

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS & MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Appli- )  
cation of William W. Whitley )  
for an Order Establishing ) Cause No. 185-2  
80-Acre Drilling and Spacing )  
Units for Certain Lands )  
Situated in San Juan County, )  
Utah. )

ORDER

Pursuant to the application of William W. Whitley, this cause came on for hearing before the Board of Oil, Gas & Mining, Utah Department of Natural Resources, at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, January 23, 1980, in Room 232 of the Holiday Inn, 1659 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The following Board members were present:

Charles R. Henderson, Chairman (presiding)

Edward T. Beck

John L. Bell

E. Steele McIntyre

C. Ray Juvelin

Also present was Cleon B. Feight, Director. The applicant was represented by Robert G. Pruitt, Jr., attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board, having considered the testimony and the exhibit received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises, now makes and enters the following:

FINDINGS

1. Due and regular notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing was given to all interested in the form and in the manner and within the time required by law and the Rules and Regulations of the Board.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the matter covered by said application and over all parties interested

therein and has jurisdiction to make and promulgate the Order hereinafter set forth.

3. The establishment of 80-acre drilling and spacing units is necessary to prevent waste of oil and associated hydrocarbons, to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, to conform future well locations with existing well locations, and to insure the greatest possible economic recovery of oil and associated hydrocarbons from the Lower Ismay and Desert Creek formations. The most appropriate conformation of said 80-acre drilling and spacing units should be the N $\frac{1}{2}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ , respectively, of each quarter section and the best location for the permitted well within each respective 80-acre drilling and spacing unit should be the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , respectively, of each quarter section within the area requested by the applicant to be spaced by this Board.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. That 80-acre drilling and spacing units, each comprising the N $\frac{1}{2}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ , respectively, of each quarter section shall be established for the following-described lands:

Township 40 South, Range 22 East, SLM

Section 23: All  
Section 24: All  
Section 25: All  
Section 26: N $\frac{1}{2}$

2. That the approved location for each well within each respective 80-acre drilling and spacing unit shall be designated as the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , respectively, of each quarter section within the above-described lands.

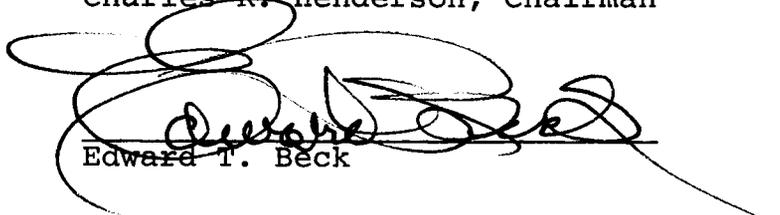
3. The permitted well for each drilling unit shall be not less than 500 feet from any property or lease line or governmental quarter-quarter section line; provided, however, that an exception location may be granted administratively by the Division without notice or hearing by the Board upon filing an application therefor and showing (a) that topographic, hydrologic or geologic conditions exist which require an

exception location, or (b) that an exception location is necessary to conform to adjacent producing well locations either within or without the spaced area; provided, further, that all owners within a radius of 660 feet of the proposed exception location have consented in writing to the proposed exception location.

4. The Board retains continuing jurisdiction of all matters covered by this Order and over all parties affected thereby.

DATED this 23rd day of January, 1980.

  
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Charles R. Henderson, Chairman

  
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