CASE 6194: TENNECO OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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# BEFORE TEL NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO APRIL 5, 1978

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Tenneco Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Case 6194

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

APPEARANCES

For the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division:

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MR. RUTTER: We now call Case No. 6194.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 6194, application of Tenneco Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The Applicant in this case has requested that it be dismissed.

(WHEREUPON, Case No. 6194 dismissed.)

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#### REFORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, BETTY J. LANPHERE, CSR-RPR with offices in Santa Fe, New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a complete and accurate record of said proceedings as the same were recorded by me stenographically and reduced to typewritten transcript by me or under my supervision.

DATED at Santa Fe, New Mexico this fourteenth day of April, 1978.

Betty J. Lamphere, Court Reporter

and nereby certify that the foregoing in a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 19

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

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Mr. Tom Kellahin Kellahin & Foy Attorneys at Law	CASE NO. 6194 ORDER NO. R-5698			
Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Maxico	Applicant:			
	Tenneco Oil Company			
Dear Sir:	-			
Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.				
Yours very truly,  JOE D. RAMEY  Director				
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Copy of order also sent to	) <b>:</b>			
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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. 6194 Order No. R-5698

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

#### ORDER OF THE DIVISION

#### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 5, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>llth</u> day of April, 1978, the Division Director, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

#### FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be granted.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 6194 is hereby dismissed.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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JOE D. RAMEY Director

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March 28, 1978

Mr. Daniel S. Nutter
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
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Dear Mr. Nutter:

This is to request that Case No. 6172, application of Aminoil USA, Inc., presently advertised for hearing on Wednesday, April 5, 1978, be dismissed.

We would also request that Cases Nos. 6194 and 6195, applications of Tenneco Oil Company for approval of unorthodox well locations, also be dismissed.

Yours very truly,

W. Thomas Kellahin

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Dockets Nos. 14-78 and 15-78 are tentatively set for hearing on April 19 and May 3, 1978. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

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

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

- CASE 6190: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Peter Siemens, Fidelity & Casualty Co. of New York, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Wright Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 12, Township 10 North, Range 5 East, Pernalillo County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6191: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Daryl Davis and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the State Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 26 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6177: (Continued & Readvertised)

Application of Texas International Corporation for directional drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the directional drilling of a proposed gas well, the surface location of which would be 1650 feet from the South line and 1800 feet from the East line of Section 29, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to penetrate the Strawn formation within 100 feet of a point 1980 feet from the North line and 1985 feet from the West line of said Section 29, and to bottom said well in the Morrow formation within 100 feet of a point 1501 feet from the North line and 1552 feet from the West line of said Section 29. The N/2 of the section would be dedicated to the Strawn formation, Golden Lane-Strawn Gas Pool, and all of Section 29 would be dedicated to the Morrow formation, Dos Hermanos-Morrow Gas Pool.

- Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Federal "DC" Well No. 1 to be located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 29, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the S/2 of said Section 29 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6193: Application of Zia Energy, Inc., for an unorthodox gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Elliott Federal Well No. 1 located 2310 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line of Section 26, Township 20 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, the N/2 SE/4 and W/2 NE/4 of said Section 26 to be simultaneously dedicated to the aforesaid well and to Well No. 2 in Unit J.
- Application of Tenneco Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Jicarilla

  "A" Well No. 10 to be located 1190 feet from the South line and 1590 feet from the East line of
  Section 18, Township 26 North, Range 5 West, Tapacito-Gallup Associated Pool, Rio Arriba County,

  "I'm Mexico, the SE/4 of said Section 18 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6195: Application of Tenneco Cil Company for an unorthodox location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Jicarilla

  "A" Well No. 9 to be located 1850 feet from the North line and 1450 feet from the West line of
  Section 20, Township 26 North, Range 5 West, Tapacito-Gallup Associated Pool, Rio Arriba County,
  New Mexico, the NW/4 of said Section 20 to be dedicated to the well.
- Application of Sun Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location and a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 280-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the NE/4, W/2 NW/4 and the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 24, Township 20 South, Pange 33 East, to be dedicated to applicant's Teas Federal Well No. 1, a wild-cat Pennsylvanian well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 2180 feet from the North and West lines of said Section 24.

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March 14, 1978

Mr. Joe Ramey New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Tenneco Oil Company

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Please find enclosed an application on behalf of Tenneco for an unorthodox well location for its Jicarilla "A" Well No. 10 which has been set for hearing on April 5, 1978.

Very truly yours

W. Thomas Kellahin

CC: Mr. Millard Carr

WTK:kfm

Enclosure

#### BEFORE THE

#### OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

#### APPLICATION

Comes now TENNECO OIL COMPANY and applies to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for authority to drill its Jicarilla "A" Well No. 10 at an unorthodox location 1190 feet from the South Line and 1590 feet from the East line of Section 18, T26N, RSW, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico and in support thereof would show the Commission:

- 1. Applicant is the operator and has the right to drill in the SE/4 of Section 18, T26N, R5W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill a Gallup test in the Tapacito Gallup Associated Gas Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico at an unorthodox well location 1190 feet from the South line and 1590 feet from the East line in said Section 18.
- 3. Applicant's requested location is more advantageous for drilling than the orthodox location and would not impair correlative rights and will prevent waste.

WHEREFORE, applicant respectfully requests that this application be set for hearing before the Commission's duly appointed Examiner and that upon hearing and order be entered authorizing the unorthodox location as requested.

Respectfully submitted,

TENNECO OIL COMPAN)

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Jicarilla A Well No. 10 to be located 1190' FSL and 1590' FEL of Section 18, T-26-N, R-5-W, Rio Arriba County,

Tapacito-Gallup Associated Pool

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
OF THE ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

CASE NO. 6194
Order No. R- 5698

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

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#### ORDER OF THE DIVISION

#### BY THE DIVISION:

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NOW, on this <u>day of April</u> , 1978, the Division of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premise	m-
FINDS:	
That the applicant's request for dismissal should be ranted.	
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:	
That Case No. 6194 is hereby dismissed.	

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

JOE D. RAMEY Member & Director

Director