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. 8707 Order No. R-8049

APPLICATION OF EARLE M. CRAIG, JR. 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 8 a.m. on September 25, 1985, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this <u>3rd</u> day of October, 1985, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) The applicant, Earle M. Craig, Jr. Corporation, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South and East lines of Section 18, Township 26 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Phantom Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) The S/2 of said Section 18 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) A well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.
- (5) No offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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(6) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the affected 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 THAT:

- (1) The application of Earle M. Craig, Jr. Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location for the Phantom Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 660 feet from the South and East lines of Section 18, Township 26 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (2) The S/2 of said Section 18 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.
- (3) 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.

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R. L. STAMETS

Director

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