

Case Number 4803

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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE LAND OFFICE
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
Wednesday, August 23, 1972 at 1:15 P. M.

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation to directionally drill and an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case No. 4803

BEFORE: RICHARD L. STAMETS, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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PROCEEDINGS

MR. STAMETS: The hearing will come to order, please. We will call next case 4803.

MR. HATCH: Case 4803, Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation to directionally drill and an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. LOSEE: Mr. Examiner, I am A. J. Losee, Artesia. representing the applicant. We have two witnesses.

(Whereupon, Mr. Ray H. Beck was called to the stand and sworn.)

MR. RAY H. BECK

having been first duly sworn according to law, upon his oath, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. A. J. LOSEE:

- State your name, please. Q
- Ray H. Beck. Ā
- Where do you live and what is your occupation? 18
- I live in Artesia, New Mexico. I am a petroleum geologist. Q 19 Α 20
- Employed by? Q 21
- yates Petroleum.
- You have not previously testified before this Commission Α 22 Q
- and had your qualifications made a part of the record? 23 24
- Α 25

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1		Where did you take your undergraduate work?
2	A	Texas Tech University.
3	Q.	What degree did you obtain?
	A.	B. S. degree.
4		What was your major?
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6	A	nia wow obtain a higher degree?
7	Q	obtained a master's degree subsequently.
8	A	In the same field?
9	Q	In the same 110200
10	P	A Yes. Q You are also at this point working on your doctorate?
11	. (Q You are also at this point were
12		A That's right.
1: 1 1	3	A That's right. Q Have you had any practical experience prior to your empl
1	4	ment with Yates?
1	15	A Yes. I worked for Shell Oil Company for eight years.
	16	Q In what field?
	17	A Petroleum geology.
	18	Q In what areas?
E L C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	19	A West Texas.
2 2 1 5		Q Where were you living?
C A N	20	A Midland.
STREETEST NATIONAL BANK BLDG. EAST	21	Q 'Working out of Midland office?
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4 u 4 i	23	long have you been with Yates?
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	25	A Six months.

Are Mr. Beck's qualifications acceptable?

e de la companya de l	2		THE EXAMINER: They are.
115 215	3	Q	(By Mr. Losee) What is the purpose of the application of
	4		Yates Petroleum Corporation in this case number 4803?
	5	A	Yates wishes to drill and end up in an unorthodox location
ं र	6		in the North Half of Section 25 and they wish to direc-
Ē	7		tionally drill at that point from an abandoned hole nine-
ည	8		teen-eighty from the north and six-sixty from the east of
dearnley, meier & mc cormick	9		Section 25, 18 South, 25 east.
eler 1	10	Q	What is the bottom-hole unorthodox location to be, Mr.
y, n	11		Beck?
arnle	12	A	It is to be 500 feet from the north line and 600 feet
de	13		from the east line of Section 25, Township 18 south,
\$ U \$ X W W 2 \$	14		Range 25 East.
O S M M	15	Q	To dedicate the North Half of 25 to that well?
COUER	16	A	That's right.
)] • A ∵ B LBU DU	17	Q	And the proposed bottom is then at the Atoka West Morrow?
243-668	18	A	Atoka West Morrow field.
PHONE	19	Q	Please refer to what has been marked Exhibit 1 and explain
1092 •	20		what is shown on this exhibit.
0. 80x	21	A	Exhibit 1 is a land ownership map and this marks off the
409 SIMMS BLDG. F.O. BCX 1092 (PHONE)	22		North Half of Section 15, 18 South, 25 East. It is on
MMS B.L.	23		acreage dedicated to the proposed well.
60 °	24	9	It also shows the offset operators and the wells within
	25		the two mile radius of this acreage dedication, does it

not?

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Please refer to what has been marked as Exhibit 2, the isopach map, and explain what is portrayed by this exhibit.

Exhibit 2 is an isopach map of the Atoka B Sand interval which covers the Atoka Penn field in eighteen twenty-six and the Atoka Morrow West field which is in eighteen twenty-five in the extreme western portion of eighteen twenty-six. The blue lines indicate isopach values of interconnected shoreline strike sands such as beaches, laguna beaches, barrier island beaches and a channel system which cuts across the field indicated in orange. It indicates a river bar channel system and it is interconnected and reservoir connected with the shoreline strike sands. To the left in the Atoka Morrow West field red indicates the shoreline strike sands, the thicknesses of them, and the yellow indicates the thicknesses of the channel sands which cross-cut the shoreline strike sands. Now, we wish to draw an analogy between the Atoka Penn well on the right and the Atoka Morrow field on the left. Geological studies such as these on isopach map in the cross sections presented later indicate along with pressure data that the partially completed Atoka Penn gas field is a reservoir consisting of a thick channel sands cross-cutting but reservoir connected to thinner shoreline

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sections to be shown later indicate along with pressure data to be introduced by Mr. Mahfoodsimarly indicate that the newly developing Atoka Morrow West gas field in eighteen twenty-five is also a reservoir consisting of a thick channel sands body cross-cutting but reservoir connected to thinner shoreline strike sand bodies. The Fasken Brown Yates well in the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, eighteen twenty-five and the Mountain States McCaw well in Section -- in the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, eighteen twenty-six are in the Atoka Morrow West field. The Fasken Brown Yates well Section 24 is producing from the channel sand stone and the Mountain States McCaw is producing from interconnected shoreline strike sand and beach deposit. The pressure information indicates that these wells are in the same reservoir system even though one is in a thinner sand stone body and the other is in a thicker channel sand stone body. Now, those are the only producing wells in Morrow West

strike sand bodies. Geologic studies, this map and cross

Q field, are they not?

- That's right. Α
- Would you point out the other wells that have been drilled Q to the Morrow in this field?
- In the Northwest Quarter of Section 25 there is a well, Fasken Number 1 Yates Federal Comm which was drilled to

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the Morrow and the operator decided not to complete the well, but we believe that it is connected geologically and we present pressure information later supporting this.

Also in the Northeast Quarter of Section 25 there is a well drilled, a Fasken Number 1 Yates Hornbaker E, which penetrated the extreme left-hand or western side of the channel sand stone. The operator found the Morrow B sand channel there to be the edge of the channel and a natural levy environment and was indicated to be tied on drill system. They sidetracked the hole 310 feet to the east and 83 feet south or about 321 feet from the original hole and found the channel, whereas the channel was 45 feet thick in the original hole, it was 106 feet thick in the well, only 321 feet of well.

THE EXAMINER: Let me get a clarification on this. The original Fasken Yates Hornbaker is that the one you are referring to?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

THE EXAMINER: That is represented by the small circle?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

THE EXAMINER: To the right of the well as you have drawn it on your map?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

Q (By Mr. Losee) What is the bottom-hole location of the sidetrack well?

The bottom-hole location of the sidetrack is 310 feet from the east of the original surface location and 83 Α 1 2 Now, there is one other well in the field that we were 3 talking about that has been drilled. Q 4 This is the Bates Number 1 Linck in the Southwest Quarter 5 of Section 23, eighteen twenty-five. This well is also A 6 near the channel edge and again it is in the unfavorable 7 natural levy environment rather than being in the cleaner 8 sands of the channel. Near the edge of the channel you 9 run into lesser permeability than you do in the channels 10 themselves. We have an article here written by Wayne 11 prior of the University of Cincinnati. It was a study 12 SX 1092 - PHONE 2A3-6491 - ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87108 BANK BLDG. EAST - ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87108 conducted for the A.P.I. and it was published in the 13 Journal of Petroleum Engineers and his results indicate 14 that the permeability on the channel edges is less than 15 the permeability in the channel proper. That is, you 16 lose permeability as you approach the natural levy or 17 18 edge of the channel. Do you have any further comments on the isopach map? 19 Q 20 No, I believe not. Please refer to what has been marked as Exhibit 3 and Α 21 explain what is shown by this exhibit. Q 22 Exhibit 3 is a stratigraphic cross section extending from 23 location A, as you see on the index map, to location A-prime,

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It goes from the Atoka Morrow West field on the left to the Atoka Penn field on the right and tends to supplement the original Exhibit Number 2, the osopach map. The wells included are the Fasken Number 1, Yates Federal Comm 25, Fasken Yates Hornbaker Number 1, Fasken Hornbaker Number l and the whipstock hole. That is in the Atoka West field. Starting into the Atoka Penn field there is the Marathon Nicks Number 1 and the Ohio Nicks Number 1 and the Ohio Noel Number 1 and the Yates-UA Number 1. On the cross section it is located at the top of the Morrow Clastics. This is the horizon on which the structural contours which are on Exhibit 2 are taken from. On the left of the cross section the beds in red match the beds of the isopach's map in red. The yellow would be the channel going through the Atoka Morrow West field and then the blue on the right corresponds to the shoreline strike sands of the Atoka Penn field and the orange corresponds to the crosscutting channel. Each well is indicated and the drill stem test data and perforations.

- Do you wish to comment on the drill stem test data on either of these Fasken wells in the North Half of 25?
- I would just point out that speaking from a geological. standpoint the stratigraphic relationships that the isopach indicates, we see that the shoreline strike sands on the Atoka west are intercepted by the channel.

about the same thickness?

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channel of the Fasken Yates Hornbaker well indeed
has been deviated only a short distance into a channel
much like the channel that the Ohio Nicks is in and the
same stratigraphic relationships apply from the Atoka
Penn which is a pool that is about 12 years old to the
newly developing Atoka Morrow West field which we would
like to develop more.
Q Were Exhibits 1 through 3 prepared by you or under your
direction?
A Yes, sir.
MR. LOSEE: We move the introduction of Exhibits 1
through 3 and I have no more direct examination of this witness
MR. STAMETS: Without objection applicant's Exhibits
1 through 3 are admitted into evidence.
Are there questions of the witness?
Now, speaking about the Fasken Yates Hornbaker well,
this was sidetracked and did encounter the channel?
THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
MR. STAMETS: That a substantial amount of pay in
there, 106 feet or at least of sand?
THE WITNESS: 106 feet of channel sands, yes, sir.
MR. STAMETS: Can you tell me why that well didn't
produce and why you are seeking, at least according to your

map, to drill a location which would encounter the channel at

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THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. Mr. Mahfood may expand on this later, but they found after they had drilled into the channel 78 feet, they attempted to drill stem test, and in this drill stem test they obtained gas to surface nine and a half minutes at a maximum of 692,000 but then in 49 minutes the mud and formation water flowed to the surface and recovered 5650 feet of salt water and they had it -- it indicates that we believe that they drilled too far into the channel before they drill stem tested. Subsequent tests also obtained water but they did finally have good pressure and we are of the opinion that had they not penetrated as far as they did that perhaps they would have found the gas above the water or that they might be in a transition zone where the cut may be a little bit too high. They thought it would be not good from a mechanical standpoint to complete the well because of the water problems.

THE EXAMINER: According to Exhibit 2 it would appear that substantially most of the reservoir that you would be producing from would lie outside the boundaries of Section 25; is that correct?

THE WITNESS: Would you say that again? THE EXAMINER: Well, the reservoir that you propose to tap--

THE WITNESS: Yes.

THE EXAMINER: -- with your well, the channel appears to be mostly outside Section 25.

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THE WITNESS: Well, the channel does cross through Section 24 there, yes, more than it does in 25. However, we believe, and we tried to point out by analogy with the Atoka Penn West field, that even though the channel would be a likely place to go, you can still drain from the same reservoir by interconnected strike sands so that the entire half of 25 is still part of the system.

THE EXAMINER: For the record would you run over the results of the drill stem tests on the Yates--Fasken Yates

Comm which is the well which was not completed in the North

Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25?

eighty eighty-eight, thirty eighty-eight, ninety-two. Condensate 450 foot of gas cut mud. Flowed gas at 2.65 million and decreased 2.4 million at the end of the test. Flow pressures twenty-two ninety-one to twenty eighty-nine. Shut-in pressures thirty-four eighty at one hour and final shut-in pressure was thirty eighty-one in six hours.

THE EXAMINER: Do you feel that the entire North Half of the Section 25 can reasonably be presumed to be productive of gas?

THE WITNESS: From the geologic standpoint, I believe that's true.

THE EXAMINER: The well at the bottom-hole location that you propose, will that efficiently and economically drain

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the entire half of the north section?
THE WITNESS: I believe it will.

THE EXAMINER: Are there any other questions of this

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MR. HATCH: It is proposed to dedicate the North Half rather than the East Half. Is there any reason?

MR. LOSEE: I can offer one. Looking at their isopach I suppose one is that it is more logical that those beach sands will drain in the channel across the North Half than it will across the East Half. Another reason which may be the foremost reason is that Yates is the owner of the entire North Half. Although they have a good part of the East Half they don't have it all, as I understand it.

THE EXAMINER: The witness may be excused.

(Whereupon, Mr. Eddie Mahfood was called to the stand and sworn.)

MR. EDDIE MAHFOOD

having been first duly sworn according to law, upon his oath, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. A. J. LOSEE:

- 23 Q State your name, please.
- 24 A Eddie Mahfood.
 - Q Where do you live and what is your occupation?

Artesia, New Mexico, petroleum engineer employed with

had your qualifications made a part of the record?

Have you previously testified before this Commission and

Yes. I would like to refer back to Exhibit 2. You will

notice that the McCaw Number 1 well in Section 19 of

eighteen twenty-six was the discovery well of the West

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5 Α Yes. б Please refer to what has been marked as Exhibit 4 and 7 explain the data that is shown on this exhibit. 8 Exhibit 4 is a pressure build-up and supporting data log of the Fasken Yates Federal Number 1. The purpose of this 9 is to show that there is gas reserves in this area and 10 that it is not a limited reservoir and that there is com-11 munication with the rest of the West Atoka field. You 12 will note that the extrapolated pressure is thirty-seven 13 seventy-one on the initial test period and also on the 14 frontal test period. You will note that the well is very 15 tight and that the well is some three feet away from the 16 well bore and to extend state conditions would have 17 yielded only 100 MCF per day. This is just not enough quan-18 19 tity sufficient to justify most operators' completion of the well. For that reason I believe the well was not completed. 20 Would you compare the pressure, initial pressure, on this 21 well with other wells in the field? 22

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test was 3600 pounds. Two months later the Brown Yates well in the Southeast Quarter of Section 24 eighteen twenty-five was completed and tested with a bottom-hole pressure of thirty-five ninety-nine. Three months later the one twenty-five in Section 25 was drilled and its pressure was thirty-seven seventy-one after extrapolation shown in Exhibit 4. The Linck well in Section 24 was approximately thirty-six ten by extrapolation and the Baker well drilled some 12 months later was thirty-five seventy-nine and thirty-five eighty-one. These pressures are all very close to one another and would indicate communication to me. I would direct your attention to the log on this Yates Federal one twenty-five. You will notice in the red in the Morrow B section the porosities. That portion of the pay is what I consider to have reserves. This would suggest a fingering effect. The log suggests beach phases or a trough between sand bars such as you will find down there. You can wade three-quarters of a mile or a mile from the shore and you go through several troughs and come up on sand bars. I think that this will just happen to be in a bad location. It was drilled in that local tight spot. Please refer to what has been marked as Exhibit 5 and

Please refer to what has been marked as Exhibit 5 and explain what is shown by this exhibit.

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Exhibit 5 is a pressure build-up on the Hornbaker Number 1, the original hole to the left and the deviated hole on the right top side of the graph. Supporting data is drill stem test data on both holes and the electric log of each hole. We notice that drill stem test number 1 of the original hole shows a very tight formation. The well flows 90 MCF per day with no fluid but it just didn't have it because as Mr. Beck stated earlier, this well is located on the levy of the channel. I ask you to look at the gamma ray side of the log. This would indicate to me that it was outside of a beach area and that this is in a channel. Then we have a deviated hole, this great thick channel, in there and you note again on the gamma ray side there how thick and low activity is. It is our conclusion from the several drill stem tests run on this deviated hole that a transition zone exists in this channel and I refer you back to Exhibit 3. Drill stem test number 4 was first run through the A and B zone and it flowed 652 MCF per day with a salt water recovery of 5650 feet. Drill stem test number 6 tested the bottom part of this interval in the B zone and it flowed 240,000 cubic feet per day and recovered 5300 feet of salt water. The drill stem test number 5 was taken at the upper part of the B zone and it flowed 600 MCF per day and recovered only 2700 feet of gas cut water. Drill stem test number

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study of the older Atoka Penn field in the channel? Q We know of two wells in the channel in the old Atoka field which is not included in this cross section. Α referring to the Haukins well and the Everest well. is not included in this cross section, but I believe our examiner is familiar with them.

Explain what water was encountered in those wells. Q

The Haukins well which was located on top of this transition zone there, produced gas for some ten years before

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it was finally voided out and the Everest well, produced several years later than that. Also there was a pan-American well in there between the Haukins and the Everest but the point that I am making here is that a well can be at the top of this transition zone although it may produce some water it will effectively drain the gas. please refer to what has been marked as Exhibit 6 and explain what is shown on this exhibit. Exhibit 6 is a pressure build-up on the Brown Yates Number Q l well which is in this channel. It is located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 24. You will observe the Α pressure came up rapidly and stabilized at thirty-five ninety-nine on the initial charts. This just supports the previous testimony about the pressures in these other wells 12 . 69 SIMMS HLDG. - P.O. UOX 1092 - PHONE 243-6691 - ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87108 that are in the West Atoka field. How do these compare with a one twenty-five well that is 15 in the Northwest Quarter of 25? The pressure is higher but it was a well that was drilled Q 16 three months earlier and I believe is already in production 17 A at the time that the one twenty-five was drilled. 18 19 What about the pressure in the Hornbaker? The pressure in the Hornbaker is a little less than the 20 Brown Yates, although it is in a channel and in the tran-Q 21 sition zone which would probably explain for it being a Α 22 23 little bit higher than the one twenty-five. 24

	3		well in Section 19 of eighteen twenty-six. You will note
	4		that the original shut-in pressure was 3600 pounds.
	5	Q	That is a beach sands well. How does that pressure com-
	6		pare with the one twenty-five?
	7	Α	It compares very well considering that this was a dis-
	8		covery well in that beach sands and was drilled several
	9		months before the one twenty-five was penetrated.
	10	Q	So that the two wells in the field that are producing are
	11		this McCaw and the Brown Yates well?
\$ 01	12	Α	That is correct.
NEW MEXICO 87108 Mexico 87108	13	Q	How much gas approximately have they produced since
EX XX XX XX XX XX XX	14		discovery?
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SOUR NEW SERVICE.	16	Q	In your company's studies of the reserves in this field,
- A L B.	17		have you reached any estimate as to what might be the
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Z 0	19	A	Yes. I would estimate 40 billion cubic feet as the
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ONAL B	21		two wells. That is a lot more gas in dedicated acreage
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209 SIN	24	Q	Mr. Mahfood, do you have an opinion as to whether the
	25		entire North Half of Section 25 will contribute gas to a

Please refer to what has been marked Exhibit 7.

Exhibit 7 is the drill stem test data on McCaw Number 1

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THE WITNESS: We will set a whipstock at 5400. would set a target space probably 50 feet east of where we want to wind up which is, I believe, what our docket says.

THE EXAMINER: You say 5400 or 5500?

5400 feet. We will set this whipstock THE WITNESS: and we will aim 50 feet east of the objective is 600 feet from the east line and 500 feet from the north line. We feel that the permeability trends and the dip of the channel will carry the tubing back on to target.

THE EXAMINER: Do you propose to follow the course of the hole during the time of drilling?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. We intend to do that.

THE EXAMINER: By running deviation directional

surveys?

That's correct. We will probably have THE WITNESS: to reset the whipstock several times.

THE EXAMINER: Do you know if a directional survey has been run by the previous operator which would already show us the location of the bottom of the hole 5400 feet?

THE WITNESS: This is correct.

THE EXAMINER: So you would go ahead and use that one rather than running a completely new directional survey?

THE WITNESS: This is correct, yes.

THE EXAMINER: Upon completion of the drilling, you 23 24 would run a directional survey. 25

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	THE WITNESS: Directional survey.
	THE EXAMINER: From the 5400 point on down?
	THE WITNESS: This is correct.
	THE EXAMINER: Has Vates Petroleum to your knowledge
discussed	this proposal with the offset operators in the field?
	THE WITNESS: Yes. They are familiar with our
intention	•
	THE EXAMINER: Do you know if they have expressed
any oppos:	ition to this?
	THE WITNESS: They just thought we were crazy.
	THE EXAMINER: So they are not objecting to the final
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	THE WITNESS: I don't believe they are.
	THE EXAMINER: But they have been advised as to this

and they could be here if they did object?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

THE EXAMINER: Does Yates Petroleum propose a penalty for this non-standard location?

THE WITNESS: No, sir.

THE EXAMINER: Referring to Exhibit Number 5 and to previous testimony, I believe it has been stated that along the margins of this channel the porosity development is somewhat less than in the center?

THE WITNESS: Yes, it is.

THE EXAMINER: Would this act as any type of a barrier

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to migration of the gas between the beach sands and the channel sands?

THE WITNESS: I would not think so. We know there is a decrease in permeability as we go back from the channel. This is rarely observed today in all big rivers, but it does not eliminate the porosity. It just decreases it as shown in that original hole.

THE EXAMINER: Do you propose some sort of a tolerance on the target area or do you anticipate any problem?

THE WITNESS: No, sir. I would ask a clearance of at least 50 feet.

THE EXAMINER: Are there any other questions? witness may be excused.

Are there any statements in this case?

The case will be taken under advisement. Call next case 4804.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss. COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

I, MARCIA J. HUGHES, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript of the proceedings had before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on Wednesday, August 23, 1972.

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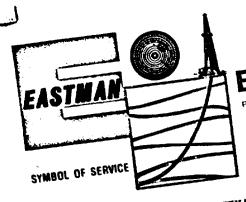
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

R. J. Brinlee & Glen Harbert being duly sworn, depose and says that: They are employed by the Eastman Oil Well Survey Company, as well bore surveyors, COUNTY OF ECTOR in charge of the following described survey; and that a Magnetic Multiple Shot Survey was run from, 1100 feet to 7300 feet, and a Single Shot Survey was run from 7400 feet to 8437 feet, measured depth.

Said well more particularly described by operators, as follows:

YATES PETROLEUM COMPANY KINCAID WELL # 2 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

That the attached documents, namely title sheet, computation sheets, and one plan showing the True Vertical Depth of 8423.52 feet, the well being 117.84 feet, in a direction of North 48 degrees, 21 minutes, East. This is a full, true and correct representation of the said survey, to the best of their knowledge.

Subscribed and sworn to, before me

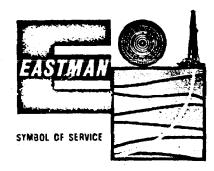
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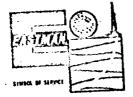
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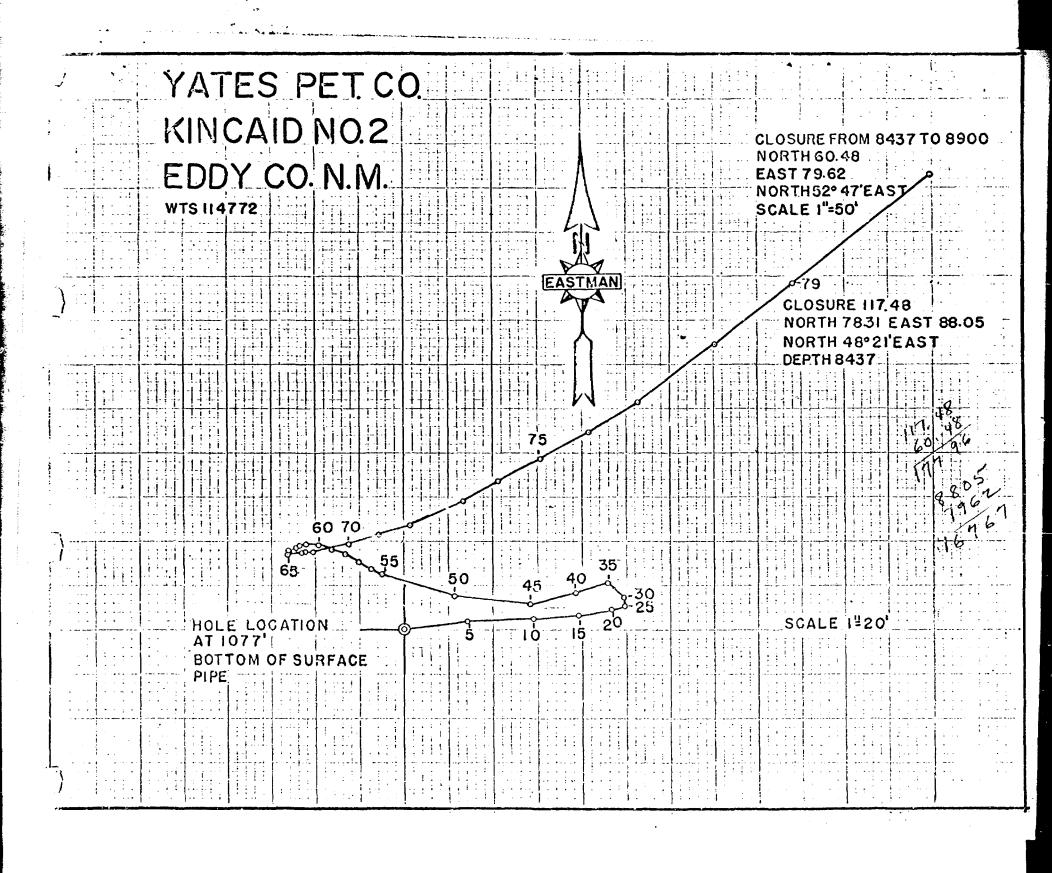
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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2008 - SANTA FE 87501

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	Res	Case No. 4803 Order No. R-4391
Mr. A. J. Losee Losee & Carson Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 239 Artesia, New Mexico 88210		Applicant: Yates Petroleum Corp.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Dear Sir: Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

very truly yours, A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

ALP/ir copy of order also sent to: Hobbs OCC x
Artesia OCC x Aztec OCC____

Other____

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. 4803 Order No. R-4391

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION TO DIRECTIONALLY DRILL AND AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 23, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 7th day of September, 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 the applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, has acquired and is the owner and operator of a well drilled at a surface location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant proposes to dedicate the north half of said Section 25 to the well and that with such dedication the well location will be unorthodox.
- (4) That the subject well was drilled a total depth of 9150 feet into the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool, plugged back to a depth of approximately 7300 feet and directionally drilled to the east and south to a total depth of 9070 feet and was subsequently plugged back to a depth of 5200 feet.
- (5) That the applicant now seeks, as exceptions to Rules 104 C II(a) and 111(b), authority to re-enter and clean-out the subject well to a depth of approximately 5400 feet and to

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set a whipstock at said depth and directionally drill in such a manner as to bottom the well in the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool at an uncrthodox bottom-hole location within 50 feet of a point 500 feet from the North line and 600 feet from the East line of said Section 25.

- (6) That the applicant proposes to determine the subsurface location of the whipstock point by means of a continuous multi-shot directional survey conducted prior to said directional drilling and in the same manner to determine the sub-surface location of the directionally drilled hole at its total depth.
- (7) That the evidence indicates that the entire N/2 of said Section 25 is productive of gas from the West Atoka-Mcrrow Gas Pool.
- (8) That the entire N/2 of said Section 25 can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the subject well.
- (9) That there is evidence that a well at the proposed unorthodox location would penetrate a thicker and more productive pay section than a well at an orthodox location.
- (10) That no offset operator or interest owner objected to the unorthodox location or directional drilling.
- (11) That approval of the subject application will prevent 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 the applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, is hereby authorized to re-enter a dry hole having an unorthodox surface location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, set a whipstock at approximately 5400 feet and directionally drill in such a manner as to bottom the well in the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool at an unorthodox bottom-hole location within 50 feet of a point 500 feet from the North line and 600 feet from the East line of said Section 25.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that prior to commencing the aforesaid directional drilling, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the well bore with shot points not more than 100 feet apart in order to determine the sub-surface location of the whipstock point; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of the survey report directly to the Santa Fe office of the Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and that the operator shall notify the Commission's Artesia District Office of the date and time said survey is to

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be commenced. In the alternative, a copy of the directional survey run prior to the initial directional drilling shall be an acceptable substitute if said survey adequately locates the sub-surface whipstock point.

- (2) That subsequent to the above-described directional drilling, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the well bore from total depth to the whipstock point with shot points not more than 100 feet apart; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of the survey report directly to the Santa Fe Office of the Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and that the operator shall notify the Commission's Artesia District Office of the date and time said survey is 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 N/2 of said Section 25 shall be dedicated to the subject well.
- (5) 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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO UIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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September 15, 1972

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary-Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 1148 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-4391 Case No. 4803

Dear Sir:

Herewith is Directional Survey Report for David Fasken, Yates Hornbaker No. 1 which above Commission Order requires.

Yours truly,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Eddie M. Mahfood

Petroleum Engineer

EMM: jg
Attachment

cc: Oil Commission Artesia

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DIRECTIONAL SURVEY REPORT

FOR

DAVID FASKEN



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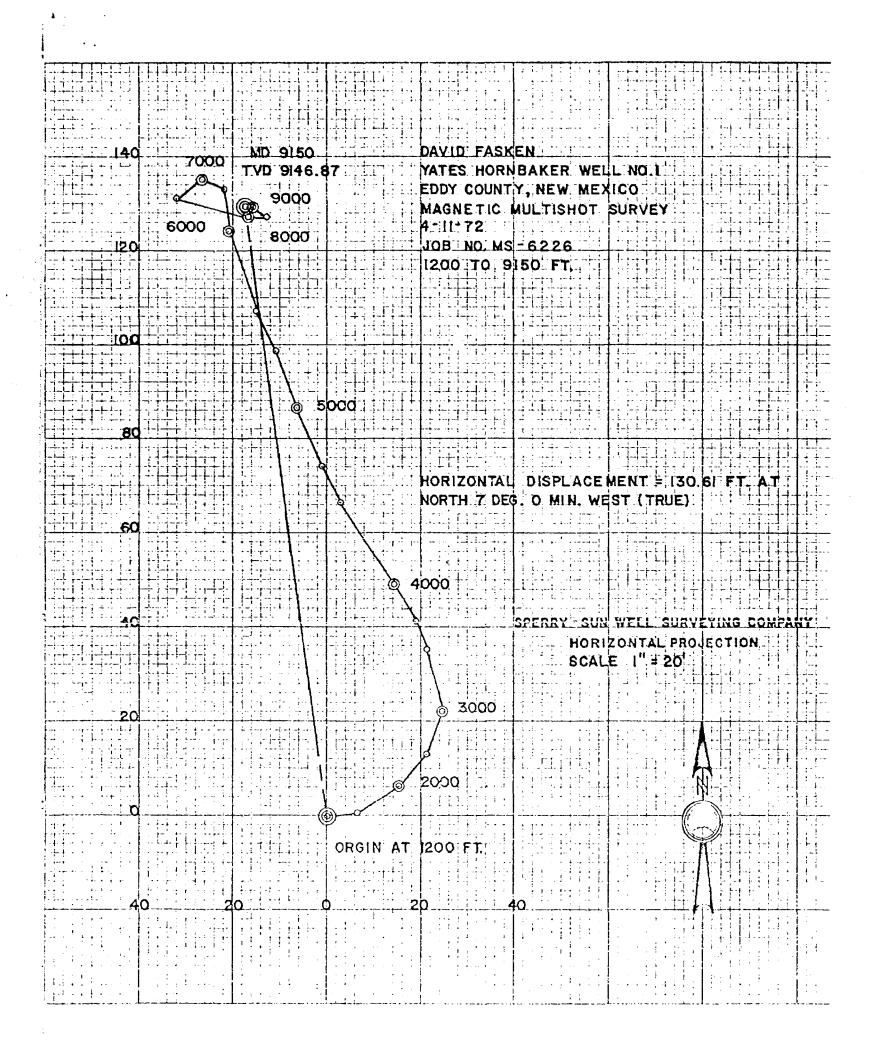
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Docket No. 19-72

CASE 4807: In the matter of the hearing called by the 0il Conservation Commission on its own motion for the amendment of Rule 104 C. I of the Commission Rules and Regulations to permit the drilling of development oil wells as close as 330 feet to another well on the same pait drilling to or capable of producing from the same pool.

CASE 4800: Application of Mobil Oil Corporation for waterflood expansion and capacity allowable, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to expand its Bridges State Waterflood Project, Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, by the addition of its Bridges State Wells Nos. 12 and 174 located, respectively, in Unit P of Section 26 and Unit J of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 34 East.

> Applicant further seeks the assignment of capacity allowable to said Well No. 12.

CASE 4801: Application of The Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Parkway West Unit Area comprising 3840 acres, more or less, of State lands in Sections 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29 of Township 19 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 4802: Application of Crown Central Petroleum Corporation for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Grayburg formation in the open-hole interval from 4011 feet to 4083 feet in its Fred Turner Well No. 2 located in Unit O of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, Skaggs (Grayburg) Pool; Lea County, New Meerico.

CASE 4803: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation to directionally drill and an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-atyled cause, seeks authority to re-enter a dry hole having an unorthodox surface location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and to directionally drill in such a manner as to bottom the well in the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool at an unorthodox bottom hole location 500 feet from the North line and 600 feet from the East line of said Section 25. The N/2 of said Section 25 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 4804: Application of Dugan Production Corporation for downhole commingling and a non-standard proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks as an exception to Rule 303 of the Commission Rules and Regulations, authority to commingle oil production from the Amarillo-Gallup Oil Pool and gas from the

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING-- WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 23, 1972

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 4775: (Continued from the July 26, 1972 Examiner Hearing)

Application of Continental Oil Company for amendment of special pool rules. Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks amendment of the special rules and regulations governing the Blinebry Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to provide for annual bottom-hole pressure, gas-oil ratio, and gas-liquid tests in the pool. Applicant further seeks the designation of oil areas and gas areas in the pool with allowables within each area equalized on a per-acre basis and total withdrawals from the gas area to be volumetrically equivalent to the total withdrawals from the oil area.

Applicant further seeks to extend the vertical limits of the Blinebry Pool down to the top of the Tubb Pool.

Also to be considered by the Commission on its own motion will be amendment of the special rules and regulations to require that intermediate— or low-pressure gas be charged against a well's allowable; elimination of the requirement to conduct bottom-hole pressure, gasoil ratio, and gas-liquid tests; and to require that all gas production be reported on Form C-111.

CASE 4779: (Continued from the July 26, 1972, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Merrion & Bayless for a non-standard proration unit, Sam Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the SE/4 of Section 35, Township 30 North, Range 12 West, within one wile of Flora Vista-Mesaverde Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its Carnahan Well No. 1 located in Unit P of said Section 35.

- CASE 4798: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider revision of Rule 701 E of the Commission Rules and Regulations to provide for unrestricted allowables for waterflood projects and to eliminate the necessity of response for administrative approval of additional injection wells.
- CASE 4799: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to amend Rule 306 of the Commission Rules and Regulations to incorporate therein the provisions of Order No. R-4070 which regulate the flaving or venting of casinghead gas.

Docket NO. 19-72

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TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM SECTION 34: SF/4

(w) Extend the Vest Ranch-Queen Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM SECTION 21: SE/4

(x) Extend the Washington Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM SECTION 27: All SECTION 35: W/2

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM SECTION 3: All SECTION 4: E/2

CASE 4786% (Continued from August 9, 1972, Examiner Hearing).

Application of Highland Production 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 Delaware formation in the open-hole interval from 4378 feet to 4418 feet in its Russell Federal Well No. 6 located in Unit K of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 32 East, East Mason-Delaware Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(n) Extend the South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM SECTION 6: S/2

(o) Extend the Fowler-Upper Yeso Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM SECTION 10: SE/4 SECTION 11: SW/4

(p) Extend the Golden Lane-Strawn Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM SECTION 4: Lot 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16

(q) Extend the Grayburg-Jackson Pool in Eddy County New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM SECTION 9: S/2

(r) Extend the Hardy-Blinebry Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM SECTION 2: SW/&

(s) Extend the McDonald-Pennyslvo La Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM SECTION 33: SE/4

(t) Extend the Sand Dumes-Cherry Canyon Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM SECTION 26: NW/4 NE/4

(u) Extend the Sulimar-Queen Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM SECTION 27: SE/4 SE/4 SECTION 34: NE/4 NE/4

(v) Extend the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

(f) Contract the Bagley-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, by the deletion of the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM SECTION 35: N/2 NW/4

(g) Extend the North Bagley-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM SECTION 35: N/2 NW/4

(h) Contract the Bough-Permo Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, by the deletion of the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NUPM SECTION 17: NW/4

(i) Extend the North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM SECTION 26: S/2 SW/4

(j) Extend the Bluitt-San Andres Associated Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM SECTION 8: NW/4

(k) Extend the South Carlsbad-Atoka Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM SECTION 7: W/2 SECTION 18: N/2

(1) Extend the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 27 KAST, NMPM SECTION 7: S/2 SECTION 18: N/2

(m) Extend the Dos Hermanos-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM SECTION 22: All SECTION 27: All

(Case 4806 continued)

(e) Extend the vertical limits of the Langlie-Mattix Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include the Grayburg formation. Also, extend said Langlie Mattix Pool to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM

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(d) Abolish the Penrose Skelly-Grayburg Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, described as:

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(Case 4804 continued)

Basin-Dakota Pool in the wellbore of its Fullerton Well No. 1 located 1850 feet from the North and West lines of Section 34, Township 28 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks approval for a non-standard 160-acre gas proration unit for the Basin-Dakota Pool comprising the NW/4 of said Section 34 to be dedicated to the subject well.

CASE 4805: Application of W. C. Montgomery for a non-standard proration unit, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an 80-acre non-standard oil proration unit comprising the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 20 and the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 21, Township 8 South, Range 38 East, Bluitt-San Andres Associated Pool, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled in the NE/4 NE/4 of said Section 20.

CASE 4806: Southeastern New Mexico nomenclature case calling for an order for the creation, extension, contraction and abolishment of certain pools in Lea, Chaves, Eddy and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

(a) Create a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Cisco production and designated as the Boyd-Cisco Gas Pool. The discovery well is the David Fasken Arco "9" Morrison No. 1 located in Unit B of Section 9, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM SECTION 9: N/2

(b) Create a new pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, classified as an cil pool for Queen production and designated as the South Lucky Lake-Queen Pool. The discovery well is the Dalport Oil Corporation Todhunter Federal No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 22, Township 15 South, Range 29 East, NATM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM SECTION 22: SE/4 NW/4

(c) Create a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Devonian production and designated as the East Ranger Lake-Devonian Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Union Texas Petroleum Corporation Shell State Com No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM SECTION 6: W/2



October 13, 1972

E. P. YATES
PRESIDENT
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VICE PRESIDENT
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CASE 4803 R-4391

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary-Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: Unorthodox Location, Kincaid BI Com. No. 2 OCC Order No. R-4391 Case No. 4803

Dear Sir:

Herewith is Notice of Intent to Drill, and new location plat on Kincaid BI Com. No. 2, proposed Morrow test. This letter confirms a telephone conversation between our attorney, Mr. A. J. Losee and Mr. George Hatch, Oil Conservation Commission counsel, pertaining to the change of location on our Hornbaker "BA" Com. No. 2 well from 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line, Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 25 East to 600 feet from the North line and 620 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County.

The reason for the change of location is that we have run into mechanical difficulties while drilling through the Pennsylvanian shales and we are unable to directionally drill into the target area.

Yours very truly,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Eddie M. Mahfood

Petroleum Engineer

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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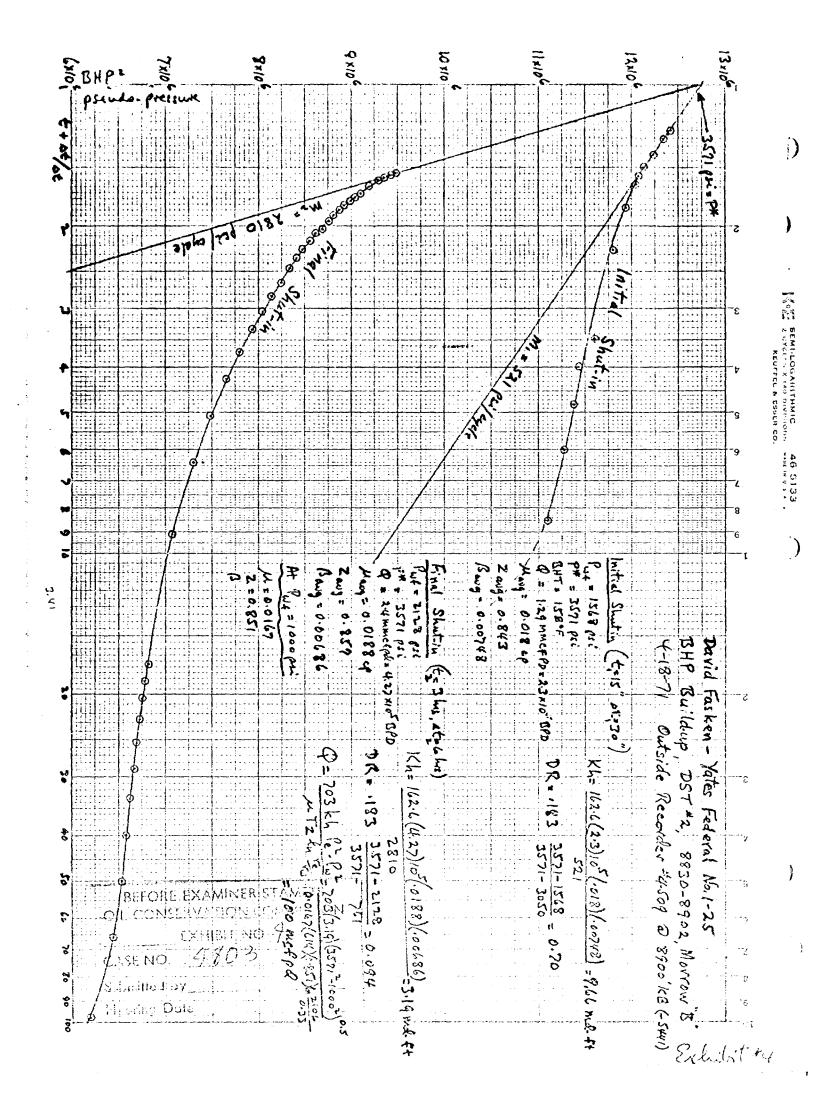
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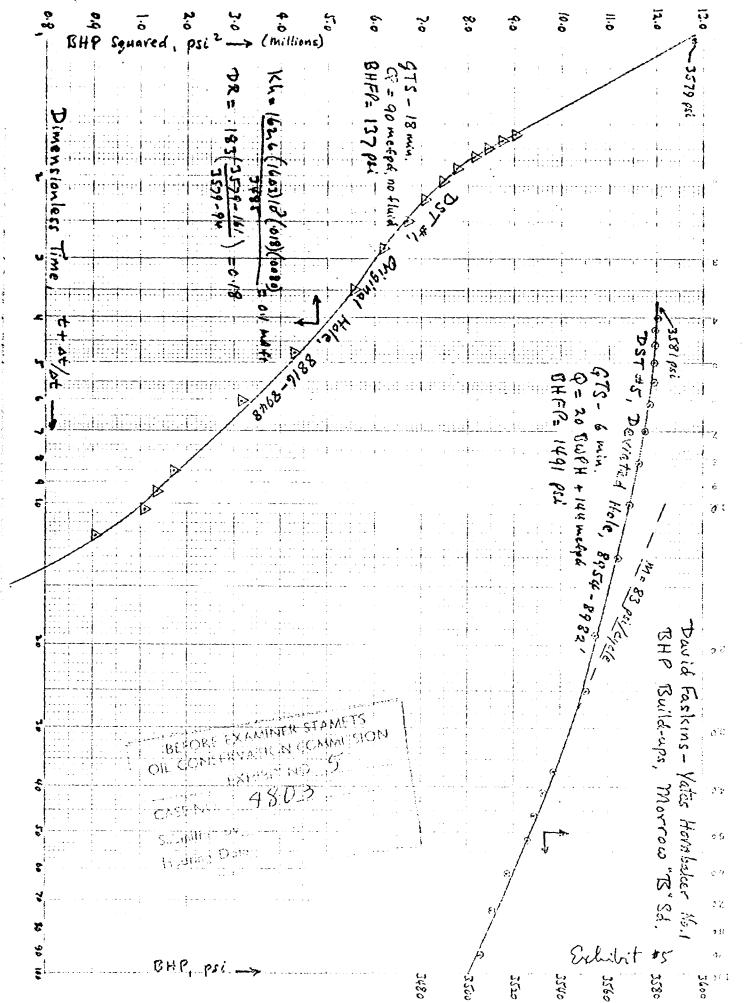
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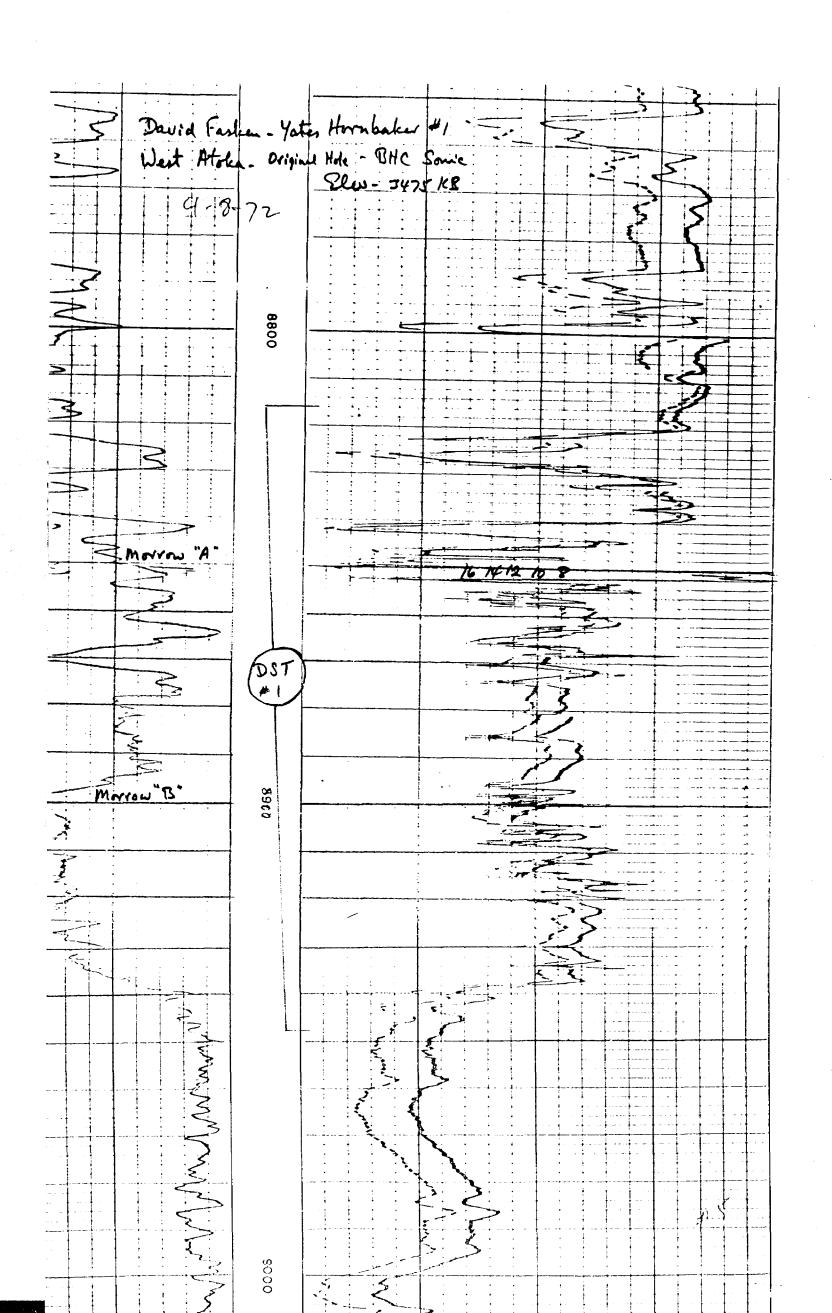
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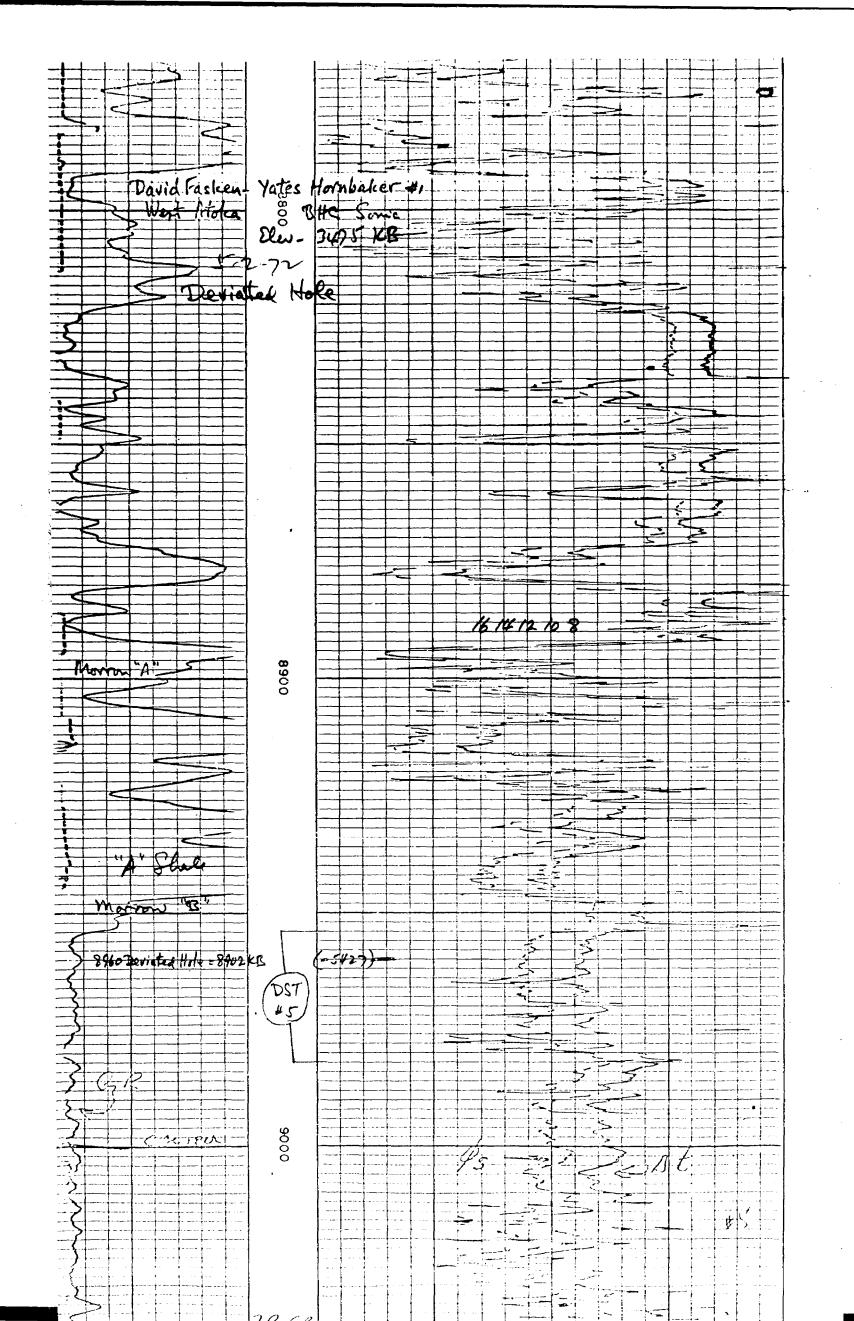
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A. J. LOSEE

16 August 1972

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Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary-Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

> Re: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation Case No. 4803

Dear Mr. Porter:

Enclosed for filing, please find three (3) copies of the application of Yates Petroleum Corporation to directionally drill and for an unorthodox gas well location. This case has been set for hearing before an examiner on August 23, 1972.

Very truly yours,

LOSEE & CARSON

A. J. Losee

AJL:gh Enclosures

cc: Yates Petroleum Corporation



BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION TO DIRECTIONALLY DRILL AND FOR AN UNORTHODOX : Case No. 4803 GAS WELL LOCATION, WEST ATOKA-MORROW GAS POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION

COMES YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION by its attorneys, and in support hereof, respectfully states:

- 1. That applicant is the operator of the Pennsylvanian Formation underlying the North half of Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and proposes to re-enter a dry hole at a surface location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 25, and to directionally drill in such a manner as to bottom the well in the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool, at an unorthodox bottom hole location 500 feet from the North line and 600 feet from the East line of said Section 25.
- 2. Applicant seeks permission pursuant to Rule 111 (b) to intentially deviate the re-entry operation away from vertical so that it will be bottomed 500 feet from the North line and 600 feet from the East line of said Section 25.
- 3. Applicant seeks an exception to the well location requirements of Rule 104 C. II(a) of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico to permit the bottoming of said well at an unorthodox location 500 feet from the North line and 600 feet from the East line of said Section 25.

- 4. That a standard 320-acre gas proration unit comprising the North half of said Section 25, should be dedicated to such well or such lesser portion of the North half of Section 25 as is reasonably shown to be presumed to be productive of gas from said pool should be dedicated to said well.
- 5. The names and addresses of the operators of the leases offsetting the North half of said Section 25 follow:

Reading & Bates, Inc. 11th Floor Philtower Bldg. Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103

Mountain States Petroleum Corp. Security National Bank Bldg. Roswell, New Mexico

David Fasken Attn. Mr. Richard S. Brooks 608 First National Bank Bldg. Midland, Texas 79701

Marathon Oil Company Box 552 Midland, Texas 79701

6. The approval of this application will afford applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of gas in the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool and will protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays:

- A. That this application be set for hearing before an examiner and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.
- B. That upon hearing the Commission enter its order granting to applicant permission to re-enter the dry hole at a surface location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 25, to deviate said hole from

vertical by directionally drilling it in such a manner as to bottom the well in the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool at an unorthodox location 500 feet from the North line and 600 feet from the East line of said Section 25 and to dedicate that portion of the North half of said Section 25 which is reasonably presumed to be productive of gas from said pool.

C. And for such other relief as may be just in the premises.

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Ву:

A. J. Losee for LOSEE & CARSON P.O. Box 239

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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:

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CASE NO. 4803

Order No. R-439

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION TO DIRECTIONALLY DRILL AND AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

SW 9-1-72

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 23 , 1972 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets

NOW, on this day of August , 1972, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject
- (2) That the applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, has acquired and is the owner and operator of a well drilled at a countricted surface location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Lee County, New Mexico.

-2-CASE NO. 4803 Order No. R-

- (3) That the applicant proposes to dedicate the north half of said Section 25 to the well and that with such dedication the well location will be unorthodox.
- (4) That the subject well was drilled a total depth of 9150 feet into the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool, plugged back to a depth of approximately 7300 feet and directionally drilled to the east and south to a total depth of 9070 feet and was subsequently flugged back to a depth of 5200 feet.
- (5) That the applicant now seeks, as exceptions to Rules 104 C II(a) and HII(b), authority to re-enter and clean-out the subject well to a depth of approximately 5400 feet and to set a whipstock at said depth and directionally drill in such a manner as to bottom the well in the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool at an unorthodox bottom-hole location within 50 feet of a point 500 feet from the North line and 600 feet from the East line of said Section 25.
- (6) That the applicant proposes to determine the subsurface location of the whipstock point by means of a continuous multi-shot directional survey conducted prior to said directional drilling and in the same manner to determine the sub-surface location of the directionally drilled hole at its total depth.
- (7) That the evidence indicates that the entire N/2 of said Section 25 is productive of gas from the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool
- (8) That the entire N/2 of said Section 25 can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the subject well.
- (9) That there is evidence that a well at the proposed unorthodox location would penetrate a thicker and more productive pay section than a well at an orthodox location.

-3-CASE NO. 4803 Order No. R-

- (10) That no offset operator or interest owner objected to the unorthodox location or directional drilling.
- (11) That approval of the subject application will prevent 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 the applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, is hereby authorized to re-enter a dry hole having an unorthodox surface location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, set a whipstock at approximately 5400 feet and directionally drill in such a manner as to bottom the well in the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool at an unorthodox bottom-hole location within 50 feet of a point 500 feet from the North line and 600 feet from the East line of said Section 25.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that prior to commencing the aforesaid directional drilling, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the well bore with shot points not more than \$00 feet apart in order to determine the sub-surface location of the whipstock point; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of the survey report directly to the Santa Fe office of the Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and that the operator shall notify the Commission's Artesia District Office of the date and time said survey is to be commenced. In the alternative, a copy of the directional survey run prior to the initial directional drilling shall be an acceptable substitute if said survey adequately locates the sub-surface thipstock point.

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- drilling, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the well bore from total depth to the whipstock point with shot points not more than \$00 feet apart; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of the survey report directly to the Santa Fe Office of the Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and that the operator shall notify the Commission's Artesia District Office of the date and time said survey is 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 N/2 of said Section 25 shall be dedicated to the subject well.
- (5) 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.