STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

CASE 12639 Order No. R-11561

APPLICATION OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR AN ORDER CREATING CERTAIN POOLS IN COLFAX COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on April 5, 2001, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this <u>44</u> day of April, 2001, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice has been given and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.

(2) There is need for the creation of a new pool in Colfax County, New Mexico for the production of gas from the Vermejo formation, bearing the designation of Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool. The Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool was discovered by the El Paso Energy Raton, LLC VPR 'D' Well No. 18 located in Unit M of Section 31, Township 31 North, Range 18 East, NMPM, which was completed in the Vermejo formation on October 20, 2000. The top of the perforations is at 1,620 feet.

(3) There is need for the creation of a new pool in Colfax County, New Mexico for the production of gas from the Vermejo formation, bearing the designation of Stubblefield Canyon Raton-Vermejo Gas Pool. The Stubblefield Canyon Raton-Vermejo Gas Pool was discovered by the Sonat Raton LLC VPR 'A' Well No. 2 located in Unit C of Section 6, Township 31 North, Range 20 East, NMPM, which was completed in the Vermejo formation on September 30, 1999. The top of the perforations is at 1,978 feet.

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(4) There is need for the creation of a new pool in Colfax County, New Mexico for the production of gas from the Vermejo formation, bearing the designation of Van Bremmer Canyon-Vermejo Gas Pool. The Van Bremmer Canyon-Vermejo Gas Pool was discovered by the El Paso Energy Raton, LLC VPR 'B' Well No. 10 located in Unit K of Section 32, Township 30 North, Range 19 East, NMPM, which was completed in the Vermejo formation on October 10, 2000. The top of the perforations is at 1,746 feet.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(a) A new pool in Colfax County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Vermejo production is hereby created and designated as the Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool, consisting of the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 17 EAST, NMPM Section 1: E/2 Section 12: E/2

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST, NMPM Sections 3 through 10: All Sections 15 through 18: All

TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST, NMPM Section 29: S/2 Section 30: S/2 Sections 31 and 32: All Section 33: W/2

(b) A new pool in Colfax County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Vermejo production is hereby created and designated as the Stubblefield Canyon Raton-Vermejo Gas Pool, consisting of the following described area:

> TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 19 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 6: All

> TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 20 EAST, NMPM Section 6: All

> TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 19 EAST, NMPM Sections 31 through 36: All

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TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 20 EAST, NMPM

Section 19: S/2 Section 20: S/2 Section 21: S/2 Section 22: S/2 Section 23: S/2 Section 24: S/2 Sections 26 through 32: All

(c) A new pool in Colfax County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Vermejo production is hereby created and designated as the Van Bremmer Canyon-Vermejo Gas Pool, consisting of the following described area:

> TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 and 2: All

> TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 19 EAST, NMPM Section 6: All

> TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST, NMPM Sections 25 and 26: All Section 27: E/2 Section 34: E/2 Sections 35 and 36: All

> TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 19 EAST, NMPM Sections 30 through 32: All

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

(1) The effective date of this order and all creations included herein shall be May 1, 2001.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION VROTENBERY Director