

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
in and for the STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICA-)
TION OF BELCO DEVELOPMENT)
CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER)
GRANTING AN EXCEPTION TO)
DRILL SITE LOCATIONS FOR)
SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH,)
RANGE 20 EAST, IN Uintah)
COUNTY, UTAH)

ORDER

Cause No. 187-3

Pursuant to the application of Belco Development Corporation, this cause came on for consideration by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining on Thursday, August 25, 1983, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1636 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The following Board members were present and participated at the hearing:

Gregory P. Williams, Chairman
Charles R. Henderson
E. Steele McIntyre
Constance K. Lundberg
Richard B. Larson
John M. Garr

Also present and participating in the hearing were:

Barbara Roberts, Esq., Assistant Attorney General
Ron Firth, Chief Petroleum Engineer
Dr. G. A. Shirazi, Division Director

Appearing on behalf of the applicant were its attorney, Robert G. Pruitt, Jr., and Doug Combs, Operations Geologist for Belco Development Corporation.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board, having considered the testimony and evidence adduced, now makes and enters the following Findings of Fact:

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 and the

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the matter by said application and over all parties interested therein, and has jurisdiction to make and promulgate the Order hereinafter set forth.

3. The Order previously entered by the Board on August 20, 1980, in Cause 187-2 specified that the permitted drill site location should be within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of each governmental section, with the 320 acre drilling unit being either vertical or horizontal at the operator's option. These permitted drill site locations, at least with respect to the non-contiguous area covered by Cause 187-2 within Township 9 South, Range 20 East, do not fit the existing pattern of producing wells within the same area.

4. In order to maintain an even well pattern and to achieve essentially equal distance between producing wells, and to efficiently and economically produce gas from the reservoir in the Wasatch Formation, the Order in Cause 187-2 should be modified to provide for drill site locations in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, in Township 9 South, Range 20 East.


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NOW, THEREFORE, the Board, in accordance with the testimony and exhibits received at the hearing, and in conformity with the Findings of Fact recited above, and being fully advised in the premises, now makes and enters the following Order:

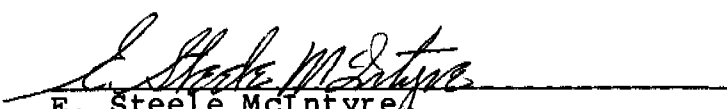
1. The permitted drill site locations for Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 20 East, shall be in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said governmental section.
2. In accordance with the Order in Cause 187-2, no well shall be located closer than 660 feet from the lease line or spacing unit line, and the 320 acre drilling unit may be either vertical or horizontal at the operator's option.
3. The Board maintains continuing jurisdiction with respect to the parties and all matters covered by this Order.

DATED this 25th day of August, 1983.

STATE OF UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

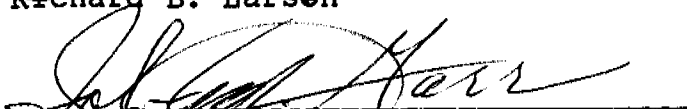

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3. Upon application by the operator, further exception locations in Township 9 South, Range 20 East, may be authorized by administrative action, without the necessity of a Board hearing, to maintain an even pattern for well locations and to achieve essentially equal distance between producing wells. Deviations may also be granted by administrative action based upon topographical, geological or cultural considerations.

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