

BEFORE THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF ALABAMA

PURSUANT TO A DECISION RENDERED
DURING A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF ALABAMA
ON AUGUST 23, 1991, THE FOLLOWING
ORDER IS HEREBY PROMULGATED:

IN RE: ORDER NO. 91-376

DOCKET NO. 8-22-917

This cause came on for hearing before Marvin Rogers, General Counsel for the Board, acting as hearing officer duly appointed by the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama, pursuant to Rule 400-1-14 of the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama Administrative Code, on the petition of CHEVRON U.S.A. INC., a Pennsylvania corporation, authorized to do and doing business in the State of Alabama, requesting the State Oil and Gas Board to enter an order approving an exception to Rule 4B of the Special Field Rules for the Blue Creek Coal Degasification Field, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The State Oil and Gas Board, after receiving and reviewing the report of the hearing officer and considering the evidence finds that due and proper notice of the hearing of said cause has been given in the manner and form and for the time required by law and the rules and regulations of this Board, and that the Board has full jurisdiction of this cause, and the Board being fully advised in the premises finds:

FINDINGS OF FACT

I.

That Petitioner drilled the Chevron North River 21-7-85 Well, Permit No. 8841-C, at a location 2,523 feet FNL and 1,775 feet FEL of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 9 West, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, in the Blue Creek Coal Degasification Field, on an 80-acre drilling unit consisting of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 21.

II.

That Rule 4B of the Special Field Rules for the Blue Creek

Coal Degasification Field requires all wells to be located at least 150 feet from every exterior boundary of a drilling and production unit; but Petitioner's location is only 120 feet FSL of a drilling and production unit consisting of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 21 due to the well location having been inadvertently moved during construction of the drill site. Petitioner requests that its location be approved as an exception to the Special Field Rules for the Blue Creek Coal Degasification Field.

III.

That granting the petition will prevent waste, protect coequal and correlative rights, and promote the development of natural resources.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the Findings of Fact set forth hereinabove, IT IS THEREFORE, HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama that the Petition is GRANTED. Said Petition is granted to approve the well location for the Chevron North River 21-7-85 Well, Permit No. 8841-C, being 2,523 feet FNL and 1,775 feet FEL of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 9 West, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, as an exception to Rule 4B of the Special Field Rules for the Blue Creek Coal Degasification Field, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

ORDERED this 23rd day of August, 1991.

STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF ALABAMA

BY: DID NOT VOTE
Gaines C. McCorquodale, Chairman

BY: 
Matthew S. Metcalfe, Member

BY: 
Robert H. Maxwell, Member

ATTEST:


Ernest A. Mancini, Secretary