

Case No. 8915

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Mr. Richard L. Stamets
Oil Conservation Division
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production
City of Farmington Well Sites
Application for Unorthodox Locations
and Directional Drilling

Dear Mr. Stamets:

Please set the enclosed application for hearing on
the June 25, 1986 Examiner docket.

Very truly yours,

Karen Aubrey
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF TENNECO OIL EXPLORATION AND
PRODUCTION COMPANY, FOR
APPROVAL OF FOUR UNORTHODOX
SURFACE LOCATIONS AND DIRECTIONAL
DRILLING, BASIN DAKOTA GAS POOL,
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE:

A P P L I C A T I O N

Comes now TENNECO OIL COMPANY, by and through its attorneys, Kellahin & Kellahin, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for approval of the following four unorthodox surface locations and directional drilling, all within Section 10, T29N, R13W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(1) City of Farmington Com #1 Well:

Surface: 2160' FSL and 1591' FEL
BHL: 1750' FSL and 1755' FEL
Dedication: E/2
Vertical Depth: 6015'

(2) City of Farmington Com #1-E Well:

Surface: 2203' FSL and 1653' FEL
BHL: 1650' FNL and 1650' FEL
Dedication: E/2
Vertical Depth: 6015'

(3) City of Farmington #2 Well:

Surface: 2159' FSL and 1712' FEL
BHL: 1650' FSL and 1650' FWL
Dedication: W/2
Vertical Depth: 6024'

(4) City of Farmington #2-E Well:

Surface: 1712' FEL and 2246' FSL

BHL: 1650' FNL and 1650' FWL

Dedication: W/2

Vertical Depth: 6009'

1. The subject wells are located in the City of Farmington with the proposed surface locations being unorthodox and the proposed bottom hole locations being standard pursuant to the Basin Dakota Gas Pool Rules.

2. The subject wells are intended to be drilled to the Basin Dakota Gas Pool but applicant seeks approval of the subject wells for any formations from the surface to the base of the Basin Dakota Pool.

3. Applicant has notified those offsetting operators and surface owners surrounding the proposed unorthodox surface well locations. Any interested party is advised to notify the Division, the applicant, or to consult the Division rules and regulations concerning his rights. In addition, any interested party is entitled to attend the hearing and present evidence or statements either for or against the application.

4. Each of the subject wells shall be directional drilled and applicant seeks approval of the Division to intentionally deviate the wells as provided for in Division Rule 111.

5. For each of the bottom hole locations, applicant seeks authority to drill the subject well to a point within a 50' radius target of the requested bottom hole location.

6. The unorthodox surface locations are necessitated because of topographical restrictions on the surface.

7. Approval of the application will prevent waste, protect correlative rights and promote conservation.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing and that after notice and hearing, the application be granted as requested.

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