

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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September 8, 2003

Lori Wrotenbery Director Oil Conservation Division

Governor Joanna Prukop Cabinet Secretary

> McKay Oil Corporation **April McKay**

Attention:

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Roswell, New Mexico 88202

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ADMINISTRATIVE REINSTATEMENT OF DIVISION ORDER NO. R-11634

Dear Ms. McKay:

Reference is made to the following: (I) your original letter of application dated August 15, 2003 (administrative application reference No. pMESO-323332996); (ii) the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's ("Division") initial response by letter dated August 25, 2003 from Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Engineer/Hearing Officer in Santa Fe informing you that this matter had been set for hearing before a duly appointed Examiner in Santa Fe on September 18, 2003; (iii) your telephone conversation with Mr. Stogner Thursday afternoon, August 28, 2003; (iv) your e-mail to Mr. Stogner of August 28, 2003; (v) Mr. Stogner's email response of August 28, 2003; (vi) your letter dated September 2, 2003 with attachments; and (vii) the Division's records in Santa Fe, including the files in Cases No. 12695 and 13152: all concerning McKay Oil Corporation's ("McKay") request to reinstate Division Order No. R-11634, issued in Case No. 12695 on August 13, 2001, which order granted McKay authority to drill its Cactus "B" Federal Well No. 6 at an unorthodox Abo gas well location 330 feet from the South line and 2430 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 35, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico, within a standard 160-acre gas spacing unit in the West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool (82740) comprising the SW/4 of Section 35.

The provisions of Division Rule 1207.A (2) have been met at this time, Division Order No. R-11634 is hereby reinstated and shall remain in full force and affect until further notice.

Further, Division Case No. 13152 will be dismissed at the September 18, 2003 Examiner's hearing.

Jurisdiction of this matter shall be further retained for the entry of any such subsequent orders, as the Division may deem necessary.

LORI WROTENBER

Director

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..... File: --- Case No. 12695

-Case No. 13152

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 12695 ORDER NO. R-11634

APPLICATION OF MCKAY OIL CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on July 12, 2001, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 13th day of August, 2001, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.
- (2) The applicant, McKay Oil Corporation, seeks approval to drill its Cactus "B" Federal Well No. 6 at an unorthodox gas well location 330 feet from the South line and 2430 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 35, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico, to test the Abo formation, West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool. The SW/4 of Section 35 is to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit.
- (3) The applicant appeared at the hearing and submitted evidence to support its application. The evidence presented demonstrates that approval of the proposed unorthodox gas well location will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
- (4) No offset operator or interest owner appeared at the hearing in opposition to the application.
 - (5) The application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The applicant, McKay Oil Corporation, is hereby authorized to drill its Cactus "B" Federal Well No. 6 at an unorthodox gas well location 330 feet from the South line and 2430 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 35, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico, to test the Abo formation, West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool. The SW/4 of Section 35 shall be dedicated to the well forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit.
- (2) Jurisdiction is hereby 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

LORI WROTENBERY

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