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2	MR. STAMETS: We will call next Case
3	7465.
4	MR. PEARCE: Application of Superior Oil
-5-	Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County,
6	New Mexico.
7	MR. COFFIELD: Mr. Examiner, I'm Conrad
8	Coffield, appearing on behalf of the applicant, and I have
9	two witnesses to be sworn.
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11	(Witnesses sworn.)
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13	MANDEL SELBER
14	being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath,
15	testified as follows, to-wit:
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17	DIRECT EXAMINATION
18	BY MR. COFFIELD:
19	0 Mr. Selber, would you please state your
20	name, address, occupation, and employer?
21	A. Mandel Selber, Midland, Texas. I'm a
22	petroleum landman with the Superior Oil Company.
23	Mr. Selber, have you previously testified
24	before the Division as a landman?
25	A. No, sir.

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2	Q	Would you please briefly state your
3	educational backgrou	nd and work experience as a landman?
4	A .	I received a Bachelor of Science degree
5	from Babson College,	majoring in finance, in Boston, Massa-
6	chusetts, and then ma	atriculated in the University of Texas
7	at Austin and receive	ed a FIM degree, and I've been employed
8	by Superior Oil Compa	any for twenty-three months.
9		Are you familiar with Superior's appli-
10	cation in this case?	
11	ing the second s	Yes, I am.
12	Q 1 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	Are you familiar with the property in-
13	volved and the land	ownership and other features and details
14	of the drilling of the	ne proposed well, which normally fall
15	within the responsib	ility of the Land Department?
16	A.	Yes, sir.
17	1.0	MR. COFFIELD: We tender Mr. Selber as
18	an expect in this mat	tter.
19		MR. STAMETS: He is considered an ex-
20	pert landman.	
21	Q.	Mr. Selber, would you please state what
22	it is Superior seeks	in this application?
23	A.	Superior is seeking approval to an un-
24	orthodox well location	on for a south half proration unit with

a well located 660 feet from the east line and 1980 feet from

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the south line of Section 26, Township 24 South, Range 29
East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be drilled to the Wolfcamp
and Pennsylvanian formations.

Mr. Selber, would you please just give a thumbnail sketch, if you will, of the factors which have caused Superior to make the application for this particular unorthodox location?

A. The Superior Oil Company is operator of a three-section working interest unit that initially contained Sections 25 and 36, and the east halves of Section 26 and 35.

As operator of this unit, Superior applied to the USGS for a drilling permit for an east half proration unit for a 14,175-foot Morrow test at a legal location. The permit was approved by the GS; however, we were advised that the section of the GS that approves communitization agreements probably wouldn't approve an east half unit, inasmuch as the drillsite lease contained enough acreage to dedicate to this well for a full lowable, the drillsite lease being the southeast quarter and that lease containing all of the south half of Section 26.

Upon consultation with the Director of the Agreement Section, I was advised that communitization agreements are approved only for geological consideration.

We didn't feel that geology dictated that an east half proration unit was superior to a south half proration unit for geological reasons.

Because of our Federal lease having expiration unless drilling operations were commenced on or before January 1st, 1982, we didn't have enough time to repermit this well at a legal location for the south half.

We approached the USGS on December 22nd for the permit.

We had considered moving the location to a topographically approved location in the southeast quarter of Section 26; however, the two legal locations were on ravines or cliffs and there wasn't enough time to have an archaeological study prepared and accepted by the USGS before the lease expiration with a legal location, inasmuch as the section of the GS would be closed until after the first of the year.

Okay, with all of that in mind, Mr.

Selber, will you please then go ahead and discuss what we've marked as Exhibits One and Two?

A. Exhibit One is a outline of the original working interest unit. On that outline you'll note that there is a red and blue dot, the red dot representing the first well, the Oscar State, and the blue dot representing

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the proposed -- the current well, the Mayer Federal.

When we realized that we were going to have to drill this well in an unorthodox location, since we did desire to drill on this lease, we contacted our working interest partners and recommended that this well be drilled on an unorthodox location; furthermore, that the working interest unit be revised to cover the south half of Section 26, should the USGS dictate that a south half proration unit be dedicated to the Mayer Federal Well.

Our partners agreed to this and Exhibit
Two reflects the revised working interest unit. Please note
when comparing Exhibit One and Exhibit Two the acreage
colored in brown represents that acreage on Exhibit One
which has been added and on Exhibit Two which has been deleted. In other words, the northeast quarter has been deleted and the southwest quarter of Section 26 has been added.

Q Okay, we're now at Exhibit Three, Mr. Selber, would you please explain that exhibit?

A. Recognizing that El Paso Natural Gas is the present lessee of record under all of Section 26, and they're also a working interest partner in this unit, we realized that the impact on El Paso as an offset operator was greater than any of our other working interest partners. Therefor we requested from El Paso, and received their con-

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, mar.	2	sent to our unorthodox well location and that is Exhibit
	3	Three.
	4	Q Mr. Selber, do you know what what
	5	the current status of the well is, and if so, would you
	6	please describe the current status of the well?
	7	As of the morning of January 19th, 1982,
	8	the well was drilling at 103 feet. The well was spudded
	talam di kali ali 🌓 s 4	Documber John, 1981, with Abbott Brothers spudder. The in-
	10	formation as early as November, 1981, Superior recognized
	11	that all of our rotary tools would be utilized on leases
	12	with more pressing or earlier expiration dates. We antici-
એ 1, &	13	pate moving a rotary rig on the location in mid-February.
	14	Q Were these exhibits One through Three
	15	prepared by you or under your supervision?
ng Symposius (18 thaise)		Yes, sir.
	17	Q In your opinion will the approval of the
	18	application by Superior be in the interest of conservation,
	19	prevention of waste, and protection of correlative rights?
	20	A. Yes, it will.
	21	MR. COFFIELD: Move the admission of
	. 22	Exhibits One, Two, and Three, Mr. Examiner.
	23	MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be
	24	admitted.
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	2	direct for Mr. Selber.
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	4	CROSS EXAMINATION
	5	BY MR. STAMETS:
	6	Mr. Selber, I presume from what you've
	7	indicated that this is an El Paso Natural Gas Company lease.
	8	A. Yes, sir.
	9	Q Okay, and Superior has a lease only on
	10	Section 36 at this time.
	11	A. That's correct.
	12	Q Now when was the working interest unit
	13	established?
	14	A. Let me give you an exact date. It was
	15	in 1979; September 14th, 1979.
and the state of the second	16	Q Two years ago, then.
see to the second	17	A. Yes, sir.
, v	18	Q And when did Superior decide to drill
	19	this well?
See a second	20	A. I believe it was in the fall of this
	21	year. Mr. Koss has more exact information on that.
	22	Q But it would be fair to say that Super-
	23	ior had at least two years warning that there was an expiring
	24	lease that needed to be drilled.
	25	A Yes, sir.

2	Q And Superior had at least two years in		
3	which to determine what acreage could be dedicated to that		
4	well and what the requirements of the Geological Survey were		
5	going to be.		
6.	That would appear to be true, yes.		
7	Q Superior had at least two years in		
8	which to determine the requirements of the Oil Conservation		
9	Division relative to well locations.		
10	A. Yes, sir.		
11	Q What happens if this application is		
12	denied?		
13	A. That's a question I can't answer at		
14	this time. I would that's subject to our management's		
15	decision.		
16	Q. Is the El Paso lease lost?		
17	A No, sir, not at the present time.		
18	Q If you have to abandon the drilling of		
19	the initial well, will that cause the lease to be lost?		
20	A. Under Federal statute it if drillin		
21	operations are not commenced prior to the expiration date,		
22	the lease would expire.		
23	Q. You have commenced drilling operations		
24.	A. That is correct.		

continuous on that well.		
A Yes, sir.		
Q And so if you are denied here and don't		
have a chance to complete that well, does that mean that the		
lease will be lost?		
A. Yes, sir.		
Q Okay.		
MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of		
this witness? He may be excused.		
GEORGE M. KOSS		
being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath		
testified as follows, to-wit:		
DIRECT EXAMINATION		
BY MR. COFFIELD:		
Q. Mr. Koss, would you please state your		
name, address, occupation, and employer?		
A. My name is George Michael Koss. My		
address is 1610 Ventura Drive in Midland. I'm an exploration		
geologist with Superior Oil.		
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the Division as a geologist?

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must be continuous or you are subject to loss of a lease;

Have you previously testified before

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No, sir.

Q Well, would you please give a brief resume of your educational background and work experience, Mr. Koss?

A Okay. I received my Bachelor's in geology at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles in 1969.

I received my MS in geology from the University of Wisconson in Madison in May in 1973.

I commenced permanent employment with Mobil Oil, September of 1972. I finished up my Master's thesis and received approval while I was employed as an exploration geologist at Mobil.

I worked two years with Mobil, Paradox
Basin, and the Reagan Uplift. I was transferred to Midland,
Texas, in June of '74. I was essentially reassigned as a
production geologist. I worked the Vacuum Field production
in southeast New Mexico, the Eunice-Monument for one year.

I then went with Enserch Gas, Lone Star
Natural Gas at that time and they changed to Enserch. I
worked essentially Tatum Basin, Carlsbad Shelf, for Enserch
for one year. June of '75 I went to work for Southland
Royalty in Midland, Texas, and I worked for their Aztec oil
leases that they acquired in southeastern New Mexico from

June of '75 through September of '76. October 1st of -- let's see -- somewhere I've gotten off here. I went to work for Lone Star June of 175. I went to work for Southland June of 176. I went to work for Superior October 1, 1977, and have been with Superior now a little over four years. Two of those years I worked Reagan Uplift, Crockett County. For the last two and a half 8 years I've worked essentially the north -- well, the Delaware Basin into West Texas and Lea and Eddy Counties. 10 Mr. Koss, are you familiar with Superior's 11 application here? 12 Yes, I am. A. 13 And are you familiar with the property 14 involved and the geological features pertinent to the pro-15 posed well location? 16 Yes, I am. A. 17 MR. COFFIELD: We tender Mr. Koss as an 18 expert geologist. 19 MR. STAMETS: Mr. Koss is considered 20 qualified. 21 Would you refer to what we've marked as Q. 22 Exhibit Four and describe that very briefly to the Examiner? 23 Okay. Exhibit Four is a topographic A. 24 map. The scale is one inch to 2000. The sections are marked 25

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with red. The Superior Federal Mayer No. 1 is indicated by the blue dot. Superior Oscar State No. 1 is indicated by the red dot.

The Oscar State is a Morrow discovery.

We spudded it October 19th of 1979; completed the well January of '80. We issued our completion October of 1980 for a flow rate of 1.1-million a day, plus 487 barrels of water per day from six feet of pay in the Upper Morrow. We put the well on production in April of 1981. The well has been producing from that date, and as of November 15 of 1981, we are flowing 1.3-million cubic feet per day from the well, plus 378 barrels of water per day.

well the flowing tubing pressure dropped markedly from -and steadily from 2100 psi to 800 psi. We thought the well
was about to deplete. In June of 1981 the well, flowing
tubing pressure without stimulation suddenly jumped up to
22 to 2300 pounds and the flowing tubing pressure has been
stable since late June at 2000 or 2200 psi with no drawdown.

And for the life of me, I can't explain why we had that -- that rapid decline in flowing tubing pressure the first two months on production, but we thought at that time the well was going to deplete and we were in trouble. But now we feel with the stabilized flowing tubing

pressure that we have a viable discovery and worthy of an offset.

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The topographic map illustrates that the location of the Mayer Federal is a legitimate location.

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half of Section 26 are illustrated by the small black circles.

You can see all four of the orthodox locations have problems
due to sitting in a ravine, on a cliff, et cetera, et cetera

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The original unit is outlined in green.

Okay. Exhibit Five is a structure map

The four orthodox locations in the south

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The revised unit is outlined in red.

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Q Okay, let's go on now to what we've marked as Exhibit Five, please, Mr. Koss, and discuss that

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our seismic. I've utilized all well control in the area

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that we have logs to.

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Okay, the Mayer Federal location is indicated with the blue dot. The contour interval is 100 feet. The scale is one inch to 2000. We show the original unit in green. The red unit is the revised unit in red. All the control I utilized is indicated by the green dots. I put together a stratigraphic cross section, A-A', that is

so indicated by the orange line. The well to the left is the Gulf Rustler Bluff No. 1. The well to the north on the cross section is the Skelly Cedar Canyon 10 No. 1. The third well on the cross section is the Oscar State, Superior Oscar State. And the A' well is the Mobil Corral Draw No. 1.

My subsea elevations are indicated. The significant feature here is that the Mayer Federal is located on a gently east to southeast dipping nose and it is essentially 175 feet high to the Oscar State. We need to get high to the Oscar State, hopefully, to reduce our water cut.

The Lower Morrow is roughly 500 feet below our pay sand in the Oscar State and my cross section will -- will illustrate that.

Q If you're ready for the cross section, let's go to what we've marked as Exhibit Six, and will you explain that.

A. The sands are colored yellow. The carbonates, blue. The scale is five inches to 100 feet.

The logs of the four wells I've just mentioned, the logs are hung on the top of the Upper Morrow. The shale marker, there is a shale bed indicated. The perforations are indicated by the red blocks. The depth track, the critical thing here is to notice continuity of my pay sand zone, the Upper Morrow Sand, which is the productive sand in the Oscar State. We

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have six feet of pay in the Oscar State. The Mobil Corral

Draw Unit well, the A' log at the far right, has produced

from six feet of pay sand pay and also commingled four feet

of a stray sand up the hole.

The Skelly Cedar Canyon 10 has 26 feet of the pay sandstone, a little tighter than I like to be but it is -- it is a sand.

The Gulf Rustler Bluff No. 1 has nine feet of pay sandstone.

So we -- this sand is unusual. We do have continuity from well to well in this sand. You can see the other sands are broken up and very erratic.

State of 7 to 10-1/2 percent. They acidized the sand and got absolutely nothing back. Engineers wanted to plug and abandon the well. We did have a 50 to 60 foot to flare when we -- when we entered that sand. We're quite a bit underbalanced, and we said no, go ahead and give it a good acid job. They did give it a good acid job and we had 500 barrels of water per day and 1.75-million cubic feet of gas per day.

So it's been an anomalous well. The K Sand was our third stage. We attempted our completion in a Middle Morrow Sand at the 13,985, roughly. That didn't give up anything. Essentially we went up the hole to 13,670

to 680, attempted stage two, recovered very -- very little gas, and the Oscar, the K Sand was our third stage, and this is a sand that has contributed our -- our gas and water, and as of December 31st, 1981, we've produced .35 BCF out of that sand.

Okay, Mr. Koss, I believe our next exhibit is an Isopach. Exhibit Seven Would you please do scribe the features of Exhibit Seven to the Examiner?

A Okay, this exhibit is an Isopach map of the Upper Morrow K Sandstone. It also has information presented for all the wells of -- of importance. I've got spud date; I have perforated intervals; I have the initial potential; the cumulatives; and the latest flow rates on all the critical wells.

I also have the pay thickness or the sand thickness, I should say. I have the porosities, and also in some cases I have water saturations.

by the green dots. Again, the A-A' cross section is indicated by the orange, and you can see that the cross section lines all fall within my sand trend. This is an unusually broad sand trend. I believe it's a shelf apron sand with good continuity southwest to northeast and good breadth to it, and my cross section shows that this -- this sand is continuous

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along the line of section. The thickest sand is the Skelly Cedar Canyon 10 No. 1, 26 feet, porosity is only 5 to 7 percent. The well did make 1.87 BCF of gas plus 2079 barrels of condensate. The well, I don't know if it's been plugged yet. The last recorded production was some time in mid-'79, but this is the thickest sand, the most porous sand.

K Sand is found in our Oscar State and the Mobil Corral Draw. The Mobil Corral Draw made a little over 2 B's, 2.09 BCF gas plus 331 barrels of condensate and a small amount of water as of December, 1980, it is flowing at a rate of 183 Mcf a day, no condensate, no water, it's near depletion.

The Mayer Federal location, I believe, moves in the direction of sand thickening. We hope to have 20+ feet of K Sand and we hope the porosities and permeabilities are -- are consistent with the Oscar, and the Corral Draw, and are better developed than what we see in the Cedar Canyon 10.

0 Mr. Koss, your last exhibit is Exhibit
Eight. Would you please discuss that exhibit?

A. Okay. This is a wide scale log on the Superior Oscar State No. 1, our Morrow discovery. I essentially display the Upper Morrow and the Middle -- most of the Middle Morrow. I show our perforations, stage one, two,

	and throo and I wanted you be set a little as the last the
2	and three, and I wanted you to get a close up look at the
3	K Sand. This is the sand that could have been very easily
4	overlooked and walked away from. It's engineers tell me
5	it's 5 feet thick; I call it 6 feet. You see the variabilit
6	in the porosity, and we don't our offset location to a
7	6-foot sand has got to has got to show finesse. 6-foot
8	can go to zero in in no time. So we needed a good Iso-
9	pach map. We need to move in the direction of sand thicken-
10	ing to hope to encounter reservoir at least the quality of
11	the Oscar State.
12	Q Were these Exhibits Four through Eight
13	prepared by you or under your supervision, Mr. Koss?
14	A. Yes, they were.
15	Q In your opinion will the approval of
16	this application by Superior be in the interest of conserva-
17	tion, the prevention of waste, and protection of correlative
18	rights?
19	A. Yes, it will.
20	MR. COFFIELD: Mr. Examiner, I move the
21	admission of Exhibits Four through Eight.
22	MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be
23	admitted.
24	MR. COFFIELD: I have no other question

of Mr. Koss on direct.

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CROSS EXAMINATION

Mr. Koss, going back to Exhibit Number Four, which is the topographic map of the area, you have the legal locations, or you have some legal locations shown however, for example, in the southeast quarter of the section a legal location 990 feet from the south line and 2310 from the east line would appear to be on a relatively flat area,

and wouldn't appear to offer any impediment to drilling.

Is that correct?

BY MR. STAMETS:

We really don't want to crowd the south line of that section. It puts us off the nose. The two locations that I desired were the 1980/1980, which would be the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, and the Mayer Federal location northeast quarter of the southeast quarter.

We felt if we crowded the south line of -- or drilled units O and P of 26, that we would be -- we would not be on the crest of that little flexure.

But yes, to answer your question, yes, it would be a viable --

Okay, but you answered my next question, as well, as to trying to determine whether or not this is a

geologically superior location.

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MR. STAMETS: Are there other questions

MR. COFFIELD: I have one other question

I want to ask Mr. Koss, Mr. Examiner.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. COFFIELD:

Q On the matter of drilling this well at this particular location, Mr. Koss, is it also Superior's desire to drill this well for purposes of obtaining important well control information relative to the overall prospect in the area?

We do have a large Amoco lease, all of Section 25. My intent in crowding Section 25 was -- was, well, essentially to give ourselves a point of control that may shed some light as to the recoverable reserves potential we had on the west half of 25; trying to set up a logical development program, and my -- my feeling was our next location, if the Mayer Federal was good, we'd move into the west half of Section 25, and I figured that a confirmation well to the Oscar should be centrally located, or centrally enough that it would shed light on the west half of 25.

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west edge of our -- of our original unit. The wells are -- are 1.87 to 2.09 Bcf wells, they're marginal. I wanted to maximize our drainage area. I didn't want an outside operator drilling a 1320 offset to us in the northeast of the southwest of -- of 26, and competing with us for drainage area. So our 1980 east from the end line and I hope by doing so it would maximize our drainage area to 320, and it would also give us a good -- a good point of control for evaluating the west half of 25.

I was asked to submit a location the first of -- early in September of '81. You made the comment earlier to Mandy that we had two years to -- to consider the expiration of this lease.

I was not involved in the selection of the Oscar State location. That was done before I was moved into New Mexico. I took over the Oscar State one month after it was spudded.

But the Mayer Federal location, the offset, we had to wait on -- on getting a gas company to contract the gas. They were afraid of the water. We could not get anyone to run a pipeline in so we had to delay, delay, delay, waiting on pipeline, and then the drawdown, the engineers were ready to plug it, so suddenly the flowing tubing

pressure jumped in and in mid-August the engineer said we've got to offset this thing. So August, '81, when we were told by our engineering staff that -- that we needed another well in this lease. So from my vantage point, I had four and a half months to leap into action and to recommend an offset, and the Mayer Federal, at that time we had this -this original unit, and I based my -- my site, the selection, on this original unit. MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness? He may be excused. Anything else in this case? The case will be taken under advisement (Hearing concluded.)

CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY CEPTIFY that the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that the said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability.

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February 15, 1982

Mr. Conrad E. Coffield Hinkle, Cox. Enton. Coffiel & Hensley Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 3580 Midland, Texas 79702	Re: CASE NO. 7465 d ORDER NO. R-6894 Applicant:
	The Superior Oil Company
Dear Sir:	2. Andrewson and Late 24-38 (1997) and the property of the
Enclosed herewith are two of Division order recently en	copies of the above-referenced tered in the subject case.
Yours very truly,	
JOE D. RAMEY Director	
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 7465 Order No. R-6894

APPLICATION OF SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 20, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 15th day of February, 1982, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Superior Oil Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location of a well to be drilled 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, to test the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the S/2 of said Section 26 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

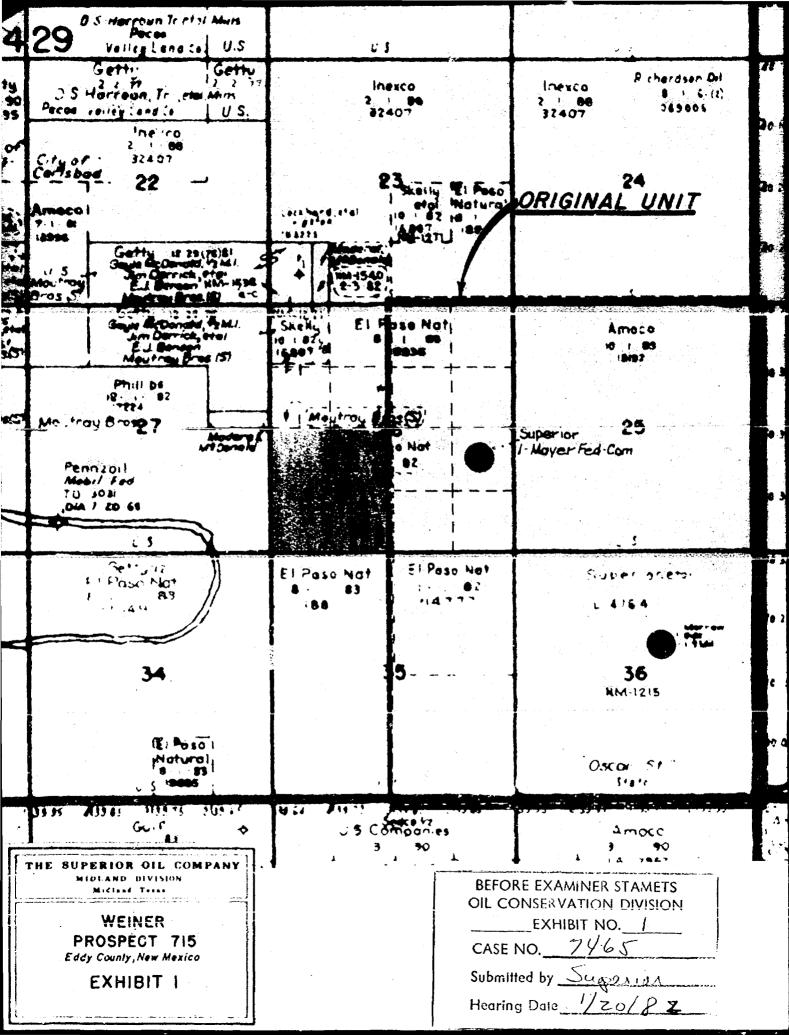
- (1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 26, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the S/2 of said Section 26 shall be dedicated to the above Jescribed well.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

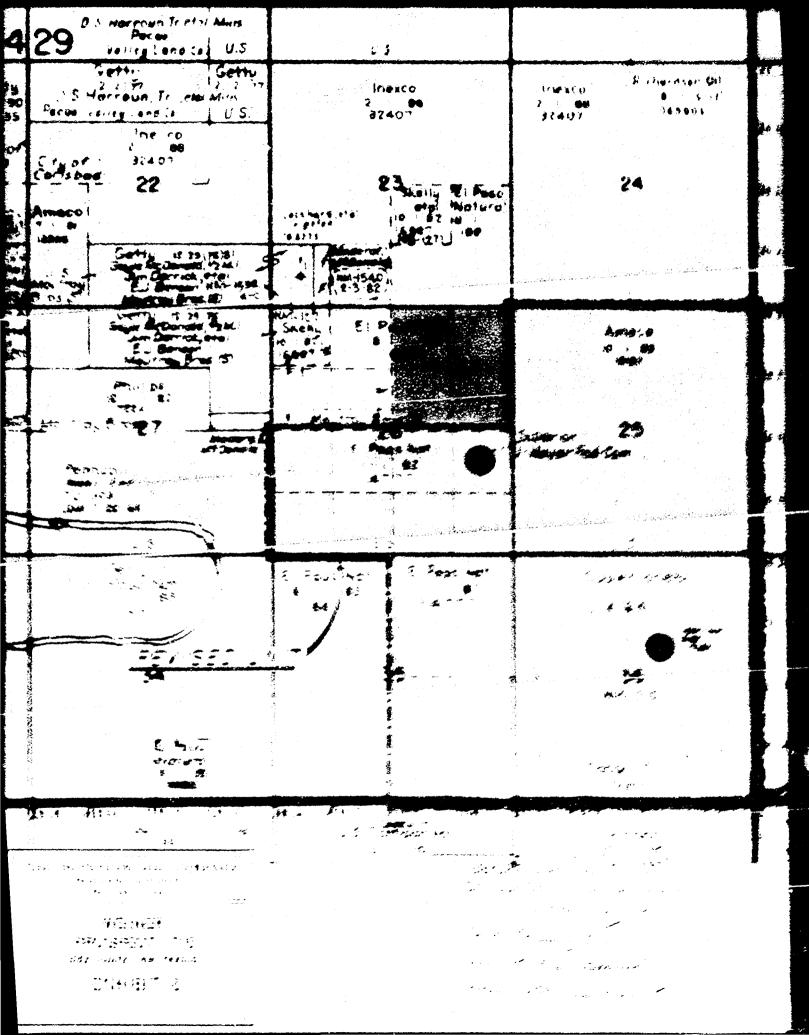
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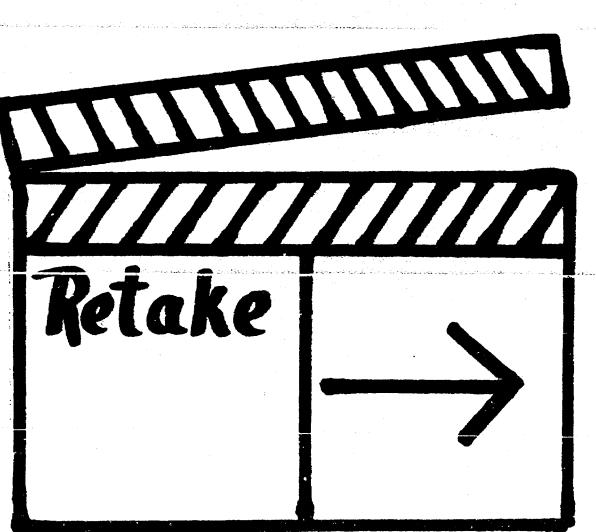
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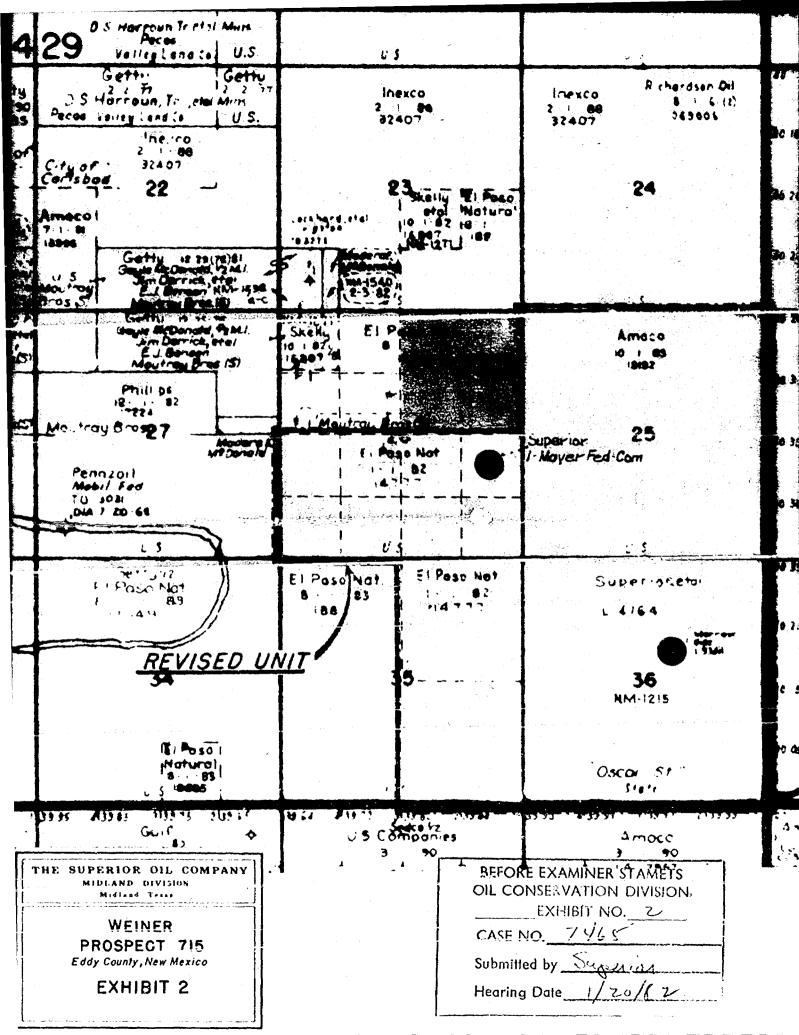




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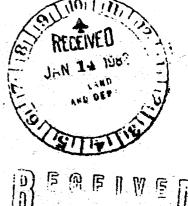
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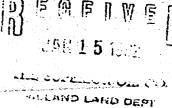
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ATTENTION: R. D. Janssen

Re: Operating Agreement dated September 14, 1979 30-0-2-148 - Oscar Unit Weiner Area

Eddy County, New Mexico





Gentlemen:

As you are aware, The Superior Oil Company, as operator under the captioned Operating Agreement, is applying to The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (QCD) for approval to our unorthodox gas well location in connection with the drilling of the Mayer-Federal well, located 1980' PSL & 660' PEL of Section 26, T-24-S, R-29-E.

In order that we may satisfy the OCD that there is no objection to our application from offset operators, we hereby request that your company indicate its consent to said unorthodox location by signing in the space provided below.

Due to the imminent date of our hearing we would appreciate receiving a relecopy of your consent.

Very truly yours,

THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY

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DCW:MCS:ej	EXHIBIT NO. 3
	CASE NO. 7465
	Submitted by Supplied
	Hearing Date 1/20/82
We have no objection to Superior's unorthodox	well location.
Signed this // day of January, 1982.	

EXHIBIT 3

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

By: Paice

Midland Exploration Division P.O. Box 1900, Midland, TX 79702, (915) 683-5251

The Superior Oil Company

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY ODESSA TEXAS TOTAL ODESS

January 13, 1982

Docket: Case No. 7465, Waiver of Objections Examiner Hearing, January 20, 1982

New Mexico Department of Energy and Minerals Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Hearing Examiner

Gentlemen:

Phillips Petroleum Company, as operator of an offset proration unit, hereby waives any and all objections to captioned case and application.

It is understood that Superior Oil Company seeks approval of an unorthodox location for a well to be located 1980 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines, Section 26, T-24-S, R-29-E, Eddy County, New Mexico, with the south half of Section 26 designated as the provation unit. It is further understood that the well is projected to test the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations.

It is requested that this caiver be entered into, and made a part of, the hearing records of subject application.

Very truly yours,

G. R. Smith

Director, Reservoir Engineering

Permian Basin Region

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cc: Superior Oil Company
Western Division Production
P. O. Box 4500,
THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS 77330

Superior Oil Company 204 West Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701 Dockets Nos. 4-82 and 5-82 are tentatively set for February 3 and February 17, 1982. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JAMUARY 20, 1982

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

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

- ALLOWASTE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for February, 1982, from fifteen provated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for February, 1982, from four provated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 7462: Application of Marathon Oil Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of the Drinkard and Blinebry production in the wellbore of its C. J. Saunders Well No. 3, located in Unit C of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 36 East.
- CASE 7463: Application of Texaco Inc. for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its C. H. Weir

 "A" Well No. 12 located in Unit G of Section 12, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, to produce oil from the Skaggs-Drinkard and an undesignated Abo pool.
- CASE 7464: Application of Exxon Corporation for two unorthodox oil well locations, Lea County, New Mexicc.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for two unorthodox oil well locations in

 Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Scharb-Bone Spring Pool, as follows: State 9D Well

 No. 1 to De drilled in the center of the SE/4 SW/4 and State DD Well No. 3 to be drilled in the

 center of the NW/4 NE/4. Pool rules require wells to be drilled in the NE/4 or SW/4 of a quarter
 section.
- CASE 7465: Application of Superior Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be

 defilled 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 26, Township 24

 South, Range 29 East, Wolfcamp-Pennsylvanian formations, the S/2 of said Section 26 to be dedicated to the well.
 - CASE 7466: Application of Conoco Inc. for a waterflood project, Les County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for it and Southland Revolty Company to each institute a cooperative waterflood project in the Blinebry Oil and Gas Pool by the injection of water into the Blinebry formation through nine injection wells located on Conoco's Warren Unit and Hawk B-3 Leases and Southland's State Lease in Sections 33 and 34 of Township 20 South, Range 38 East, and Sections 2 and 3 of Township 21 South, Range 37 East.
 - CASE 7072: In the matter of Case No. 7072 being reopened on the motion of the Oil Conservation Division and pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-6554 which order promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the North Peterson-Pennsylvanian Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre spacing units. Operators in said pool may appear and show cause why said pool should not be develop if on 40-acre proration units.
 - CASE 7460: (Continued from January 6, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Northwest Pipeline Corporation for 13 non-standard gas proration units, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for 13 non-standard Pictured Cliffs gas proration units ranging in size from 142.39 acres to 176.77 acres and each comprised of various contiguous lots or tracts in Sections 4,5,6,7, and 18 of Township 31 North, Range 7 West. Said proration units result from corrections in the survey lines on the North and West sides of Township 31 North, Range 7 West and overlap seven non-standard Mesaverde proration units previously approved by Order No. R-1066.

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CASE 7467: Application of Inexco Oil Company for pool creation, special pool rules, and a discovery allowable,

Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks creation of a new Strawn oil pool
for its Lottie York Well No. 1 located in Unit P of Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 37 East,
and the prosulgation of special rules therefor, including a provision for 90-acre spacing, Applicant
further seeks the assignment of 57,150 barrels of oil discovery allowable to said well.

CASE 7459: (Continued from January 6, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Red Mountain Associates for the Amendment of Order No. R-6538, McKinley County.

Mew Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-6538, which
authorized applicant to conduct waterflood operations in the Chaco Mash-Mesa Verde Oil Pool. Applicant
seeks approval for the injection of water through various other wells than those originally approved,
seeks deletion of the requirement for packers in injection wells, and seeks an increase in the
previously authorized 68-pound limitation on injection pressure.

CASE 7410: (Continued from January 6, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of B.O.A. Oil & Gas Company for two unorthodox oil well locations, San Juan County, New Mealton. Applicant, in the above-styles cause, seeks applicant, the the above-styles cause, seeks applicant, the tree above-styles cause, seeks applicant, the tree above-styles cause, seeks applicant, the tree above-styles cause, seeks applicant, the East line and one to be drilled to be drilled 2035 feet from the North line and 1944 feet from the East line, both in Section 31, Township 31 North, Range 15 West, Verde-Gallup Oil Pool, the NW/4 SE/4 and SW/4 NE/4, respectively, of Said Section 31 to be dedicated to said wells.

CASE 7451: (Continued from January 6, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests down through the Abo formation underlying the SE/4 of Section 11, Township 5 South, Range 25 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of a well to be drilling said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7453: (Continued from January 6, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of T. O. Skelton for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Devonian and Mississippian formations underlying the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 7, Township 12 South, Range 38 East, to be dedicated to the re-entry of an old well at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in re-entry of said well.

CASE 7457: (Continued from January 6, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of E. T. Ross for nine non-standard gas proration units, Harding County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for nine 40-acre non-standard gas proration units in the Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Area. In Township 19 North, Range 30 East: Section 12, the NW/4 NW/4 and NE/4 NW/4; Section 14, the NW/4 NE/4, SW/4 NE/4, and SE/4 NE/4. In Township 20 North, Range 30 East: Section 11, the NE/4 SW/4, SW/4 SE/4, SE/4 SW/4, and NW/4 SE/4.

CASE 7468: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order creating and extending certain pools in Chaves, Eddy, and Lea Counties, New Mexico.

(a) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Paddock production and designated as the East Monument-Paddock Pool. The discovery well is Morris R. Antweil State SX Well Ko. 1 located in Unit J of Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, NAPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPH Section 36: SE/4

(h) COMMIT a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Ross Draw-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is Florida Exploration Company Ross Draw Unit Well No. 10 located in Unit E of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 30 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Section 27: N/2 PAGE 3 EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 20, 1982

(c) CREATE a new Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Norrow production and designated as the Sowell-Morrow Pool. The discovery well is Santa Fe Energy Company State NM2 Well No. 1 located in Unit N of Section 2, Township 15 South, Range 32 East, NNPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, MNRH Section 2: SW/4

(d) EXTEND the Angell Ranch-Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOMESHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPH Section 12: All

Section 13: N/2

(a) EXTERNO the Antelope Ridge-Atoka Gas Fool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPH Section 27: N/2 Section 28: E/2

(f) EXTEND the Atoka-Yeso Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM
Section 23: 5/2 5/2
Section 26: W/2 NW/4

(g) EXTEND the Bunker Hill-Penrose Pool in Eddy County, New Nexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NEIPM Section 14: SW/4 SE/4

(b) EXTEND the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPK Section 25: W/2 Section 26: S/2

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 17: N/2

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 14: S/2 Section 23: W/2

(i) EXTEND the Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM Section 8: All

(j) EXTEND the South Culebra Bluff-Atoka Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 36: W/2

(k) EXTEND the South Empire-Morrow Gas Fool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 7: 5/2

(1) EXTEND the Gem-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NATH
Section 30: E/2
Section 32: S/2

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(m) EXTEND the Hat Mesa-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 12: E/2

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(n) EXTEND the Herradura Bend-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NHPM Section 29: E/2 SE/4

(o) EXTEND the Southwest Indian Flats-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 10: E/2

(p) EXTEND the Leo-Queen-Grayburg Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Section 23: N/2 NE/4

(a) EXTEND the West Lynch-Horner Combat Luncy, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 32: N/2 Section 33: NW/4

(r) EXTEND the North San Simon-Yates Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM Section 33: E/2 NW/4

(s) EXTEND the South Saunders-Permo Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 25: N/2

(t) EXTEND the Scharb-Bone Spring Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM Section 9: NW/4

(u) EXTEND the Tom-Tom-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM Section 8: S/2 NW/4 and SW/4

(v) EXTEND the Winchester-Atoka Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 3: W/2

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mr. Dan Nutter Oil Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

> Re: The Superior Oil Company Unorthodox Location, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Dan:

I am transmitting herewith, executed in triplicate, an Application by The Superior Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location in Eddy County, New Mexico. As you will recall, I have previously advised you that we would like this case set on the docket for January 20, 1982.

If anything in addition to this application needs to be furnished, please advise.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

Conrad E. Coffield

CEC:rh Enclosures

xc: Mr. Ron Wilson

The Superior Oil Company

xc: Mr. Bob Warnbrodt

The Superior Oil Company

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION

The Superior Oil and Gas Company hereby makes application for approval of an unorthodox gas well location and states:

- 1. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its well to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the Bast line of Scotion 26, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, to test the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations.
 - 2. That the St of Section 26 is to be dedicated to the well.
- 3. As to all tracts offsetting said Sty Section 26, The Superior Oil Company is either the leasehold owner or otherwise controls the offsetting acreage, and accordingly there are no other parties to be notified.
- Approval of the unorthodox location will be in the interest of conservation, prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights.
- 5. Applicant requests that this matter be heard at the January 20, 1982 Examiner's hearing.

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

By: '

Conrad E. Post Office Box 3580 Midland, Texas 79702 Attorneys for The Superior

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING

CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION

DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF

CONSIDERING:

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case No. 7465 order No. R-689#

APPLICATION OF SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL, LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 20, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this _____day of January, 1982, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Superior Oil Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location of a well to be drilled 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, to test the Wolfcamp Pennsylvanian formations, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the S/2 of said Section 26 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.
- (6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the

Wolfcamp@Pennsylvanian formations is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 26, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

- (2) That the S/2 of said Section 26 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY,
Director

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