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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO September 13, 1972 EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Robert N. Enfield for an unorthodox location, Chaves County, New Mexico.

CASE 4827

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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SIMMS BLDG. • P.O. BOX 1092 • PHONE 243-6691 • ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87108 1216 first national bank bldg. East • Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108 MR. NUTTER: Case 4827.

MR. HATCH: Application

MR. HATCH: Application of Robert N. Enfield for an unorthodox location, Chaves County, New Mexico.

MR. MORRIS: I am Richard Morris of Montgomery, Federici, Andrews, Hannahs & Morris, appearing on behalf of the Applicant.

We have one witness, Mr. Ralph Gray, we'd ask that he be sworn at this time.

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RALPH GRAY,

appeared as a witness and, having been duly sworn according to law, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. MORRIS:

- Q Mr. Gray, will you please state your name and where you reside?
- A Ralph Gray, Artesia, New Mexico.
- Q What is your profession, Mr. Gray?
- 19 A Consulting engineer.
 - Q Have you been engaged to represent Mr. Enfield in connection with this Case 4827, as a consulting engineer?
 - A Yes, I have.
 - Q What is sought by Mr. Enfield's Application in this Case?

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A	The Applicant proposes to drill a gas well in the
	Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, which location
	would be an unorthodox pattern. The location is, as
	proposed, 1,980 feet from the north and east lines
	of Section 11, Township 15 South, Range 27 East.
Q	What do the field rules for the Buffalo Valley-
	Pennsylvanian Gas Pool provide, with respect to standard
	locations?
A	The field rules provide that a well shall be drilled
	in either the NW/4 or the SE/4 of a Section and
	located no closer than 990 feet from a lease line.
Q	So Mr. Enfield's application is unorthodox in the
	sense that it is off-pattern, but it is not closer
	to the lease line than as permitted under the special
	rules?
A	Yes, that's correct.
Q	All right. Would you refer to Exhibit 1 and point out
	the features shown on that Exhibit?
A	Exhibit 1 is an ownership plat of the Buffalo Valley-
	Pennsylvanian Gas Pool area. The scale of the map is
	1 inch equals every 2,000 feet. The proposed location
	is shown on the map in Section 11 with a red circle
	and the proposed 320 acre drilling unit is indicated
	by the yellow boundary line. The gas wells are
	indicated on the map in this pool.

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Q	The map shows a well in the SE/4 of Section 11, within
	the proposed proration unit? I am referring to the
	Pan American Federal 1 "D", was that well drilled to
	the Pennsylvanian formation?

- A Yes, this well was drilled to the Pennsylvanian and, actually, on drill stem tests, the well produced 116,000 cubic feet of gas per day; but the operator declined to attempt completion of it.
- All right. Please refer to your Exhibit Number 2 and give the pertinent well data concerning this Pan American Well, as well as the other two wells that are shown on that Exhibit.
 - Exhibit 2 shows pertinent well information for three wells surrounding the proposed location. The Pan American Pederal Com. C Number 1 well, which is located to the west of the proposed location, was drilled to a total depth of 8,413 feet with 5 and 1/2 inch casing set at this depth and it was perforated from 8,232 to 8,257. This well's calculated absolute open-flow was 800,000,000 MCF daily. The Read & Stevens-Hurd Number 1 well is an east offset to the proposed location and this well was drilled to a depth of 8,699 feet, was perforated from 8,484 to 8,515 feet, and on test, had 8,000,000 cubic feet per day. The Pan American Federal Com B Number 1 south of the

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proposed location, but located on the same drilling unit, was drilled to a depth of 8,603 feet, it was cored from 8,341 to 8,452 feet and the drill stem tested in two intervals, one from 8,224 to 8,524 feet. This was the interval that produced 16,000 cubic feet of gas per day. And the test from 8,252 to 8,352, from a straddling packer recovered mud.

- Please refer to your Exhibit Number 3, which is a twopage Exhibit showing the monthly and cumulative
 production in the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas
 Pool, for 12 wells in the pool. Would you point out
 the pertinent features of this Exhibit?
 - production for each producing well in this pool, from January through June of 1972, and shows cumulative figures for gas and distillate for each well as of July 1, 1972. Of course, these wells were drilled over a period of several years and the cumulative figures vary considerably, due to the differences in completion times and productivity of the wells. Most of the wells up to this time have recovered anywhere from approximately one billion to almost four billion cubic feet of gas.
- Q Please refer to your Exhibit Number 4 and state what it is, what it shows.

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Exhibit Number 4 is a table showing shut-in surface pressures for the gas wells in this pool. The initial shut-in tubing pressure for the Cities Service Baetz A Number 1 Well which was drilled as Carper Baetz Number 1 was indicated to be approximately 2,400 PSI. pressures have declined over the years and at the present time the wells which are located in the NW/2, approximately, of the field, these shut-in pressures vary from about 1,100 to 1,200 pounds, although there is one indicated at 1,420, indicating that this portion of the field is substantially depleted. The wells located in the SE/2, approximately, of the pool, have substantially higher shut-in tubing pressures and you will note that these, most of these, vary from a range of 2,000 to 2,200, although there is one of 2,498, which is a dually completed well. Mr. Gray, I'll ask you to refer back to these Exhibits

- a few minutes, in connection with your structural map that we will present later. Now, would you please refer to your Exhibit 5, the cross-section. Please point out the wells that you have shown here and the relationship of this cross-section to the proposed location.
- Exhibit 5 is a west-east cross-section extending from the Pan American Federal "C" Number 1 through the

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- So this just goes from the west offset through the proposed location to the east offset?
- A Yes, sir, that's correct. Exhibit Number 5 just shows a portion of the electric log. On these two wells, it shows the producing formations, the perforations and it appears from the study of the two logs that a well drilled in between these should encounter a well in the same pay zones and somewhere between the two elevations, the Pan American "C", of course, is higher structurally, and it's anticipated that the proposed location will fall in between someplace.
- Q All right. Now, do you also have a log section from the Pan American Well that is the south offset to the proposed location?
- A Yes. Exhibit 6 shows a portion of the electric log on the Pan American Federal "D" Gas Com. Number 1 and this Exhibit is presented to show the intervals which were drilled and tested and also the interval that was cored in this well. The gas recovered on the drill stem test is indicated in the lower interval tested.
- O All right. Please refer to your Exhibit 7 and point out the features shown on that Exhibit.

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Exhibit Number 7 is really not a structural map, but it's a contour map, contoured on the top of pay as reported by the various operators. In attempting to use the information that was reported by the individual operators, it became evident that these operators picked different points. Without having access to all the electric logs in making that detailed study, it was very difficult to prepare any kind of a structure map that we would rely on. So we attempted to show the reservoir conditions by contouring on top of the reported pays. I would like to state at this point that the geology in this area is apparently rather complicated and, in discussing with other operators, we found that there were several differences of opinion as to the conditions which exist in the reservoir. In our case, it appears that one interpretation would to be to locate a fault, which would run in a generally NE/SW direction, which would more or less separate the pool into two areas. In talking to other operators, we found that they did not draw a fault, but they merely contoured the northwestern portion structurally with rather flat contour lines and then they came to this area, to which we show a fault line, and they indicated sharply dipping contours there in that area and they then straightened out again. In a third case

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we know of operators that prefer to think in terms of more than one formation being productive in this area. So, we wish to point out that it is a complicated area, geologically, and all of these features haven't actually been determined to the same degree, and so we are presenting this as a possibility and we are not saying it's necessarily the right one, but it's one interpretation of the conditions.

- Would this be a possible explanation, Mr. Gray, of the pressure differentials that you showed to exist back on Exhibit Number 4?
 - Yes, that was one reason why we prefer to think in terms of a fault through here. First of all, there is a displacement of roughly 200 feet across this area; secondly, you will note that all of the pressures of wells located on what we show as the downthrown side of the fault, all of these pressures are high above 2,000 PSI and without exception, all of the pressures on wells which would be on the upthrown side of the fault, are substantially lower in the neighborhood of 1,100 to 1,200 PSI. So, the existence of those pressure differentials is one basis for our thinking that perhaps there is a fault through there, some kind of a separation.
 - Were the initial pressures on both sides of this area

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1		that you have shown as a fault approximately the
2		same?
3	A	Yes, they are indicated to be within reasonable limits
4		between 2,400 and 2,500 PSI surface pressures.
5	Q	Based upon this interpretation, Mr. Gray, and on
6		the other information you have presented here, do you
7		have an opinion as to whether the entire E/2 of
8		Section 11 is productive gas from the Pennsylvanian
9		formation?
10	A	I think it's reasonable to assume that it's essentially
11		entirely productive. We know that it's productive
12		of gas down to the point of the Pan American "D" 1
13		well inasmuch as they did produce some gas on drill
14		stem test. There is a completed gas well in the SE/4
15		of Section 12, just east of this well, and we don't
16		really have any data to use that the gas does not
17		cover this unit.
18	Ŏ	If you will refer back to Exhibit Number 1, the
19		ownership plat, are there other wells completed and
20		producing from the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian gas
21		pool which are unorthodox in the sense that they are
22		off-pattern?
23	λ	Yes, there are several wells in this pool that are
24		off of the established pattern. The Read & Stevens
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Midwest Number 1 Well is located in the SM/4 of Section

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6 of Township 15 South, Range 27 East, and, of course, this is off-pattern. Excuse me, would that be 27 East and/or 28 East? 28 East. All right. And the Clinton Oil, others, Southwestern Production, Buffalo Valley Com Gas Well Number 2 in Section 35 of Township 14 South, Range 27 East, is located in the NE/4 of the Section. So it's not on-pattern. of course, in the case of the discovery well, the well Number 1, this well was located in the SW/4 of Section 35 of the same township and range as the Southwestern Well. So, actually, there are three wells in the pool which do not conform to the pool Now, this is a prorated pool, is it not? Have you consulted the proration schedule to determine whether any of these unorthodox locations or offpattern locations have penalized allowables? Yes, I have consulted the schedule and there are no cases where any of these wells have been penalized. MR. MORRIS: In this connection, Mr. Examiner, I would like to just offer for information a copy of the Commission Order Number R-3974, dated June 10, 1970, which

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approved the unorthodox location for the Read & Stevens Well in Section 6 of 15 South, 28 East. I do not offer this as an Exhibit, but simply for the Examiner's information.

- Q (By Mr. Morris) Mr. Gray, what effect does the drilling of a well at the proposed unorthodox location have upon the correlative rights of offset operators?

 And while we are talking about correlative rights, also the correlative rights of operators having an interest in the E/2 of Section 11?
 - Well, the well has been drilled in the regular pattern, which would be the SE/4 of Section 11, and, of course, as we pointed out although there was some gas encountered, the operator declined to attempt a completion. But it appears to me that in order for the operator that owns these mineral rights to have a fair chance of recovery, the gas that's under their tract, that it behooves them to drill a well in the NE/4 of Section 11, in order to get into a permeability and to permit them to recover this gas within a reasonable period of time. Now, as to correlative rights, I'd like to point out that, the Exhibit Number 4 shows the present shut-in tubing pressures whereas the original pressure was in the neighborhood of 2,400 to 2,500 pounds on the downthrown side of these. These things, these pressures, are now depleted down in the

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neighborhood of 2,000 to 2,100 pounds, so there already has been substantial drainage away from the middle of the acreage which has been produced by the wells drilled prior. In the case of the upthrown side of this plot, these pressures are even lower, so in those cases, the acreage has been drained even more. So, I've looked at this thing with the fact that the Applicant has penalized himself by delaying drilling until this time because they have lost some gas to the older wells in the pool. So I don't think this would be jeopardizing anyones correlative rights. I don't think anyone would be hurt by the drilling at the proposed location and I do feel that it's necessary that the Applicant should drill in this quarter section north to permit them to reasonably recover their fair share of the gas.

- You referred earlier to the off-pattern location of the Read & Stevens Well in Section 6. Was that well, the off-pattern well, drilled after the well had been drilled in the NW/4 of Section 6 at an orthodox location? In other words, a situation similar to what we have in this situation?
- A Yes, sir.
 - Q Mr. Gray, I would read to you from the Order that approved the Read & Stevens well, that Order Number

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would be similar.
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- Were Exhibits 1 through 7 prepared by you or under your direction and supervision?
- Yes, sir.

MR. MORRIS: We offer Exhibits 1 through 7 into

MR. NUTTER: Without objections, these Exhibits evidence. will be admitted into evidence.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits Numbers 1 through 7 were marked and admitted into evidence.) MR. MORRIS: That's all we have on Direct Examination of this witness.

MP. NUTTER: Are there any questions of the witness?

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(No response.)

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Mr. Gray, when we've got a location similar to this, we can look at the proposed location as being subject to receiving a penalty for two reasons, one being the unorthodoxness of the location and the other being the non-productivity of the acreage attributed to the well.

Now, we don't have any structure maps that go down here to show the structure in the S/2 of Section We know that one well has recovered mud and 116,000 cubic feet of gas. Do we have any reason to believe that there is productivity south of the Pan American location there in the SE/4? I think you couldn't rule out the presence of gas south of the location. The character of the formation in this area is such that it is hard to anticipate the thickness of the formation and the thickness and the characteristics within the formation itself can vary substantially from well to well. It isn't the type of geological condition where you have a rather uniform formation disposed over a large area. conditions here are a formation of sand and limestones

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within thick-shell bodies and the type of geological condition results in a rather erratic condition of the producing formation itself. And so, even though you have a tight section indicated in the SE/4 of Section 11, I wouldn't necessarily expect that that would condemn everything south of the location, even, because it's possible to have these tight spots and have a continuation on past that. So, we don't really have any control to show that there isn't gas down in that point. Of course, we don't have anything to show that it is past, but the fact that this well did recover that much gas shows you that the gas is down that far and you might go, for example, to the eastern portion of this unit, for example, might be highly prolific. There is no telling what the porosity and permeability conditions would be even a few foot from the wellbore. So, I don't see any basis of penalizing this drilling unit because we can't really say that this thing terminates at that point.

You are proposing a location that is set in here in the middle of three wells which are on-pattern, the west offset, the north offset, and this east offset.

They are all on-patterns. How, this well that Read & Stevens drilled, that was in the SW/4 of Section 6, at the time it was drilled, was the east well to the

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I'll have to refer back to my completion cards here.

east of it in existence?

You mentioned at one point it was a recent completion.

The Hurd Number 1 well was completed in March, 1970.

Well, I'm talking about the Read & Stevens Well in Section 6.

That's the Midwest. The Midwest Number 1 was completed in July of 1970.

All right. When was that Nidwest Company well fully completed?

The Midwest New Mexico State "B" Number 1 well was completed in February of 1971.

Now, do you have any data as to any drill stem tests or any other indication of productivity in this well, which is the NW/4 of Section 6?

I guess it's Ard Dailling Company.

MR. MORRIS: Mr. Examiner, while Mr. Gray is looking for that information, it might be pertinent to bring out at this time that at this point in time that, in connection with the effect of correlative rights here, the Application before us is supported by Pan American Petroleum, which will be a partner in the well to the extent of their interest in the SE/4 of Section 11. And, I think the Commission has a telegram of support in that regard and we also anticipate that Read & Stevens will support the Application.

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MR. NUTTER: All right.

Mr. Nutter, the completion card on the Ard Drilling Company, Sinclair State Number 6 Well located 1,640 feet from the north and 990 feet from the west line of Section 6 of 15 South, 28 East, shows that there was open hole from 8,502 to 8,542 and then acidized with 2,000 gallons. The completion card just records that a small amount of gas was recovered from this open hole section, but it doesn't state how much.

- It doesn't? Okay. So, as far as your card there is concerned, that's the only indication of productivity is just a small amount of gas?
- Yes, sir.
- But at any rate, you are not proposing any penalty to be established for this proposed location?
 - No, we don't think there is any basis for any penalty to be assessed inasmuch as there is no evidence to show that there is less than 320 acres that is productive. Also, the fact that other wells have been drilled in this pool as exceptions, unorthodox locations, these have been allowed without penalty to themselves and the fact that there already has been substantial amount of gas drained by the offset operators so that I don't see any basis for showing that anyone is going to be hurt offsetting this location,

250% STANS BLDG. & P.O. BOX 1082 # PHONE 243-6601#ALBUQUERQUE, HEW MEXICO 87103 1216 First national bank bldg. East*Albuquerque, New Hexico 87108 So, I think that if there were any thought to penalizing this well, that you would have to go back and take a look at all of the wells in the pool. If this fault situation exists, you'd even have to look at the acreages that are along this fault plane that cut off some of the acreage from some of the wells. That would reduce their size. So, if you are going to penalize one well, in all fairness, you would have to look at all of the wells in a pool that would be treated similarly.

- Q Well, now, with respect to Exhibit 7, Mr. Gray, you said that you didn't have the logs of all the wells, so what are these points picked on, then?
- A They are picked on the top of pay that the operators reported on the completion cards. In other words, in the absnece of a uniform formation top used by all the operators, we have resorted to using the top of pay as they report.
- Q Well, now, do you know whether all the wells are completed in the same pay or not?
- Well, the legs that we have examined indicate to us that there is no hasis for saying that there is more than one pay in this particular area. I couldn't state definitely that there may not be other pays existing because we haven't seen the logs in these other areas

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1		and we haven't made that full a study on this thing.
2	Q	Well, all the logs you've seen showed the same one
(1) S (1) S (2) S		pay that you've shown on this cross-section?
4	A	That's our interpretation.
<u></u>	Ď	And that's where these two wells are perforated?
<u> </u>	A	Yes, sir.
7 	Q	In this same pay here?
dearnley, meier & mc cormick	A	Yes, sir. Now, did you have a top pay for that Read well immediate
8	Q	north of your proposed location?
meiel 1	0 A	Yes we do. That well didn't quite fit there and
ey, 1	12	to record have used the top of pay we would have
dearn	13	drawn a little localized high right around that one
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0. 6	i	pattern. But, if that point is right, well, these
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SIMMS BEDG.	23	MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions
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(No response.)

MR. NUTTER: He may be excused.

MR. KELLAHIN: If it please the Examiner, Thomas Kellahin of Kellahin and Fox, appearing for Read & Stevens, of Roswell, New Mexico. Read & Stevens is the offsetting interest owner to the north and to the east of the Applicant's proposed unorthodox location. Read and Stevens supports Applicant's request for an unorthodox location without penalized allowable.

MR. NUTTER: Thank you.

Do you have anything further, Mr. Morris?

MR. MORRIS: No, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish to offer in Case Number 4827?

MR. HATCH: The Commission has received a telegram from Amoco Production Corporation supporting the Application.

MR. MORRIS: Does that support the Application without a penalty, Mr. Hatch?

May I ask, just for the record, that it be read? MR. HATCH: "Amoco Production Company is an interest owner adjacent to the well to be drilled at an unorthodox location by Rebert Enfield and is an operator and interest owner in other wells in the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Cas Pool. Amoco Production believes the entire

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E/2 of Section 11 has been proven productive of gas for the drill stem test of the Pennsylvanian and the well drilled in the SE/4 of that section. First, that a well should be located at the approved point, unorthodox location, to effectively drain the reserves in the E/2 of Section 11, therefore, Amoco Production strongly urges the Commission to approve the drilling of the well at the unorthodox location requested in Case 4827 and permit production from that well without allowable penalty.

If there is MR. NUTTER: Thank you, Mr. Hatch. nothing further, we will take the case under advisement and call Case 4577 again, which is in the matter of Case 4577 reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order Number R-4181.

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P.O. BOX 2068 - SANTA FE 87501

October 16, 1972

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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. 4827 Order No. R-4420

APPLICATION OF ROBERT N. ENFIELD FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 23, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>16th</u> day of October, 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, Robert N. Enfield, seeks, as an exception to Rule 2 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Pool, approval of an off-pattern unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 11, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the E/2 of said Section 11 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well drilled at the proposed location should encounter the subject formation structurally higher than a well drilled at a standard location.
- (5) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the gas in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

Case No. 4827 Order No. R-4420

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, Robert N. Enfield, is hereby authorized to drill a gas well at an off-pattern unorthodox location 990 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 11, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico, as an exception to Rule 2 of the Special Rules and Regulations for said pool.
- (2) That the E/2 of said Section 11 is to be dedicated to the above-described well.
- (3) 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 OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BRUCE KING, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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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. 4361 Order No. R-3974

APPLICATION OF READ & STEVENS, INC., FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 27, 1970, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 10th day of June, 1970, 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, Read & Stevens, Inc., seeks authority to drill a gas well at an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 6, Township 15 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a gas proration unit comprising the W/2 of said Section 6, in exception to the provisions of Rule 2 of Order No. R-1670-H.
- (3) That the Special Rules and Regulations governing the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool provide that each well completed or recompleted in said pool shall be located in the northwest quarter or the southeast quarter of the section and shall be located no nearer than 990 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter section nor nearer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter-quarter section line.

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- (4) That the proposed location, in the southwest quarter of said Section 6, is an off-pattern quarter section location.
- proposed non-standard location in the southwest quarter of said Section 6 should encounter a thicker and more prolific pay section of the Pennsylvanian sand than a well drilled at a standard location in the northwest quarter of said section and should, therefore, result in greater ultimate recovery of gas, thereby preventing waste.
- (6) That approval of the proposed unorthodox location will not violate correlative rights and will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and otherwise prevent waste.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, Read & Stevens, Inc., is hereby authorized to drill a gas well at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 6, Township 15 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a gas proration unit comprising the W/2 of said Section 6.
- (2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

SEAL

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

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DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 13, 1972

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

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Elvis A. Utz, Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for October, 1972, from seventeen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Chaves and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico;
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas from nine prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, for October, 1972.
- CASE 4808: Application of Skelly Oil Company for a waterflood expansion and dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to expand its Grayburg-Jackson Skelly Unit Water-flood Project, Grayburg-Jackson Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, by the injection of water through its Unit Well No. 114 located in Unit D of Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 31 East. Said Well No. 114 to be completed as a dual completion in such a manner as to permit the production of oil from the Fren-Sevens Rivers Pool and the injection of water into the Grayburg-Jackson Pool.
- CASE 4809: Application of Saturn Oil Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Antebellum Unit Area comprising 3,840 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Township 23 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4810: In the matter of the application of the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider the revision of the special rules for the Devils Fork Gallup Associated Pool and the Escrito Gallup Associated Pool, Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, promulgated by Orders Nos. R-1670-B and R-1793-A, respectively, to permit taking of gas-oil ratio and bottom-hole pressure tests on an annual basis rather than quarterly and semi-annually, as is now required.

CASE 4747: (Continued from the July 26, 1972, Examine: Nearing)

Application of Union Texas Petroleum, a Division of Allied Chemical Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico, Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests below the base of the Devonian formation underlying the N/2 of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Crosby Field, Lea County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to its well to be located 1650 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line of said Section 33. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well.

CASE 4577: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 4577 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4181, which order established special rules and regulations for the Parkway-Wolfcamp Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, including a provision for 160-acre spacing units. All interested persons may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre or 80-acre spacing units.

- CASE 4811: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for a non-standard proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 120-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the N/2 SE/4 and NE/4 SW/4 of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Blinebry Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its State 367 Well No. 3 located in Unit K of said Section 36.
- CASE 4812: Application of Midwest Oil Corporation for an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks as an exception to Rule 104, authority to drill a wildcat gas well to test the Morrow formation at an unorthodox location 1320 feet from the South and East lines of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, with the S/2 of said Section 1 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 4813: Application of Inexco Oil Company for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Sitting Bull Unit Area comprising 6,665 acres, more or less, of Federal lands in Sections 28, 29, 31, 32, and 33 of Township 23 South, Range 22 East, and Sections 4 through 9 of Township 24 South, Range 22 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4814: Application of Inexco Oil Company for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Four rorks Unit Area comprising 3,133 acres, more or less, of Federal and Fee lands in Sections 3, 10, 11, 14 and 15 of Township 22 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4815: Application of Inexco Oil Company for pool creation and special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new Strawn gas pool for its well located 1980 feet from the South and West lines of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks the promulgation of special rules therefor, including a provision for 640-acre spacing units.
- CASE 4816: Application of Penroc Oil Corporation for a special gas-oil ratio limitation increase, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks amendment of the special rules and regulations for the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool promulgated by Order No. R-3811, as amended,

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to establish a limiting gas-oil ratio limitation of 6,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil in said pool.

- CASE 4817: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its Drag "B" Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce gas from the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool through tubing and an undesignated Canyon gas pool through the casing-tubing annulus.
- CASE 4818: Application of Tipperary Land and Exploration Corporation for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the North Bagley-Pennsylvanian Pool by the injection of water into the Strawn and possibly other formations by the injection of water through its Bess Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4819: Application of D. L. Hannifin for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in and under the S/2 of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1980 feet from the South and East lines of said Section 24. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well.
- CASE 4820: Application of Anadarko Production Company for the creation of an associated pool, special rules therefor, downhole and surface commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new associated pool for the production of oil and gas from the Yates and Seven Rivers formations for its Loco Hills Federal "B" Wells Nos. 1 and 8 located, respectively, in Units P and K of Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and the promulgation of special rules therefor including provisions for the classification of oil and gas wells, oil and gas well spacing, and an unlimited gas-oil ratio.

Applicant further seeks authority to commingle in the well-bore of said Well No. 1 the Yates-Seven Rivers production from the newly created pool and the Grayburg-Jackson Pool and to commingle on the surface the Yates-Seven Rivers production from said Well No. 8 with production from the Grayburg-Jackson Pool.

CASE 4821: Application of Getty Oil Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks as an exception

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to Rule 303 of the Commission Rules and Regulations, authority to commingle production from the North Vacuum-Abo, Vacuum-Wolfcamp, and Vacuum-Pennsylvanian Pools in the wellbore of its State "BA" Well No. 8 located in Unit B of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

- CASE 4822: Application of Getty Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location for its State "BA" Well No. 9 located 660 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Said well being nearer than 660 feet to another well capable of producing from the same pool.
- CASE 4823: Application of Getty 0il Company for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location for its A. B. Coates "C" Well No. 28 located 1820 feet from the North and West lines of Section 24, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Justis Blinebry Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Said well being located nearer than 660 feet to another well capable of producing from the same pool.
- CASE 4824: Application of Getty Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location for its H. D. McKinley Well No. 11 located 760 feet from the North line and 550 feet from the East line of Section 30, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, Hobbs Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Said well being nearer than 660 feet to another well capable of producing from the same pool.
- CASE 4825: Application of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation for dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its Catclaw Draw Unit Well No. 3 located in Unit D of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce gas from an undesignated Strawn gas pool through tubing and from the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool through the casing-tubing annulus.
- CASE 4826: Application of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation for pool creation, special pool rules, and an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new Strawn gas pool for its well located 920 feet from the North and West lines of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and the promulgation of special rules therefor, including a provision for 640-acre spacing units. Applicant further seeks approval of an unorthodox location for the above-described well.
- CASE 4827: Application of Robert N. Enfield for an unorthodox location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks

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authority to drill a gas well at an off-pattern unorthodox location 990 feet from the North and East lines of Section 11, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico, with the E/2 of said Section 11 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 4828: Application of Inexco Oil Company for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for the dual completion of its McMinn State Well No. 1 located 1980 feet from the South and West lines of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 26 from the South and West lines of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 26 from East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce gas from the Strawn formation and the Morrow formation adjacent to the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool.

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RE CASE 4827 EXAMINER HEARING DOCKET, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1972=

AMO CO PRODUCTION COMPANY IS AN INTEREST OWNER UNIT TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE WELL TO BE DRILLED AT A UNORTHODOX LOCATION BY ROBERT N ENFIELD AND IS AN OPERATOR AND INTEREST OWNER IN OTHER WELLS IN THE BUFFALO VALLEY PENNSYLVANIAN GAS POOL=

AMO CO PRODUCTION COMPANY BELIEVES THE ENTIRE EAST ONE HALF OF SECTION ELEVEN HAS BEEN PROVEN PRODUCTIVE OF GAS

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D L RAY AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY HOUSTON TEXAS==

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WELL DATA

PAN AMERICAN - FEDERAL COM. "C" #1

Location: 990' f. N. & 1650' f. W. - Sec. 11-15S-27E.

Completed: Nov. 7, 1968 Elevation: 3493 KB. Total Depth: 84131.

Top of Pay: 8232

Casing: 5½" at 8413 w/350 sx.

Perforated: 8232-57.

IP - CAOF - 8,000 MCF/D.

Acidized with 500 and 2,000 gallons.

PAN AMERICAN - FEDERAL COM. "D" #1

Location: 1650' f. S. & E. - Sec. 11-15S-27E.

Plugged and Abandoned May 19, 1969.

Total Depth: 8603', Elevation: 3553 KB.

DST: 8424-8524, tool open 2 hrs. Gas to surface in 14 min.

DST: 8424-8524, tool open 2 hrs. Gas to surface in 14 min.

Flowed 116,000 c.f./d. Recov. 534' mud. FP - 96-105 psi.

ISIP - 2509 psi./45 min. FSIP - 2586/2 hrs.

ISIP - 2509 psi./45 min. FSIP - 2586/2 hrs.

PST: 8252-8352 (strad. pkr.) Open 1 hr. Recov. 534' mud.

FP 212-251 psi. ISIP - 463 psi./45 min. FSIP - 656 psi./2 hrs. esof effect

RBAD & STEVENS - HURD #1

Location: 990' f. N. & 1661' f. W. - Sec. 12-15S-27B.

Completed: March 22, 1970 Elevation: 3563 DF. Total Depth: 8699

Top of Fay: 8484 Casing: 4½" at 8699 w/350 sx.

Perforated: 8484-8515,

IPF: 8,000 MCF/D.

Acidized w/500 gallons.

Submitted by ... Hearing Dale

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MONTHLY & CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION

BUFFALO VALLEY PENN GAS POOL

	Cumulative	Total	June	Мау	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	1972	Cumulative	YEAR & MONTH
	11,302	490	68	58	129	52	27	156		10,812	AMOCO P C-11 FEDERA OIL
	954,454	83,567	16,794	174	20,133	10,745	8,086	27,635		870,887	AMOCO PRODUCTION C-11-15-27 FEDERAL "C" #1 OIL GAS
	22,678	551	188	14	124	108	40	77		22,127	CITIES N-35 BAETZ OIL
	3,726,450	200,008	35,484	5,435	41,658	38,838	37,758	40,835		3,526,442	CITIES SERVICE N-35-14-27 BABIZ "A" #1 OIL GAS
	1,760	223	∞	82	73	19	30	11		1,537	H-35 BUFFALO OIL
	312,764	80,749	21,153	23,794	20,873	4,279	4,749	5,901		232,015	H-35-14-27 BUFFALO VALLEY #2 OIL GAS
	59,862	2,471	34.7	412	396	44.1	429	443		57,391	CLINTON OIL CO. D-1 CLEMENTS S OIL
-	3,956,917	382,233	60,702	63,550	64,535	66,727	60,516	66,203		3,574,684	D-1-15-27 CLEMENTS SUFFALO #1 OIL GAS
	225									225	P-26 MII
	18,219									18,219	HANSON OIL CO. P-26-14-27 MILLER #1 OIL GAS
	27,744	12,291	1,513	1,977	2,437	2,812	1,672	1,880		15,453	MIDWEST 0-6- N. MEX. OIL
	992,183	600,101	111,398	121,800	116,456	125,665	61,283	63,499		392,082	MIDWEST OIL CORP. 0-6-15-28 N. MEX. STATE V #1 OIL GAS

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MONTHLY & CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION (Continued)

BUFFALO VALLEY PENN GAS POOL

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	BUFFALO	BUFFALO VALLEY #2	BUFF. VAL	BUFF. VALLEY COM. #1	IDH	HURD #1	MIDWEST	COM. #1	TROBAUGH "A" #1	"A" #1	TROBAUGH	TROBAUGH COM. #1
YEAR & MONTH	TIO	GAS	OIL.	GAS	OIL	GAS	011	OIL GAS	TIO	GAS	OIL	GAS
Cumulative	55,329	3,051,426	50,230	3,768,079	18,065	1,577,336	7,349	357,538	705	84,723	14,258	1,243,288
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Jan.	319	43,625	193	50,897	912	96,645	35	5, 331	51	10,979	891	94,545
Feb.	256	40,143	192	47,046	846	87,811	1.98	18,.198	66	4,572	867	84,196
Mar.	312	42,512	233	53,169	889	85,313	70	11,251	14	2,516	818	89,665
Apr.	281	42,241	232	51,574	878	94,534	97	8,490	44	3,593	890	89,262
Мау	290	43,755	193	47,239	873	95,119	77	9,074	107	13,229	864	90,248
June	268	42,705	180	44,532	860	97,346	72	10,385	47	12,078	801	88,327
Total	1,726	254,981	1,223	294,457	5,258	556,768	549	62,729	329	46,967	5,131	536,243
Cumulative	57,055	3,306,407	51,453	4,062,536	23,323	2,134,104	7,898	420,267	1,034	131,690	19,389	1,779,531

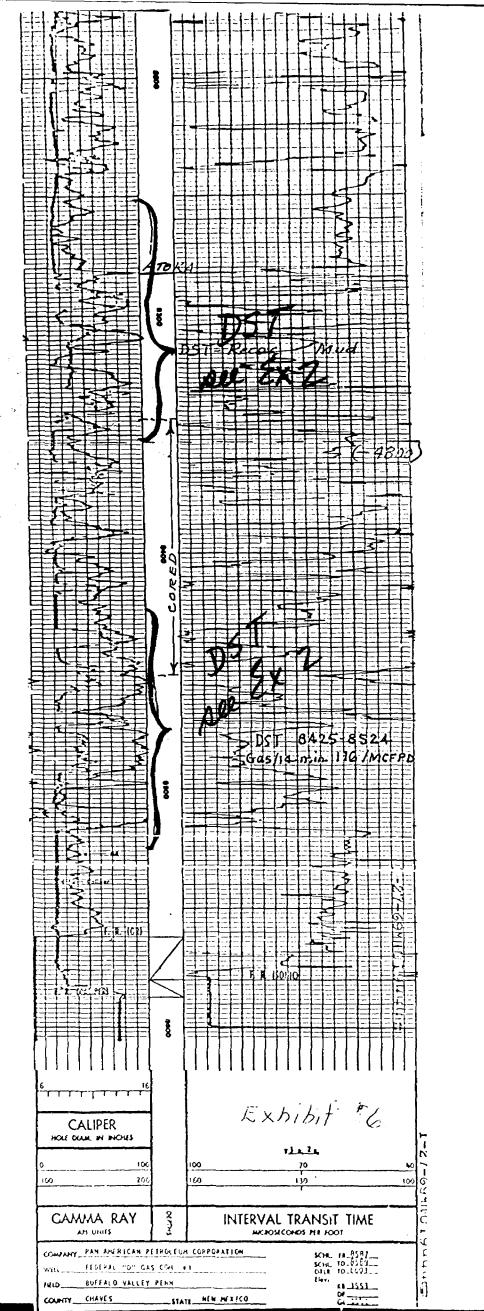
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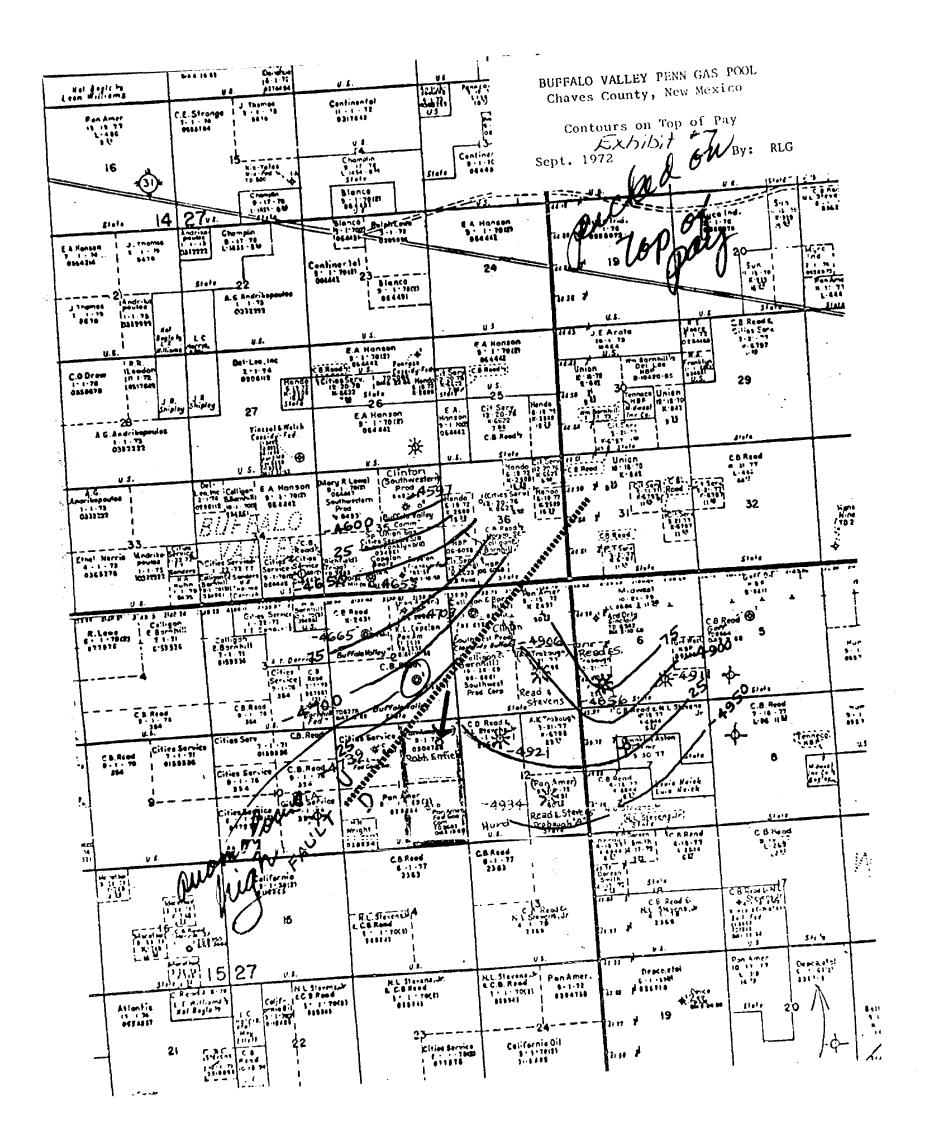
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LINTON OIL CO.	D-1-15-27 Clements Buff. #1					1901	1100	1430	1120	
CITIES SERV.	H-35-14-27 Buffalo Valley #2						1270	1150	1140	
	N-35-14-27 Baetz "A" #1	*	1863	1440	1566	1721	1361	1468	1156	
AMOCO PROD.	C-11-15-27 Federal "C" #1						1660	1470	1283	
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BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER
OIL CONSERVATION COMM.
EXHIBIT NO. 4
CASE NO. 4827
Submitted by 4827
Hearing Date

Initial SITP approximately 2400 psi.





BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF ROBERT N. ENFIELD)
FOR APPROVAL OF AN OFF-PATTERN)
WELL LOCATION, BUFFALO VALLEYPENNSYLVANIAN GAS POOL, CHAVES)
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO)

Case No. 4827

APPLICATION

Comes now Robert N. Enfield and applies to the New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission for approval of an off-pattern well
location in the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Chaves
County, New Mexico, and in support of his application states:

- 1. The Special Rules and Regulations for the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, as promulgated by Order No. R-1670-H, require that each well in that pool shall be located in the NW/4 or the SE/4 of the Section and no nearer than 990 feet to the outer boundary of the Quarter Section; the said Rules also provide for 320 acre gas proration units.
- 2. The applicant, Robert N. Enfield, proposes to drill a well in the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool at a location 990 feet from the north line and 990 feet from the east line of Section 11, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, and proposes to dedicate 320 acres comprising the E/2 of said Section 11 to the said well. Applicant seeks approval of the proposed well as an off-pattern location under the Special Rules and Regulations of the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool.
- 3. The proposed off-pattern location is necessitated by the fact that Pan-American Petroleum Corporation has previously drilled a well in the SE/4 of said Section 11, which well indicated the presence of gas in the Pennsylvanian Formation but which was not completed as a commercial producer.
- 4. Approval of this application will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

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WHEREFORE, the applicant requests that this case be set for hearing before the Commission or one of its Examiners and that the Commission enter its order approving this application.

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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. 4827

Order No. R- 4490

APPLICATION OF ROBERT N. ENFIELD FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 23, 1972 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter

NOW, on this 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, Robert N. Enfield, seeks and reception to Rule 10 of the Commission Rules and Regulations

 are approval of an off-pattern unorthodox gas well location 990
 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 11, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Buffulo

 Valley-Pennsylvanian Pool, to test the formation.

- (3) That the E/2 of said Section 11 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well drilled at the proposed location should encounter the subject formation structurally higher than a well drilled at a standard location.

(1) That an accomb gas well location for the formation is horsby approved for the off

pattern unorthodox well at a point 990 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line of said Section 11, Township 15

South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Pool,

Many County, New Mexico, as an exception to Rule 14 of the Com
Michigan Pules and Regulations.

- (2) That the E/2 of said Section 11 is to be dedicated to the above-described well.
- (3) 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 4930: Application of THEKCO OIL CO. FOR A SMAL BRANCETICE, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MERICO.

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