BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

case no. <u>9131</u>

APPLICATION

Comes now APACHE CORPORATION, by and through its undersigned attorneys, and hereby makes application to the Oil Conservation Division for an order approving an unorthodox gas well location, and in support thereof would show the Division:

- 1. Applicant is the operator of the Morrow formation underlying the S/2 of Section 22, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., on which it has drilled its Federal 22-1 Well located 1980 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line of said Section 22.
- 2. Applicant seeks an exception to the well location requirements of Oil Conservation Division Rule 104 B I(a) approving the above-described unorthodox location of this well in the Morrow formation.
- 3. A standard 320 acre gas proration unit comprising the S/2 of said Section 22 should be dedicated to the well.

4. Approval of this application will afford the Applicant an opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the Morrow formation and will otherwise be in the best interest of conservation, the protection of correlative rights and the prevention of waste.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing before a duly appointed examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 6, 1987, that notice be given as required by law and the rules of the Division, and that the Division enter its order approving the unorthodox location of the Federal 22-1 Well and providing such other and further relief as is proper in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

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