Entered November 8, 1982

# 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. 7704 Order No. R-7129

APPLICATION OF MESA PETROLEUM CO. FOR AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

# ORDER OF THE DIVISION

#### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 27, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 8th day of November, 1982, 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, Mesa Petroleum Co., seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 158 feet from the South line and 2055 feet from the East line of Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, for its Alkali Federal Well No. 6 drilled and completed in an undesignated Abo Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the SE/4 of said Section 33 is dedicated to the well.
- (4) That the unorthodox location results from a surveying error.
- (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 the application of Mesa Petroleum Co. for an unorthodox gas well location for the Abo formation is hereby approved for its Alkali Federal Well No. 6 located at a point 158 feet from the South line and 2055 feet from the East line of Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the SE/4 of said Section 33 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 hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY,

Director

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