BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF STRATA PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 11348

APPLICATION

Strata Production Company ("Applicant"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, makes application to the Oil Conservation Division for an Order approving an unorthodox well location, and in support thereof states:

- 1. Applicant is the operator of the SW/4SW/4 of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Roosevelt County, New Mexico and proposes to drill its Alondra No. 1 Well at a location 1213 feet from the South line and 888 feet from the West line of said Section 17.
- 2. Applicant seeks an exception to the well location requirements of Oil Conservation Division Rule 104 to permit the drilling of the well at the above-described unorthodox location to a depth sufficient to adequately test the Devonian Formation.
- 3. Approval of this application will result in the production of hydrocarbons which otherwise would not be produced, will protect correlative rights, and will be in the best interest of conservation.

WHEREFORE, Strata Production Company requests that this application be set for hearing before a duly appointed Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on July 27, 1995 and

that, after notice and hearing as required by law and the rules of the Division, the Division enter its Order granting this application and providing such other and further relief as may be proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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