

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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION	:	ORDER
OF J. C. THOMPSON FOR AN		
EXCEPTION WELL LOCATION FOR THE	:	DOCKET NO. 85-017
N 1/2 NW 1/4 OF SECTION 10,		CAUSE NO. 102-61
TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST,	:	
SLM, GRAND COUNTY, UTAH		

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PURSUANT TO THE PETITION of J. C. Thompson, this cause came on for hearing before a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 1985, in the offices of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 301, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The following staff members were present for the proceedings:

Ronald J. Firth, Hearing Examiner  
John R. Baza, Petroleum Engineer  
Marjie L. Anderson, Secretary of the Board  
Julie Lewis, Secretary of the Associate Director, Oil and Gas

Appearances were made as follows:

For the Petitioner: Robert G. Pruitt, Jr., Attorney  
J. C. Thompson, Operator

For the Board: Mark C. Moench, Assistant Attorney General

Petitioner presented testimony and introduced exhibits in support of the Petition, and questions were addressed to the Petitioner's witness, J. C. Thompson, by the Hearing Examiner. No evidence of opposition to the Petition was received prior to or at the hearing.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Hearing Examiner considered the testimony and statements presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises, made and entered on April 22, 1985:

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

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the matter covered by said Notice and over all parties interested therein and has jurisdiction to make and promulgate the Order in this matter.
3. The Board has previously entered its Findings and Order in Cause No. 102-16B, amending Field Rule 2-2, to provide that wells drilled for oil and/or gas shall be located not less than 500 feet from any property or lease line and not less than 200 feet from the boundary line of any legal subdivision comprising the governmental quarter-quarter section or equivalent lot or lots of comparable size and location, and not less than 400 feet from any oil well, nor less than 1,320 feet from any gas well, unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Board after notice and hearing.
4. Said Field Rule 2-2, as amended, governs well spacing in all of Sections 10, Township 20 South, Range 21 East, SLM, Grand County, Utah.
5. All available geological and topographical data concerning the area indicates that an exception location is necessary to enhance the possibility of economic hydrocarbon production and thereby prevent the physical waste of the resource.
6. Therefore, in order to promote the efficient and orderly development of oil and associated gas, to prevent waste of oil and gas by maximizing the ultimate recovery of hydrocarbons underlying these lands, and to protect correlative rights, an exception to the Order issued in Cause No. 102-16B should be granted so as to permit:
  - a. The drilling of the Federal 675 #4 Well, located 614 feet from the north line and 1329 feet from the west line of Section 10 as an oil well. This proposed well is being located less than 200 feet from the boundary of a legal subdivision due to extreme topographic conditions.

ORDER


NOW THEREFORE, the Board, in accordance with the Findings and Conclusions of the Hearing Examiner and the exhibits received at the hearing, and being fully advised in the premises, now makes and enters the following Order:

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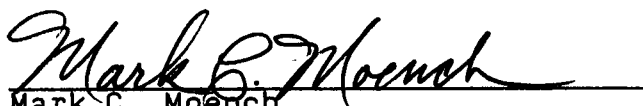
That an exception to the provisions of the Order in Cause No. 102-16B be granted so as to permit the drilling of the Federal 675 #4 Well, located 614 feet from the north line and 1329 feet from the west line of Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 21 East, SLM, Grand County, Utah, as an oil well.

DATED this 26th day of April, 1985.

STATE OF UTAH  
BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

  
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Gregory P. Williams, Chairman  
Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
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Mark C. Moench  
Assistant Attorney General

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NOW THEREFORE, the Hearing Examiner, having considered the testimony and statements presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises, now makes and enters the following:

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

1. Due and regular notice of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing was given to all interested parties in the form and manner and within the time required by law.
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7. That pursuant to the foregoing Findings and Conclusions, and being advised in the premises by the Hearing Examiner, the Board has sufficient evidence available to promulgate an appropriate Order in this matter.

DATED this 22nd day of April, 1985.

HEARING EXAMINER

  
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Ronald J. Firth

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DATE: Monday, April 22, 1985

TIME: 1 p.m.

PLACE: Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
350 West North Temple  
3 Triad Center, Suite 350  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

THOSE ATTENDING:

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J. C. Thompson, Operator  
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Marjie L. Anderson, Secretary to the Board  
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PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Firth began the hearing on the petition of J. C. Thompson for an exception well location for the N 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 21 East, SLM, Grand County, Utah, identified as Docket No. 85-017, Cause No. 102-61. He stated that the matter had been properly noticed.

Mr. Pruitt presented acceptance of service to Mr. Firth and noted that J. C. Thompson was the petitioner.

Mr. Thompson was sworn as a witness by Marjie Anderson.

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Mr. Thompson gave his name and address as follows:

J. C. Thompson  
410 17th Street, Suite 1305  
Denver, CO 80202

Mr. Thompson stated that he is an independent oil operator and is the petitioner. He graduated from Stanford University with a bachelor's degree in geology. He has held positions in the oil and gas field since 1948 and has been an independent oil operator since 1975.

Mr. Pruitt presented copies of Exhibit A, which is a topographical map of the Sego Canyon Quad. The map covers the vicinity of Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 21 East. It also shows the location of other producing oil wells. The intended well is located on Exhibit A as a dot with a circle around it. Mr. Thompson prepared this exhibit, and it has been filed with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Mr. Pruitt presented copies of Exhibit B, which outlines the location of producing wells in the area. The well locations and operators were identified. Exhibit B was also prepared by Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Pruitt presented copies of Exhibit C, which is a surveyor's plat for the well site location. This map was prepared under Mr. Thompson's supervision.

Mr. Thompson feels that due to the extreme topographical and geological requirements, an exception well location is necessary. Mr. Thompson has received a verbal statement from the BLM that this well site location will be approved. He is waiting to receive written approval from BLM.

Mr. Pruitt stated that the well location should be within the prescribed distance of subdivision lines. An additional hearing should not be required.

Mr. Pruitt concluded the presentation, and Mr. Firth had no questions on the matter.

The Hearing Examiner accepted the exhibits presented. He will develop Findings and Conclusions on this matter and present them to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining on Friday, April 26, 1985, for its approval.

ADJOURNED: 1:30 p.m.