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January 28, 1980

Case 6625

Mr. M. A. Custer, Jr. Mewbourne Oil Company 1010 Wall Towers West Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Mr. Custer:

Pursuant to your letter of January 24, 1980, this is to advise that Order No. R-6100 cannot be amended to cover an unorthodox well location to the Wolfcamp formation without notice and hearing.

We do have provisions for administrative approval for wells drilled to deeper horizons but this type of approval can only be obtained when the well is at a standard location.

You must therefore apply for a hearing to amend Order No. R-6100 to include the Wolfcamp formation.

Yours very truly,

JOE D. RAMEY Director

JDR/fd

#### MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY

1010 WALL TOWERS WEST MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

915-682-3715

January 24, 1980

Re: Request to Amend Order No. R-6100

State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Attention: Joe Ramey

Dear Sir:

The captioned order number was approved for an unorthodox gas well location for the Morrow formation. Mewbourne Oil Company drilled the well to a total depth of 10,625 feet in the Morrow. We encountered no reservoir sands in the Morrow therefore, the well was plugged back to the Wolfcamp at 9,050 feet and completed as a gas well through perforations 7,986 to 8,006 feet.

With this letter we are requesting that Order No. R-6100 be amended to include the Wolfcamp formation.

Yours very truly,

Mewbourne Oil Company

M. A. Custer, Jr.

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cc: Sue Hearon



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Re: CASE NO. 6625 ORDER NO. R-6100

Applicant:

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

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CASE NO. 6625 Order No. R-6100

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE 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 August 8, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 10th day of September, 1979, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and 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, Mewbourne Oil Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 1315 feet from the East line of Section 30, Township 29 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, to test the Morrow formation, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the E/2 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 gas underlying the proration unit.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed un-

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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 share of the gas in the subject pool, will prevent the economic share of the drilling of upper caused by the drilling of upper caused 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:

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- (2) That the E/2 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.

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This is again another basis for the gas/ water contact within this sand zone.

I have indicated on the cross section a permeability barrier between Wells Nos. 6 and 7. If you will look at the structural plat you'll see that Well No. 7 is about 100 feet low to Well No. 6, which established the gas/water contact, and if you'll look on the net sand Isopach, I have indicated a separation of those two sands, on the net sand Isopach, and that's the reason for the permeability barrier on that cross section, indicated.

- All right, sir, would you refer to Exhibits Four and Five and identify those exhibits for me?
- Four and Five are waiver letters from Coquina, who owns the acreage on the east half east of our proration unit, and from Sohio Petroleum Company, who owns the acreage to the north.
- Mr. Custer, were Exhibits One through Five either prepared by you directly or compiled under your

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direction and supervision?

- A. Yes, sir, they were.
- Q And in your opinion will approval of this application be in the best interests of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights?
  - A. Yes, sir, it sure will.

MR. KELLAHIN: We move the introduction of Exhibits One through Five.

MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be admitted.

#### CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. STAMETS:

- Q. Mr. Custer, just to summarize here, your location gives you good structural advantage.
  - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And puts you far away from the gas/water contact that apparently has caused some problems in other wells?
  - A That's right.
- Q. And also puts you in a good position as to the maximum, or very near the maximum, thickness of the available sand?
  - A. That's right.

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MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the He may be excused.

Anything further in this case?

The case will be taken under advisement.

(Hearing concluded.)

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I, SALLY W. BOYD, a court reporter, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached 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, from my notes taken at the time of the hearing.

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I have indicated on the cross section a permeability harrier between Wells Nos. 6 and 7. If you will look at the structural plat you'll see that Well No. 7 is about 100 feet low to Well No. 6, which established the gas/water contact, and if you'll look on the net sand Isopach, I have indicated a separation of those two sands, on the net sand Isopach, and that's the reason for the permeability barrier on that cross section, indicated.

- Q All right, sir, would you refer to Exhibits Four and Five and identify those exhibits for me?
- A. Four and Five are waiver letters from Coquina, who owns the acreage on the east half east of our proration unit, and from Sohio Petroleum Company, who owns the acreage to the north.
- Mr. Custer, were Exhibits One through Five either prepared by you directly or compiled under your

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direction and supervision?

A. Yes, sir, they were.

And in your opinion will approval of this application be in the best interests of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights?

A Yes, sir, it sure will.

MR. KELLAHIN: We move the introduction of Exhibits One through Five.

MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be admitted.

#### CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. STAMETS:

Q Mr. Custer, just to summarize here, your location gives you good structural advantage.

A. Yes, sir.

And puts you far away from the gas/water contact that apparently has caused some problems in other wells?

A. That's right.

Q And also puts you in a good position as to the maximum, or very near the maximum, thickness of the available sand?

M. That's right.

witness?

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the He may be excused.

Anything further in this case?

The case will be taken under advisement.

(Hearing concluded.)

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#### REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY W. BOYD, a court reporter, DO HEREBY

CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached 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, from my notes taken at the time of the hearing.

Sally W. Boyd, C.S.R.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No.

Oil Conservation Division Examiner

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July 12, 1979

Re: Mewbourne 0il Company Marathon-State-Well No. 1 E/2 Sec. 30-T20S-R27E Eddy County, N.M.

State of New Mexico Department of Minerals and Energy 011 Conservation Division Santa Fe, New Mexico

#### Gentlemen:

As an offset operator, we hereby waive any objection to Mewbourne Oil Company's drilling the captioned well at an unorthodox location of 1315 feet from the east line and 660 feet from the north line of the captioned section 30 as a 10,800 foot Morrow test.

Yours very truly,

Sohio Petroleum Company

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BEFORE EXAMINER STAMETS OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NO. 6625

Submitted by

Hearing Date\_\_\_\_



# COQUINA OIL CORPORATION

P. O. DRAWER 2960 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701 (915) 682-6271

August 3, 1979

Mewbourne 011 Co. 1010 Wall Towers West Midland, TX 79701

Re: Unorthodox Location

Eddy County, New Mexico

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Sincerely,

Tracy P. Clark

Sr. Vice President

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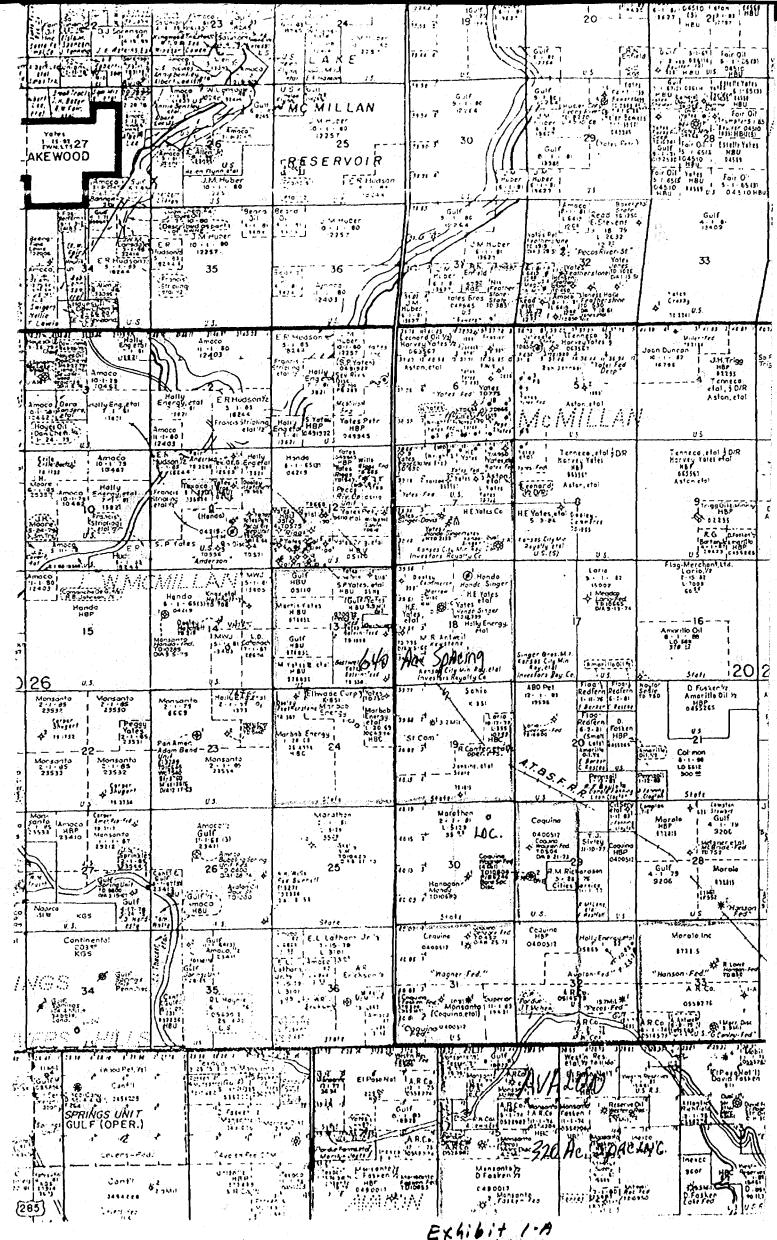


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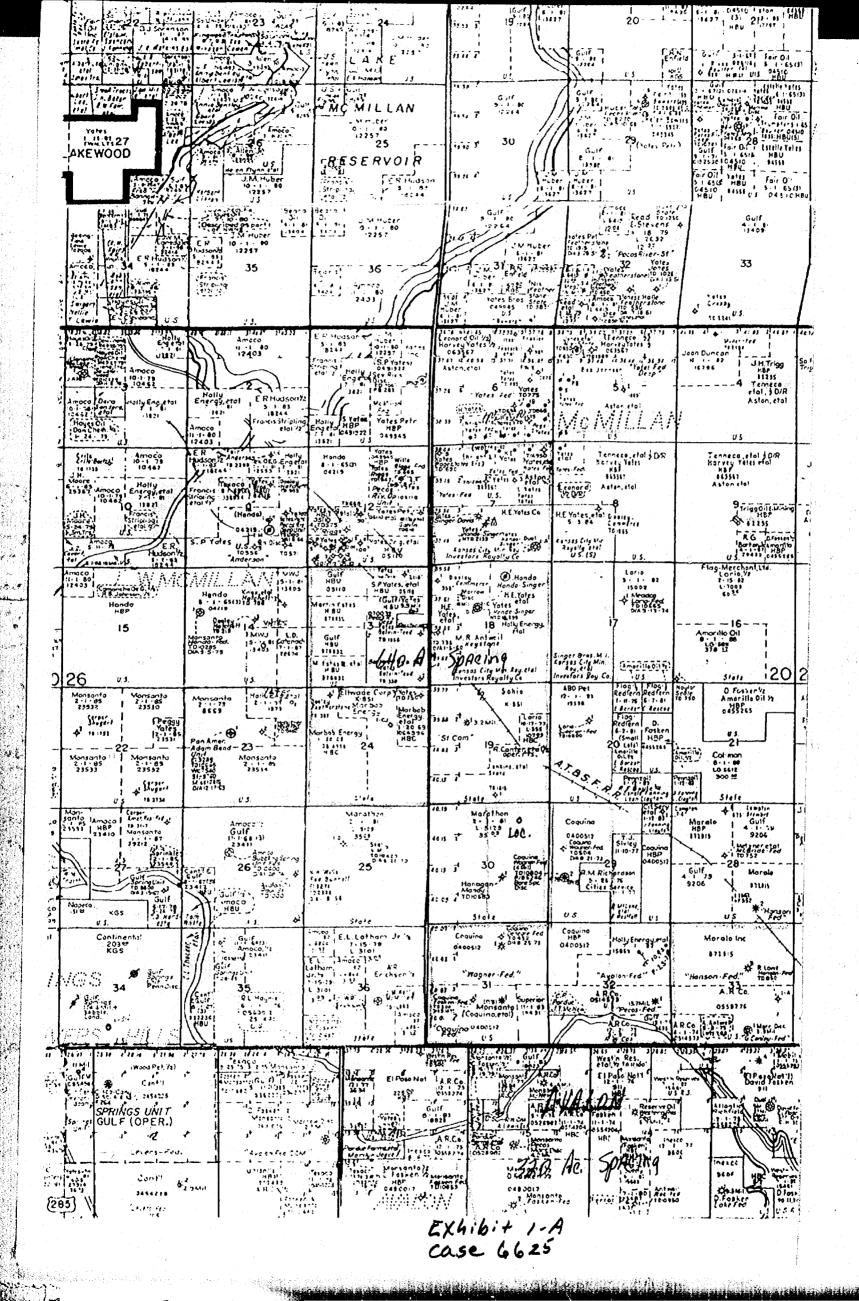
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Docket No. 29-79

Dockets Nos. 32-79 and 33-79 are tentatively set for hearing on August 22 and September 5, 1979. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - TUESDAY - AUGUST 7, 1979

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - ROOM 205 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

CASE 6590: (Continued from July 25, 1979, Examiner Rearing)

Application of Grace Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying Lots 9, 10, 15, and 16 and the SE/4 of Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 4650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 6. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the costs 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 6612: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying Lots 9 thru 16 of Scction 6, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 4650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 6. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the costs 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 6555: (DE NOVO)

Application of Jake L. Hamon for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 560 feet from the East line of Section 30, Township 20 South, Range 36 East, North Osudo-Morrow Gas Pool, all of said Section 30 to be dedicated to the well.

Upon application of Texas Oil & Gas Corp. this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 6596: (Continued from July 24, 1979, Commission Hearing)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for pool creation and special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new Upper Pennsylvanian gas pool to be designated as the Southeast Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool for its Southeast Indian Basin Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, and special pool rules therefor including 320-acre gas well spacing.

CASE 6597: (Continued from July 24, 1979, Commission Hearing)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Southeast Indian Basin Well No. 2, an Upper Pennsylvanian well to be drilled 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, with the N/2 or all of said Section 24 to be dedicated to the well, depending on the outcome of Case No. 6596.

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Docket No. 30-79

CASE 6601: (Continued from July 25, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp through Mississippian formations underlying the E/2 of Section 8, Township 14 South, Range 36 East, 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 6622: Application of Adams Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the WolfcampPenn formations underlying the N/2 of Section 15, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, 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 6623: Application of Penroc Oil Corporation for approval of infill drilling and simultaneous dedication, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a waiver of existing well spacing requirements and a finding that the recompletion in the Morrow formation of its Dero "A" Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit N of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well.
- CASE 6624: Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a waiver of existing well spacing requirements and a finding that the drilling of a well to be located in Unit K of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Plying "M"-San Andres Pool, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well.
- CASE 6625: Application of Mewbourne 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 Morrow test well to be located 660 feet from the North line and 1315 feet from the East line of Section 30, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, the E/2 of said Section 30 to be dedicated to the well.
  - CASE 6603: (Continued from July 25, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Conoco Inc. for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Penrose Skelly and Eumont production in the wellbore of its Hawk B-1 Well No. 12 located in Unit O of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 37 East.

CASE 6587: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Caribou Four Corners, Inc., for an unorthodox well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Kirtland Well No. 4 located 1450 feet from the North line and 595 feet from the West line of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West.

Docket No. 31-79

#### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 15, 1979

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 September, 1979, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
  - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for September, 1979, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandóval Counties, New Mexico.

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SANTA FE

Mrs. Florene Davidson Oil Conservation Division P. O.Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Mewbourne Oil Company

Case 6625

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Dear Florene:

This will confirm my telephone request of July 12, 1979 to amend our Application for Mewbourne Oil Company's unorthodox well location to be heard on August 8, 1979 to the following locations: 1315 feet from the East line and 660 feet from the North line of Section 30.

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cc: Mr. Don Hayden

KELLAHIN and KELLAHIN Attorneys at Law ECEIVED 500 Don Gaspar Avenue Post Office Box 1769 Jason Kellahin ta Fe, New Mexico 87501 W. Thomas Ke OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION July 11, 1979 SANTA FE

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

Mewbourne Oil Company Unorthodox well location

Dear Joe:

Please set the enclosed Application for hearing on August 8, 1979. Very truly yours

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cc: Mr. Donald C. Haden

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DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS AND ENERGY

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Case 66,25

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

## APPLICATION

COMES NOW MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY, by its attorneys and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for 13/5 approval of an unorthodox well location, 13/20 feet from the East line and 660 feet from the North line of Section 30, T20S, R27E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, undesignated morrow pool, and would show the Division:

- 1. Applicant has the right to drill and develop acreage with the E/2 of Section 30, T20S, R27E, NMPM.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill its Mewbourne #1  $\frac{13}{5}$  Marathon State Well at an unorthodox well location  $\frac{1320}{5}$  feet from the East line and 660 feet from the North line of said Section 30 and to dedicate the E/2 of said Section 30 to the subject well.
- 3. Said location will recover gas that would not otherwise be recovered at a standard location, would be in the best interests of conversations, the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE Applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Division's duly appointed examiner and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order approving this application.

> Respectfully submitted, KELLAHIN & KELLAHIN

W. Thomas Kellahin
P. O. Box 1769
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT



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DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS AND ENERGY

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case 6625

# APPLICATION

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# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING

DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:
CASE NO. 6625
ORDER NO. R- 6/00
APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE 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 August 8
19 79, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamet
NOW, on this day of August, 1979, 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
natter thereof.
(2) That the applicant, Mewbourne Oil Company
seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660
eet from the North line and 1315 feet from the
East line of Section 30 , Township 20 South
Range 27 East , NMPM, to test the Morrow
ormation, Eddy
ounty, New Mexico.
(3) That the $\frac{E/2}{}$ of said Section $\frac{30}{}$ is to be
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- enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthogox 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 unor formation is hereby app	thodox gas w Mewbourne	iell locatio Oil Compa	n for the	Morrow	·
formation is hereby app	roved for a	well to be	devilled at a p	oint	660
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NMPM,				Eddy	County,
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- (2) That the E/2 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.