CASE 6195: TENNECO OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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### DEFORE THE 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 6195

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

APPEARANCES

For the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division:

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MR. MUTTER: We call next Case 6195.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Case No. 6195, application of Tenneco Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The Applicant has also requested this case be dismissed.

MR. NUTTER: Case No. 6195 will be dismissed.

(WHEREUPON, Case 6195 was dismissed.)

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### REFORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, BETTY J. LANPHERE, Court Reporter 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

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

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April 11, 1978

POST OFFICE BOX 2068 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501 (505) 827-2434

Re:	CASE NO. 6195
Mr. Tom Kellahin	ORDER NO. R-5699
Kellahin & Fox	
Attorneys at Law	
Post Office Box 1769	Applicant:
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	Tenneco Oil Company
Dear Sir:	
Dear SII:	
Enclosed herewith are two continuous order recently ent	opies of the above-referenced ered in the subject case.
Yours very truly,  JOE D. RAMEY	
Director	
Director	
JDR/fd	range of the state
Copy of order also sent to:	
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Artesia OCC x	
Aztec OCC x	

### 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. 6195 Order No. R-5699

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>lith</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. 6195 is hereby dismissed.

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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March 28, 1978

Mr. Daniel S. Nutter New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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

WTK:kfm

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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 COMMISSION CONFFRENCE ROOM STATE LAND OFFICE EULDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Laniel S. Mutter, 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, Bernalillo 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.

CASE 6192: 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, Euront 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,
New Mexico, the SE/4 of said Section 18 to be dedicated to the well.

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. 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 caus seeks approval of a 280-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the NE/4, W/2 NW/4 and one SE/4 NW/4 of Section 24, Township 20 South, Range 33 Fast, 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

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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. 9 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. 9 at an unorthodox location 1850 feet from the North line and 1450 feet from the West line of Section 20, T26N, R5W, 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 NW/4 of Section 20, T26N, T5W, 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 1450 feet from the West line and 1850 feet from the North line in said Section 20.
- 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 COMPANY

Kellahin & Fox P. O. Box 1769

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attorneys for Applicant

TOM KELLAHIN CALLED THESE TWO APPLICATIONS IN FOR APRIL 5th

TENNECO OIL CO. FOR UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION

JICARILLA A no. 9 TO BE LOCATED \*\*\*\*\* 1450' FWL and 1850'

FNL of Section 20, T-26-N, R-5-W, Rio Arriba County,

Tapacito-Gallup Associated Pool

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### DEFORMED 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:

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CASE	NO.	6195	5
Order	No.	R-	5699

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:
This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 5 , 19 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter
NOW, on this day of April , 1978, the Division  Director, having considered the record and the recom- mendations 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. 6195 is hereby dismissed.
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Director
Director