand Unit
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Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Application of Anadarko Production Company

Gentlemen:

Enclosed in original and two copies is subject application.

We understand the case will be advertised for hearing on March 15, 1972.

Yours very truly,

Jason W. Kellahin

JWK: abs

Enclosures (3)

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BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ANADARKO PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF A WATERFLOOD PROJECT, WITH INJECTION WELLS TO BE DRILLED AT UNORTHODOX LOCATIONS, WITH PERMISSION TO DIREC-TIONALLY DRILL, AND AMENDMENT OF ORDER R-4225

APPLICATION

Comes now Anadarko Production Company and applies to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for approval of the expansion of the Langlie-Mattix Penrose Sand Unit waterflood project by the drilling of seven water injection wells at unorthodox well locations, with the further permission to directionally drill said wells, and for amendment of Commission Order R-4225, and in support thereof would show the Commission:

- Applicant proposes to drill the following wells at the surface locations hereinafter shown, said wells to be completed at a bottom-hole location as hereinafter stated, all within the Langlie-Mattix Penrose Sand Unit, to be utilized as water injection wells in the Langlie-Mattix Penrose Sand Unit waterflood project:
 - ✓ Well No. 1-2, to be located 1220 feet from the South line and 1220 feet from the West line of Section 14, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. Well to be bottomed within a rectangular area 50 feet by 100 feet, described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of the SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 14, thence West 50 feet; South 100 feet; East 50 feet; North 100 feet to point of beginning.

Well No. 2-2, to be located 980 feet from the North line and 1250 feet from the West line of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. Well to be bottomed within a rectangular area 50 feet by 100 feet, described as follows: Commencing at a point 900 feet from the North line and 1320 feet from the West line of Section 23, thence West 50 feet; South 100 feet; East 50 feet; North 100 feet to point of beginning.

Well No. 5-2, to be located 55 feet from the North line and 90 feet from the East line of Section 21 Township 22 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. Well to be bottomed within a rectangular area 50 feet by 100 feet, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 21, thence West 100 feet; South 50 feet; East 100 feet; North 50 feet to point of beginning.

Well No. 5A-3, to be located 55 feet from the North line and 2550 feet from the West line of Section 22, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. Well to be bottomed within a rectangular area 50 feet by 100 feet, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the NW1/4 of Section 22, thence West 100 feet; South 50 feet; East 100 feet; North 50 feet to point of beginning.

Well No. 7-4, to be located 55 feet from the North line and 2630 feet from the East line of Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. Well to be bottomed within a rectangular area 50 feet by 100 feet, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the NEI/4 of Section 21, thence East 100 feet; South 50 feet; West 100 feet; North 50 feet to the point of beginning.

Well No. 8-5, to be located 90 feet from the North line and 290 feet from the West line of Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. Well to be bottomed within a rectangular area 50 feet by 100 feet, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 21, thence East 50 feet; South 100 feet; West 50 feet; North 100 feet to the point of beginning.

Well No. 40-1, to be located 1610 feet from the South line and 1220 feet from the West line of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. Well to be bottomed within a rectangular area 50 by 100 feet, described as follows: Commencing at a point located 1600 feet from the South line and 1320 feet from the West line of Section 23, thence West 50 feet; North 100 feet; East 50 feet, South 100 feet, to the point of beginning.

2. Unorthodox well locations were heretofore approved by this Commission for the following wells: Well No. 1-2, Well No. 2-2, Well No. 8-5, and Well No. 40-1. These locations differ from the locations applied for in this application, and to that extent, the provisions of Commission

Order No. R-4225 should be amended. Said order also made provision for approval of further unorthodox well locations, and the conversion of wells from production to injection, by an administrative procedure. These provisions should be retained, and Order No. R-4225 should not be rescinded by the Commission.

3. Approval of this application is in the interests of conservation and the prevention of waste, and the correlative rights of other operators will not be impaired.

WHEREFORE applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Commission or the Commission's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Commission enter its order granting approval of the unorthodox well locations and directional drilling, as applied for.

Respectfully submitted,
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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

Order No. R- 1254

APPLICATION OF ANADARKO PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR A WATERFLOOD EXPANSION AND FOR DIREC-TIONAL DRILLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 15, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter

NOW, on this <u>day of March</u>, 1972, 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 by Order No. R-4225, the applicant, Anadarko

 Production Company, was authorized to expand its Langlie-Mattix

 Penrose Sand Unit Waterflood Project by the injection of water

 through four additional wells at unorthodox locations in Township

 Langlie Watting Pool,

 22 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant now seeks authority to change the said surface location of/four wells, to drill additional injection wells at unorthodox surface locations, and to directionally drill each of the seven wells.

(4) That the surface locations of the seven proposed wells, all in Township 22 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, would be:

Well No. 1-2, 1220 feet from the South line and 1220 feet from the West line of Section 14;

Well No. 8-5, 290 feet from the North line and 290 feet from the West line of Section 21;

Well No. 7-4, 55 feet from the North line and 2630 feet from the East line of Section 21;

Well No. 6-2, 55 feet from the North line and 90 feet from the East line of Section 21;

Well No. 5 A-3, 55 feet from the North line and 2550 feet from the West line of Section 22;

Well No. 2-2, 980 feet from the North line and 1250 feet from the West line of Section 23;

Well No. 40-1, 1610 feet from the South line and 1220 feet from the West line of Section 23; and

each of the above wells would be directionally drilled and would be bottomed within a 50 x 100 foot rectangle in the extreme:

NE corner of Unit M, Section 14; NW corner of Unit D, NW corner of Unit B, and NE corner of Unit A, Section 21; NE corner of Unit C, Section 22; East side of Unit D, and East side of Unit L, Section 23, respectively.

- (5) That the wells in the project area are in an advanced state of depletion and should properly be classified as "stripper" wells.
- (6) That the proposed expansion of the Langlie-Mattix Penrose Sand Unit Waterflood Project should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.
- (7) That the subject application should be approved and the expanded project should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations;

provided, however, that the showing of well response as required by Rule 701 E-5 should not be necessary before obtaining administrative approval for the conversion of additional wells to water injection.

(8) That Order No. R-4225 should be superseded.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Anadarko Production Company, is hereby authorized to expand its Langlie-Mattix Penrose Sand Unit Waterflood Project, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, by the injection of water into the Penrose Sand of the Queen formation through the following-described wells at unorthodox surface locations to be directionally drilled to bottom the wells as follows:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

WELL NO.	SURFACE LOCATION	BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION
1-2	1220 feet from the South line and 1220 feet from the West line of Section 14.	Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows the NE/corner of the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 14 proceed West 50', thence South 100', thence East 50', thence North 100' to point of beginning.
8-5	290 feet from the North line and 290 feet from the West line of Section 21.	Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NW/corner of Section 21 proceed East 50', thence South 100', thence West 50', thence North 100' to point of beginning.
7-4 Y	55 feet from the North line and 2630 feet from the East line of Section 21.	Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NW/corner of the NE/4 of Section 21 proceed East 100', thence South 50', thence West 100', thence North 50' to

point of beginning.

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6-2	55 feet from the North line and 90 feet from the East line of Section 21.	Within 50' x 100' rectangular area descriped as follows: commencing it a point on the NE/corner of Section 21 proceed West 100', thence South 50', thence East 100', thence North 50' to point of beginning.
5A-3	55 feet from the North line and 2550 feet from the West line of Section 22.	Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point on the NE/corner of the NW/4 of Section 22 proceed West 100', thence South 50', thence East 100', thence North 50' to point of beginning.
2-2	980 feet from the North line and 1250 feet from the West line of Section 23.	Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point 900' from North line and 1320' from West line of Section 23 proceed West 50', thence South 100', thence East 50°, thence North 100' to point of beginning.
40−1 √	1610 feet from the South line and 1220 feet from the West line of Section 23.	Within 50' x 100' rectangular area described as follows: commencing at a point 1600' from xkm South line and 1320' from West line of Section 23 proceed West 50', thence North 100', thence East 50', thence South 100' to point of beginning.
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- drilling, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of each of the well bores from total depth to the surface point with shot points not more than 100 feet apart; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward copies of the survey reports directly to the Santa Fe Office of the Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and that the operator shall notify the Commission's Hobbs District Office of the date and time surveys are to be commenced.
- (3) That Form C-105 shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 1108 and the operator shall indicate thereon true vertical depths in addition to measured depths.

(4) That the expanded waterflood project shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the Secretary-Director of the Commission may approve such additional injection wells within said project area as may be necessary to complete an efficient injection pattern; that the showing of well response as required by Rule 701 E-5 shall not be necessary before obtaining administrative approval for the conversion of additional wells to water injection.

- (5) That monthly progress reports of the expanded waterflood project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (6) That Order No. R-4225, dated November 19, 1971, is hereby superseded.
- (7) 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.

CASE 4682: Application of EL PASO FOR AMENDMENT OF RULES GOVERNING THE BLANCO-MESAVERDE GAS POOL.

Case 4682