



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. 7876  
Order No. R-7286

APPLICATION OF RIO PECOS CORPORATION  
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 May 25, 1983,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 26th day of May, 1983, 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, Rio Pecos Corporation, seeks  
approval of an unorthodox gas well location 1980 feet from the  
North line and 660 feet from the West line, or in the  
alternative 2150 feet from the North line and 830 feet from the  
West line of Section 5, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, NMPM,  
to test the Wolfcamp/Pennsylvanian formations, Eddy County, New  
Mexico.
- (3) That at the hearing, the applicant requested and  
received approval to amend the application to provide for a  
less unorthodox well location 1980 feet from the North line and  
990 feet from the West line of said Section 5.
- (4) That the N/2 of said Section 5 is to be dedicated to  
the well.
- (5) That a well at said unorthodox location will better  
enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration  
unit.

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(6) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

(7) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the affected pool(s), 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 the application of Rio Pecos Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location for the Wolfcamp/Pennsylvanian formations is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 1980 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 5, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) That the N/2 of said Section 5 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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