CASE 6252: HOLLY ENERGY, INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCA-TION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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MR. STAMETS: Call next Case 6262.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 6262. Application of Holly Energy, Inc., for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. STAMETS: Call for appearances in this case.

MR. CARSON: Mr. Examiner, my name is Joel Carson, with Losee and Carson, P. A., Artesia, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of Holly Energy Corporation. I have one witness.

MR. STAMETS: I'd like to have the witness stand and be sworn, please.

(Witness sworn.)

ROBERT E. BOLING

being called as a witness and having been duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. CARSON:

- Would you state your name, please?
- Robert E. Boling.
- And, Mr. Boling, by whom are you employed?
- Holly Energy Company -- Corporation.
- In what capacity?

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A. Consultant Geologist.

Q Mr. Boling, have you previously testified before this Department?

- A. I have.
- Q And have your qualifications been accepted?
- A. Yes, sir.

MR. CARSON: Are the witness' qualifications acceptable?

MR. STAMETS: They are.

Q (Mr. Carson continuing.) Mr. Boling, would you please state the purpose of this application?

A Holly requests approval of an unorthodox gas well location of its proposed Cowtown State Number 14-1, to be drilled 990 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the east line of Section 14, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, with the north half of Section 14 being dedicated to the well.

Q Mr. Boling, I'll refer you to Applicant's Exhibit Number One and ask if that was prepared under your supervision?

- A. Yes, sir.
- Q Would you explain what that shows?
- A. Well, it's a land plat and it shows the location relative to Holly's leaseholds and to the surrounding lease owners.

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Now, the red -- the yellow is Holly's acreage and they own 87-1/2 percent and Reed and Stevens owns 12-1/2 percent of the yellow acreage.

And the pink is acreage that is dedicated to the Harvey Yates Company Travis Deep Unit, of which Holly has a minority interest.

And the green denotes acreage held by Depco and Yates.

And orange is 100 percent Yates.

And then the blue, lavender, and dark green is held by other individuals as shown on the plat.

Q Now, Mr. Boling, where it shows up here, it says Depco and Yates Petroleum, that's -- that's down to the what, top of the San Andres?

- A. Well, yes. Below that, why, there's --
- Q There's also other owners?
- A. Yeah, Hondo, Depco and Yates, and Truskey (sic) own the deep rights.
- Q. Okay. Mr. Boling, I'll refer you to Applicant's Exhibit Number Two and ask you to explain what that shows.
- A Exhibit Number Two is an isolith map of the Middle Pennsylvanian Carbonate, showing the distribution of the carbonate build-up in blue and porosity development in the carbonate relative to the area of the carbonate trend. You have the shelf margin running in a northeast-

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southwest direction and then we think that there's a channel, a drainage channel cuts across at ninety degree angle and causes this porosity to be in this Middle Pennsylvanian carbonate, and the reason we think so is because this shelf margin runs all over the country out there but seldom has any porosity in it.

Q I refer you to Applicant's Exhibit Number Three and ask you to identify that, please.

A. Exhibit Number Three is a combined isolith of net clean sand in the Pennsylvanian-Middle Morrow clastic with structural contours superimposed to show the relationship of the maximum sand to the structure in the area.

Q I refer you to Applicant's Exhibit Number Four and ask that you explain that.

A. Exhibit Number Four is a isolith map of net clean sand in the Lower Morrow clastics, using yellow to illustrate the maximum concentration of sand in this sequence.

Now I refer you to Exhibit Number Five and ask
you to explain that one.

A. Exhibit Number Five shows the massive carbonates which is oil productive in the Harvey Yates Company Travis
Unit Deep No. 2, which is on the right and then the Travis
Deep Unit No. 3 is presently being completed in the same
zone and subsequent to the preparation of this, I under-

stand that this No. 3 Well flowed like 300 to 400 barrels a day out of that -- this Middle Penn sand zone -- I mean carbonate.

And this exhibit also shows the anticipated equivalent carbonate zone in the proposed well out here on the extreme left.

Q I now refer you to Exhibit Number Six and ask you to explain what that shows.

A. Exhibit Number Six shows the division of the Middle and Lower Morrow clastic zones with clean sand colored yellow and it shows the anticipated net clean sand in the proposed well out here on the extreme left, colored in yellow.

Q Okay. Now, Mr Boling, were all these exhibits prepared under your supervision?

A. Yes, sir.

Now, would you please correlate these exhibits,
Number Two, Three, Six to explain to the Hearing Examiner
why we're requesting this unorthodox location?

A. The purpose of requesting an unorthodox location for the proposed well is to maximize the possibility of encountering porous carbonates in the Middle Pennsylvanian section and a maximum concentration of clean sand in both the Middle and Lower Morrow clastic zones within the preferred north half drilling proration unit.

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The absence of surface well control on the west of Section 14 makes a location in the eastern side of this section especially desireable, since the western limits of the anticipated Middle Pennsylvanian Carbonate porosity is unknown.

A maximum of clean sand in Lower Morrow clastics is also anticipated at the proposed wellsite.

Q Mr. Boling, in your professional opinion will the granting of this application prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells?

A. Yes, sir.

MR. CARSON: I'd like to move the introduction of these exhibits, Mr. Examiner.

MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be admitted.

MR. CARSON: We have no further questions.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. STAMETS:

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Q Mr. Boling, is the Travis State Unit No. 2 an oil well or a gas well?

A. It's an oil well. It did not make a Morrow gas well, but it's an oil well from this Middle Penn Carbonate section and on Exhibit, let's see, on Exhibit Six, you know, the middle well is the Travis Unit No. 2 and you

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see there is practically no sand development there, as opposed to 3, which has the nice sand development; the one on the right is the 3, it has the nice sand development, but the middle one doesn't.

What they did on the No. 3 was -- it is an excellent Morrow gas well. They produced it sixty days under the emergency for sales sixty days, and then they shut it in and went back and tested the carbonate section. It was tested while the well was drilling.

- So the well location would be a standard oil Q. well location for this Middle Pennsylvanian section --
 - This is correct.
- -- and what you intend to do, then, is carry that well on down from that point into the Morrow to determine whether or not it's productive in the Morrow Sands.
- The big reison for drilling it over there is to have a shot at this Middle Penn Carbonate.
- From what data did you infer this -- well, let me go back.

On Exhibit Number Two you show in pink or red the porosity zone. Now, is that the Middle Pennsylvanian porosity zone?

- Yes, sir.
- Now, on Exhibit Number Three and Exhibit Number Q.

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Four you show sand development in the Morrow section, the Middle and Lower.

What wells were those developments based on?

A. Well, I think we can see the point. See, the points are in black. See those where -- I'm looking now at Exhibit Three. See the wells and those black numbers, numbers in black, like, well, the Travis 2, for instance, has 8 feet, see that?

Q Uh-huh.

A And that's -- looking at those wells what we did is take the log, figure out what we're going to call Middle Morrow and what we're going to call Lower Morrow, and then on these isoliths you just go through and find out how much sand you think in the Middle Morrow, put a number on it and put them on the map, you know, and then go around and isopac them.

Q I don't believe you have any wells drilled into the middle of this northwest-southeast trending thick zone, is that correct?

A. Any wells drilled into it? Yes, sir. I mean no, it is not correct. See all those wells up there in the -- in 18 -- 17, 29, in 29, 30, 31, 32, and then in 18, 29, 5, and 6, and 7 and 8, all those wells penetrated it but none of them had any porosity.

See, on Exhibit Two the wells with the big

circles all penetrated it.

I was referring to Exhibit Number Three and Number Four.

- Okay. A.
- And the northwest-southeast trending sand development is one that you've just inferred from your interpretation of the geology, is that correct?
 - Well --A.
- There do not appear to be any wells drilled into that at this time.
 - Now, are you looking at Exhibit Number Three?
 - And this is the --Yes.
- Oh, you mean down there that long -- the long skinny --
 - This is the one that I'm referring to, yes. Q.
 - Uh-huh. Well, that's right.
 - Okay.
- But we had the rest of the map, the rest of A. the reason for that son-of-a-gun would be apparent, because it's heading right up for the old Scanlon AB Well direction, you know, which is in 29.
 - Uh-huh.
- That's the reason we've got it running that We'd like to have one like that. direction.
 - Okay. Any other questions of the witness?

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He may be excused.

Anything further in this case?

I'll take the case under advisement.

(Hearing concluded.)

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Court Reporter, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability, knowledge, and skill from my notes taken at the time of the hearing.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing New Mexico Oil Conservation Com

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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. 6252 Order No. R-5756

APPLICATION OF HOLLY ENERGY, INC., 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 June 21, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 29th day of June, 1978, 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, Holly Energy, Inc., seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its State 14 Well No. 1, to be drilled at a point 990 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, to test the Morrow formation, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the N/2 of said Section 14 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

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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.

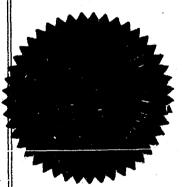
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Morrow formation is hereby approved for the Holly Energy, Inc. State 14 Well No. 1 to be drilled at a point 990 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the N/2 of said Section 14 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



Dockets Nos. 22-78 and 23-78 are tentatively set for hearing on July 6 and 19, 1978. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JUNE 21, 1978

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. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for July, 1978, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for July, 1978, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 6238: (Continued from June 7, 1978, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Barber Oil, Inc., for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for its Saladar Unit Area comprising 240 acres, more or less, of Federal and fee lands in Township 20 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 6226: (Continued from June 7, 1978, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Barber Oil, Inc., for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its Saladar Unit, by the injection of water into the Yates formation through five wells located in Units K, L, N and O of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, Saladar-Yates Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

- CASE 6251: Application of Amoco Production Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the S/2 of Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6252: Application of Holly Energy, Inc., for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its State 14

 Well No. 1, a Morrow test to be located 990 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East
 line of Section 14, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the N/2 of said
 Section 14 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6253: Application of Merrion & Bayless for a non-standard proration unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for 364.44-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the W/2 of Sections 30 and 31, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, Blanco Mesaverde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.
- CASE 6254: Application of Read & Stevens, Inc., for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W/2 SE/4 of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Scharb-Bone Spring Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well drilled at an unorthodox location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6255: Application of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the N/2 of Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

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Attention: Mr. J. E. Kapteina

Re: Non-Standary Oil Well Location Sec. 14, T-18-S, R-28-E Eddy County, New Mexico State 14-1

Gentlemen:

Holly Energy, Inc. respectfully requests that a hearing be called to consider Holly's application for a permit to drill State 14-1 at a non-standard location, which will require an exception to Paragraph C-II of Rule 104, New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations.

The requested location is 990 feet FNL and 660 feet FEL of Section 14, T-18-S, R-28-E. Rule 104, Paragraph CII requires that a well will be not closer than 1980 feet to the nearest end boundary.

The proposed well is projected to a depth of 11,500 feet to test the gas reservoirs to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow.

Your truly,

Robert Loyd Superintendent

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Holly Energy Inc. State 14 28East gala Fa 18South Eddy feet from the teet from the East Producing Formation 3602 Morrow 1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below. 2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty). 3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc? If answer is "'yes," type of consolidation If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.)... No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commission. CERTIFICATION Lease 2535 Robert Loyd Superintendent Leas e Company 2534 Holly Energy Inc May 18, 1978 I hemby certify that the well location Date Surveyed May 6, 1978

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May 18, 1978

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

Attention: Mr. J. E. Kapteina

Re: Non-Standary Oil Well Location Sec. 14, T-18-S, R-28-E Eddy County, New Mexico State 14-1

Gentlemen:

Holly Energy, Inc. respectfully requests that a hearing be called to consider Holly's application for a permit to drill State 14-1 at a non-standard location, which will require an exception to Paragraph C-II of Rule 104, New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations.

The requested location is 990 feet FNL and 660 feet FEL of Section 14, T-18-S, R-28-E. Rule 104, Paragraph CII requires that a well will be not closer than 1980 feet to the nearest end boundary.

The proposed well is projected to a depth of 11,500 feet to test the gas reservoirs to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow.

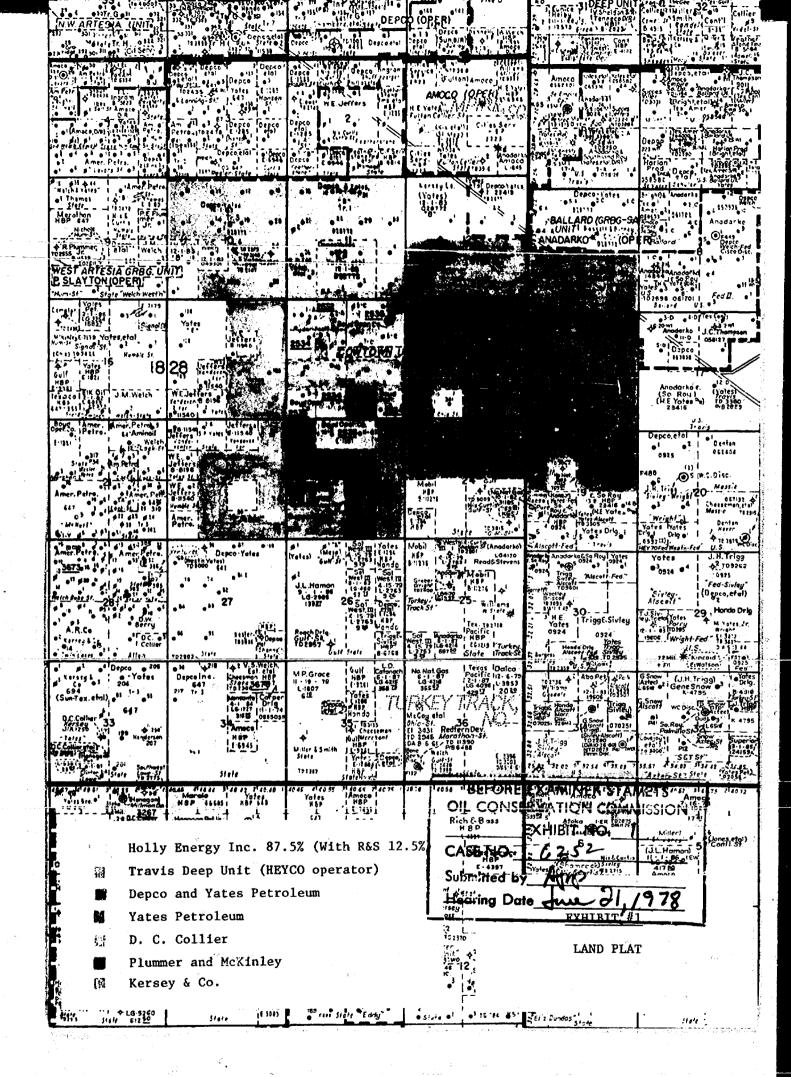
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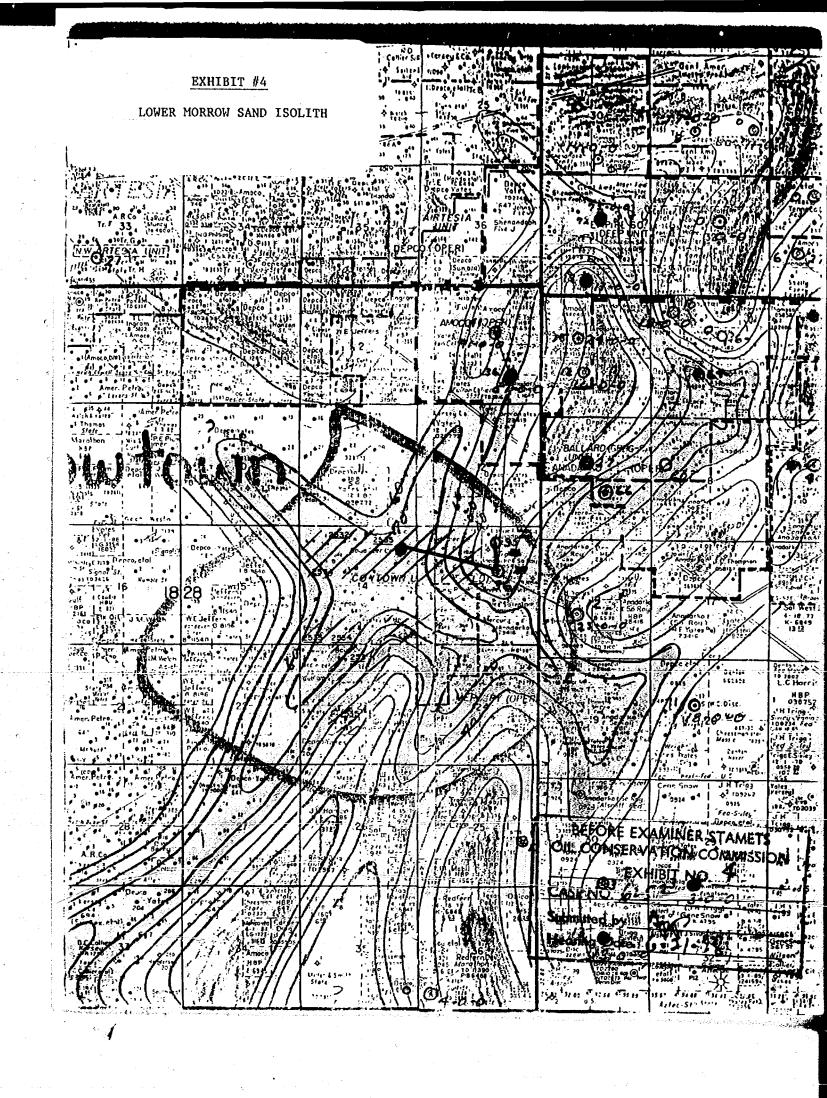
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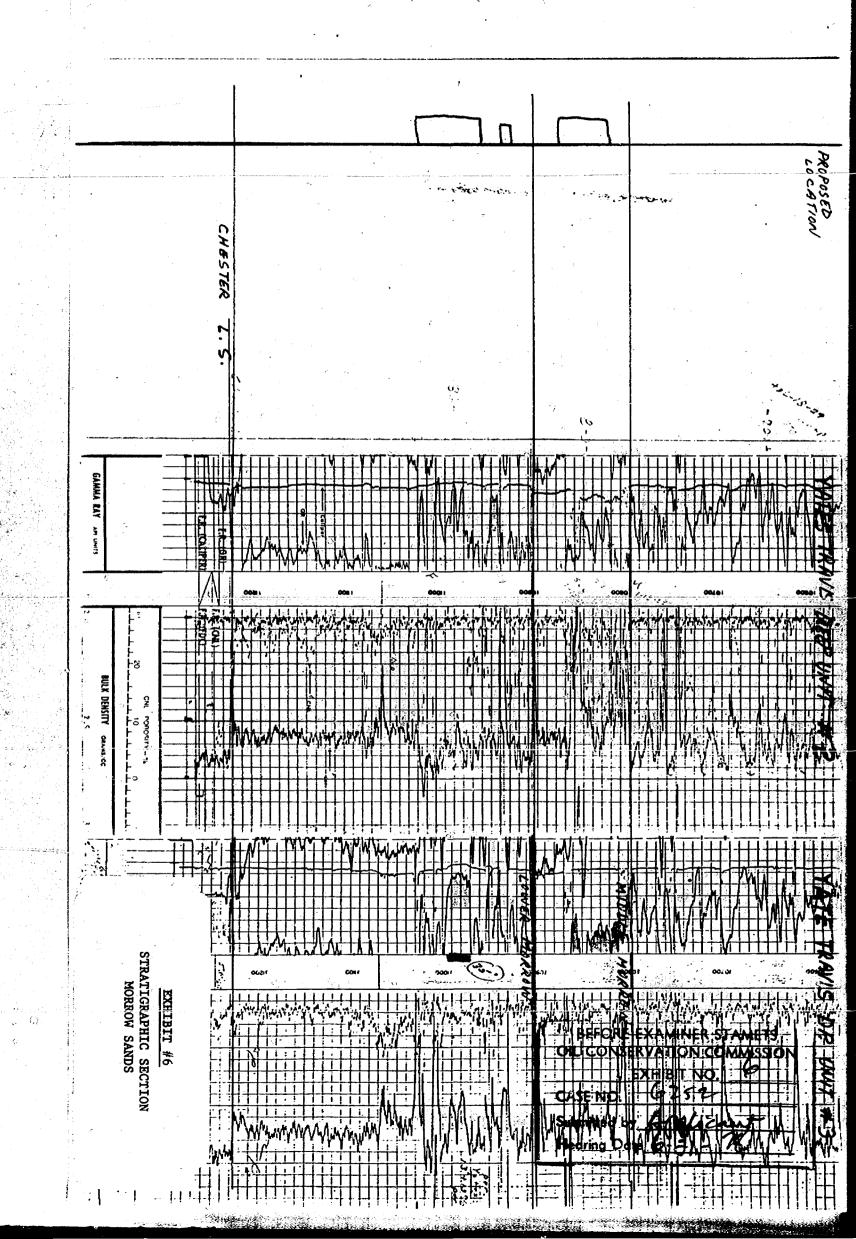
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Holly Energy Inc. State 14 Eddy 18South 990 Froducing Formation 3602 Cowtown Morrow. 1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below, 2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty). 3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling. etc? If answer is "yes!" type of consolidation Yes No If answer in "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consulidated. (I'm reverse side of this form if necessary.)_ No allowable will be ausigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated thy communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commis-CERTIFICATION Lease 2535 Robert Loyd Leas e Superintendent Holly Energy Inc May 18, 1978 May 6,1978



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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:

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location.

CONSIDERING: CASE NO. 6252 ORDER NO. R- 5756 APPLICATION OF HOLLY ENERGY, INC., 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 June 21 19 78, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets NOW, on this day of June , 19 78 , 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, Holly Energy, Inc. for its State 14 Well No. 1, a Morrow test to be located will seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 14 , Township 18 South Range 28 East , NMPM, to test the Morrow formation, County, New Mexico. (3) That the N/2 of said Section 14 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

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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 w Holly Energy, Inc. State 1 formation is hereby approved for page 1	4 Well No.]	to be drille	<u> </u>
feet from the North line and	660 feet	from the <u>Eas</u>	<u>:t</u>
line of Section <u>14</u> , Township	18 South	, Range <u>28</u>	East
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- (2) That the N/2 of said Section 14 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.