Entered January 22, 1981

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

CASE NO. 7123 Order No. R-6567

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 14, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 22nd day of January, 1981, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Federal "AB" Well No. 7 to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 9, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, to test the Morrow formation, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the N/2 of said Section 9 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Morrow formation is hereby approved for the Yates Petroleum Corporation's Federal "AB" Well No. 7 to be located at a point 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 9, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the N/2 of said Section 9 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is 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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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