CASE 6257: BENCHMARK OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCA-TION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO.

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July 21, 1978

State Of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe. N. M.

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Attention: Mr. Joe D. Ramey

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Re: New Nexico Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-5758 Unorthodox Location for Wright No. 1, 1980' FSL and 660' FEL Sec. 30, T-95, R-33-E, Lea County, New Mexico

The above referenced well was spudded July 6, 1978 and upon reaching a depth of 1532' extreme shale sloughing was encountered. It was our decision to plug the well at this depth and drill a twin well 100' to the South.

It is respectfully requested that the above referenced Order be Administratively amended to cover the location at 1880 FSL and 660 FEL of Sec. 30, T-9-5, R-33-E, Lea County, New Mexico.

By copy of this letter the following offset operators will have been

notified of this request:

Coastal States Gas Producing Co., Box 235, Midland, Texas 79702

Southern Union Exploration Co., Suite 1800, First International

Building, Dallas, Texas 75270 E. L. Latham, Jr. & Roy G. Barton, Jr., Box 1392, Hobbs, N. M. Saxon Oil Company, Box 2948, Midland, Texas 79702

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated in that we have a commitment from a drilling contractor to start the operation, if approved, in early August.

Yours very truly,

Benchmark Oil Co. Ltd.

J. T. Berry

Operations Manager

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

July 25, 1978

Benchmark Oil Co., Ltd. P. O. Box 790 Norman, Oklahoma 73070

Attention: Mr. J. T. Berry

Re: Case No. 6257, Order No. R-5758

Dear Mr. Berry:

By your letter of July 21, 1978, Benchmark Oil Co., Ltd. requested authority to amend the non-standard location granted by the subject Order in the Flying M-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. It is my understanding that the well is to be located 1880 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, rather than at 1980 and 666 feet from those lines respectively. It is further my understanding that this change in location results from having lost the original hole being drilled at the location granted by Order No. R-5758.

As the amended location is less unorthodox than the approved location and considering the necessity for moving away from the lost hole, the forementioned amended location is hereby approved.

Yours very truly,

JOB D. RAMEY Director

JDR/RLS/fd

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 21 June 1978

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Benchmark Oil Com-) pany, Ltd., for an unorthodox oil) well location, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 6257

Richard L. Stamets

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

APPEARANCES

For the Oil Conservation Division:

Lynn Teschendorf, Esq. Legal Counsel for the Division State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

For the Applicant:

Conrad E. Coffield, Esq. HINKLE, COX, COFFIELD, EATON & HENSLEY Hinkle Building Roswell, New Mexico

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ROY K. VALLA

Direct Examination by Mr. Coffield

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MR. STAMETS: We'll call next case 6257.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 6257. Application of Benchmark Oil Company, Limited, for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico.

MR. COFFIELD: Conrad Coffield, with the law firm of Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield and Hensley, of Midland, appearing on behalf of Benchmark Oil Company, and I have one witness.

(Witness sworn.)

ROY K. VALLA

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. COFFIELD:

Please state your name, address, and occupation.

My name is Roy K. Valla. I am -- live in Odessa, Texas. My occupation is petroleum engineer.

What is, Mr. Valla, what is your relationship Q. to the Applicant, Benchmark Oil Company?

I'm serving as agent for Benchmark Oil Company.

Are you familiar with the application of

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Benchmark Oil Company in this case?

- A. Yes, I am.
- Q Are you familiar with the property of the proposed well location is involved?
 - A. Yes, I am.
- Q. Have you previously testified before the Oil Conservation Division as a petroleum engineer?
 - A. Yes, I have.
- Q And were your qualifications a matter of record and were they accepted by the Oil Conservation Commission?
 - A. Yes, they were.
- Q Would you please explain what Benchmark Oil Company seeks by its application?
- A. Benchmark Oil Company, Limited, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Wright Well No. 1 to be located 1980 feet from the south line and 660 feet from the east line of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Flying M-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

The east half of the southeast quarter to be dedicated to this well.

- Mr. Valla, what's the general basis that
 Benchmark's relying upon in its belief that the proposed
 location is superior to the standard location?
 - A There was a dry hole drilled in the southeast

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of the southeast quarter of this, which is on the south part of this 80-acre tract several years ago. It has very little, if any, net pay in the San Andres formation and in order to establish production on this tract, a well will be needed to be drilled in the north part of this 80-acre tract.

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- Q Briefly, it's on geological --
- A. That is correct.
- Q Would you please refer to what's been marked as Exhibit One and state what this reflects?
- A. Exhibit One is a plat of the area containing most of the Flying M-San Andres Field, and shows the tract which is colored yellow in this case.

The proposed well has a small arrow outlining the well location.

- Q. And it shows the surrounding producing wells in the area?
- A. Yes, it shows the surrounding producing wells and ownership of these wells.
- Q In your opinion are those surrounding wells draining this 80-acre tract we're looking at here?
 - A. It's very possible, yes.
- Q Is Benchmark Oil Company the leasehold owner and the proposed operator of this 80-acre tract on which the Wright Well No. 1 is to be located?

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Yes, Benchmark is.

Q. Please tell the Examiner who the owners are of the offsetting tracts.

A. The operator to the east, the southeast, the south and the southwest, is Coastal States.

The owner of the offset tract to the west is Saxon Oil Company.

The owner to the north, offsetting to the north, is E. L. Latham, Junior, and Roy G. Barton, Junior.

The owner, lease owner to the northwest is Southern Union Exploration Company.

Q Please refer to what I've marked as Exhibit Two and note pages one through eight, inclusive, and would you explain to the Examiner what those represent?

A. Pages five through eight are waivers of objection for this non-standard drilling location from 100 percent of the offset operators.

Now, page five reveals the waiver of Coastal
 States?

A. Yes, page five is the waiver from Coastal States Gas Producing Company.

Page six is a waiver from Southern Union Exploration Company.

Page seven is the waiver from E. L. Latham, Junior, and Roy G. Barton, Junior.

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And page eight is a waiver from Saxon Oil Company.

- Q All right, please refer to page four of this same exhibit. What does this represent?
- A. Page four is the Form C-102, which is the well location and acreage dedication plat that depicts the well, actual well location and the acreage dedicated to this well.
 - Q. Relative to the section lines?
 - A. Yes, relative to the section lines.
- Q Okay. Where would the standard location well be located on this 80-acre tract?
- A. The standard location would be 660 from the south and 660 from the east lines.
- Q And is that where the dry hole was previously drilled?
 - A. Yes, that is correct.
- Q All right, please refer to page nine now of this same Exhibit Two and explain to the Examiner what this part of Exhibit Two is.
- A. Page nine is a structural as well as an isopach of the net pay map of the Flying M Field. The solid lines are the structural contours. The dashed lines are the isopach lines of the net pay in this area.

This depicts the proposed well location a

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thicker net pay than the previously drilled dry hole to the south.

Referring to this page nine in Exhibit Two, Q. describe to the Examiner the problems that in your opinion would arise if you drill or attempt to go back into the 80-acre tract with the Wright No. 1 Well at a standard location and explain the advantages that you feel would ensue if you were permitted the non-standard location sought.

Well, I feel that the risk would be simply too high to re-enter or drill a twin to the presently drilled -- previously drilled dry hole. In order to protect the leasehold and also mineral owners' rights, for this tract, it will be required to -- that a well be drilled in the north part or the proposed location.

All right, then Mr. Valla, is there any standard location on the property which belongs to Benchmark, which could be drilled in order that they could obtain production of minerals in place?

- No, not on this 80-acre tract.
- Then would denial of this application effectively prevent Benchmark from recovery of the oil and gas in place in this tract?
 - Yes, it would.
 - Mr. Valla, have these exhibits been prepared

by you or under your supervision?

- They have.
- And in your opinion will the approval of this application by Benchmark prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste, protect correlative rights?
 - A. It certainly will.

MR. COFFIELD: Mr. Examiner, I move the admission of these exhibits.

MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be admitted. MR. COFFIELD: And I have no further questions of this witness.

MR. STAMETS: Are there any questions of the witness? He may be excused.

> Do you have anything further in this case? The case is taken under advisement. (Hearing concluded.)

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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.

Sidney F. Morrish, C.S.R.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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June 30, 1978

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Re:	CASE NO. 6257
Mr. Conrad Coffield	ORDER NO. R-5758
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& Hensley Attorneys at Law	5 m m 5 d m m m d
P. O. Box 3580	Applicant:
Midland, Texas 79702	A 4
	Benchmark Oil Company, Ltd.
Dear Sir:	
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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. 6257 Order No. R-5758

APPLICATION OF BENCHMARK OIL COMPANY, LTD. FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION, LEA 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, Benchmark Oil Company, Ltd., seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location for its Wright Well No. 1 to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, to test the San Andres formation, Flying M-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the E/2 SE/4 of said Section 30 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the oil underlying the proration
- (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 oil 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 oil well location is hereby approved for the Benchmark Oil Company, Ltd. Wright Well No. 1 to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Flying M-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the E/2 SE/4 of said Section 30 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. BAM Director CASE 6257: Application of Benchmark Oil Company, Ltd., for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea Co., New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Wright Well No. 1 to be located 1980' from the South line and 660' from the East line of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Flying M-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, the E/2 SE/4 to be dedicated to the well.

BEFORE EXAMINER STAMETS
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EXHIBIT NO. 2

CASE NO. 6257

Submitted by Seuchmark Oil Co.
Hearing Date 6/2/78

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NORMAN, OKLAHOMA 73070

June 2, 1978

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attn: Mr. Richard L. Stanets

Re: Request for Hearing

Gentlemen:

This is a request for a hearing for approval of a non-standard drilling location in the Flying "M" (San Andres) Field to be drilled at the following location:

Wright Well #1 located 1980' FSL and 660' FEL of Section 30, T-9-S, R-33-E, Lea County, New Mexico.

The attached plat more clearly indicates the proposed location. Please schedule this hearing at your earliest possible convenience.

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RKV/dw Attachments

bcc: Roy K. Valla

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Form C-102 Supersedes C-128 Effective 1-1-65

Operator Well No. BENCHMARK OIL CO. WRIGHT Unit Letter County 30 -33-E - 9-S LEA tual Footage Location of Well; 1980 SOUTH teet from the EAST 660 und Level Elev. 4375 Producing Formation Dedicated Acreage: SAN ANDRES FLYING "M" (SAN ANDRES) 80 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? Yes No 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 Commis-CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Agent Benchmark Oil Co. 5-29-78 BENCHMARK I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plot was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Date Surveyed MAY 24, 1978

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POST OFFICE BOX 790

NORMAN, OKLAHOMA 73070

June 5, 1978

COASTAL STATES GAS PRODUCING CO. P.O. Box 235 Midland, Texas 79702

Attn: Mr. H. E. Clark

District Production Manager

Re: Waiver of Objection Non-Standard Drilling Location
Wright Well #1
1980' FSL, 660' FEL
Section 30, T-9-S, R-30-E
Lea County, New Mexico
Flying "M" (San Andres) Field

Gentlemen:

Benchmark Oil Co., Ltd. requests your approval of a non-standard drilling location for the subject well. Please indicate your approval in the space provided below.

RKV/dw

I hereby waive any objection to the subject location.

COASTAL STATES GAS PRODUCING CO.

Russell Wade

DATE: 6-12-78

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BENCHMARK OIL CO., LTD.

POST OFFICE BOX 790

NORMAN, OKLAHOMA 73070

June 5, 1978

SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION CO. Suite 1800 First International Building Dallas, Texas 75270

Attn: Mr. Roy Sharrock

Re: Waiver of Objection Non-Standard Drilling Location
Wright Well #1
1980' FSL, 660' FEL 33
Section 30, T-9-S, R-30-E
Lea County, New Mexico
Flying "M" (San Andres) Field

Gentlemen:

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SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION CO.

DATE:

General Manager

POST OFFICE BOX 790

NORMAN, OKLAHOMA 73070

June 5, 1978

E.L. Latham, Jr. & Roy G. Barton, Jr. P.O. Box 1392 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Re: Waiver of Objection Non-Standard Drilling Location
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POST OFFICE BOX 790

NORMAN, OKLAHOMA 73070

June 5, 1978

SAXON OIL COMPANY P.O. Box 2948 Midland, Texas 79702

Attn: Mr. Robert Beals

Production Superintendent

Re: Waiver of Objection Non-Standard Drilling Location
Wright Well #1
1980' FSL, 660' FEL
Section 30, T-9-S, R-30-E
Lea County, New Mexico
Flying "M" (San Andres) Field

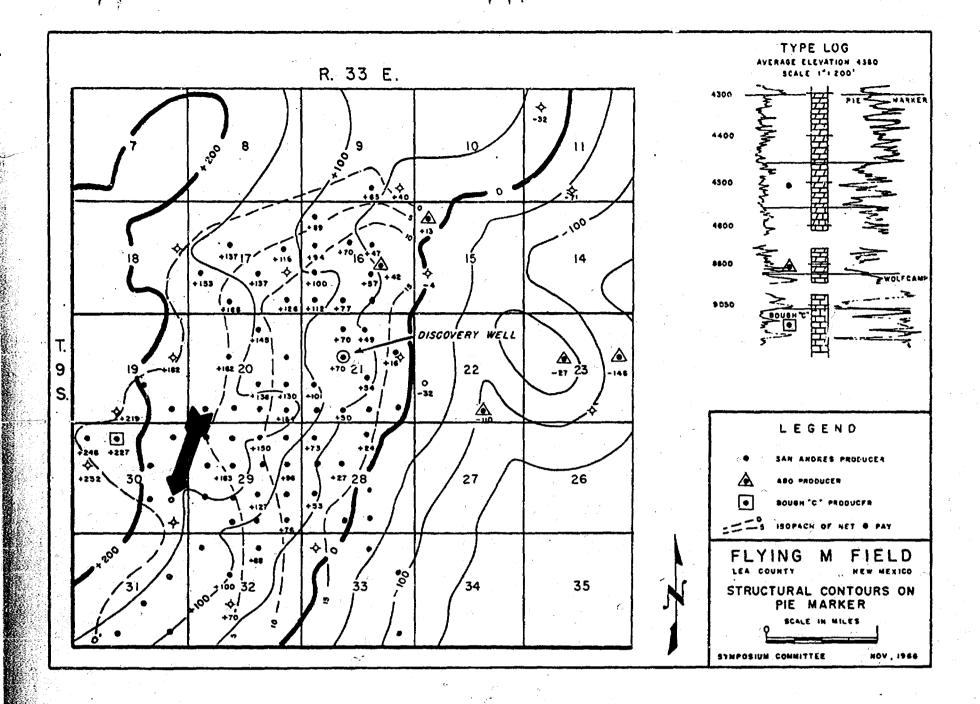
Gentlemen:

Benchmark Oil Co., Ltd. requests your approval of a non-standard drilling location for the subject well. Please indicate your approval in the space provided below.

RKV/dw

I hereby waive any objection to the subject location.

SAXON OIL COMPANY



CASE 6256: Application of Texaco Inc. for amendment of Commission Order No. R-5530, non-standard locations, and an administrative procedure, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend paragraph (14) on Page 7 of Commission Order No. R-5530 by removing or amending the allowable restriction therein subject to lease line agreements.

> Applicant also seeks approval of nine injection wells at non-standard locations not closer than 10 feet to the Central Vacuum Unit boundary in the following units: Unit B of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 34 East; Units D, E, L, and M of Section 6, Township 18 South, Range 35 East; Unit M of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 35 East; and Units N, O, and P of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for approval of additional producing and injection wells at orthodox and unorthodox locations.

Application of Benchmark Oil Company, Ltd., for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Wright Well No. 1 to be located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Flying M-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, the E/2 SE/4 to be dedicated to the well.

Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. CASE 6258: in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Devonian, McKee, and Ellenburger formations underlying the S/2 of Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, Lea 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 5911: (Reopened and Readvertised)

In the matter of Case 5911 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-5353-B which order established temporary special pool rules for the Chacon-Dakota Associated Pool, Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be reclassified as an oil pool to be governed by statewide rules.

CASE 6259: Application of V-F Petroleum, Inc., for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Devonian formation through the perforated interval from 11,085 feet to 11,102 feet in its State 14 Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 32 East, SRR-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 6260: Application of Continental Oil Company for a non-standard gas provation unit and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 480-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the N/2 and SE/4 of Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be simultaneously dedicated to applicant's State J-2 Wells Nos. 7, 9 and 12 located in Units J, G and D, respectively, of said Section 2.

CASE 6261: Application of Continental Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the W/2 of Section 20, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be simultaneously dedicated to applicant's State C-20 Wells Nos. 5 and 6, located in Units M and C, respectively, of said Section 20.

Application of Adobe Oil & Gas Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Mississippian formation underlying the SE/4 of Section 17, Township 14 South, Range 36 East, Austin Field, Lea 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 6263: Application of Adobe Oil & Gas Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Mississippian formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 17, Township 14 South, Range 36 East, Austin Field, Lea 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.

POST OFFICE BOX 790

NORMAN, OKLAHOMA 73070

June 2, 1978

Case 6257

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attn: Mr. Richard L. Stanets

Re: Request for Hearing

Gentlemen:

This is a request for a hearing for approval of a non-standard drilling location in the Flying "M" (San Andres) Field to be drilled at the following location:

Wright Well #1 located 1980' FSL and 660' FEL of Section 30, T-9-S, R-33-E, Lea County, New Mexico.

The attached plat more clearly indicates the proposed location. Please schedule this hearing at your earliest possible convenience.

Yours truly,

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Phone in application Roy Volla 915 337-5407

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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:

ORDEI	R NO. R- 5758
APPLICATION OF BENCHMARK OIL COMPANY	LTD.
FOR AN UNORTHODOX OID WELL LOCATION,	
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO	·
ORDER OF THE DIVIS	SION ()
BY THE DIVISION:	
This cause came on for hearing a	it 9 a.m. on June 21
19 78, at Santa Pe, New Mexico, before	re Examiner Richard L. Stamets
NOW, on thisday of June	, 1978, the Division
Director, having considered the testi	mony, the record, and the
recommendations of the Examiner, and	being fully advised in the
premises,	
FINDS:	
(1) That due public notice havi	ng been given as required by
law, the Division has jurisdiction of	this cause and the subject
matter thereof.	
(2) That the applicant, Benchma its Wright Well No. 1 to be a seeks approval of an unorthodox oil w	rk Oil Company, Ltd. ell location 1980
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(3) That the $\frac{E/2 \text{ SE}/4}{4}$ of said S	ection 30 is to be
dedicated to the well.	
(4) That a well at said unortho	dox location will better
enable applicant to produce the oil u	nderlying the proration unit.
(5) That no offset operator obj	ected to the proposed unorthodo
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 oil 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 oil well location Benchmark Oil Company, Ltd. Wright Welformation is hereby approved for a second to the second	ll No.	1 to be	drille &
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- (2) That the E/2 SE/4 said Section 30 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.