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. 8281 Order No. R-7623

APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY 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 July 25, 1984, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 7th day of August, 1984, 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, Tenneco Oil Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 1500 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, to test the Pennsylvanian formation, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the E/2 of said Section 13 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration init.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.
- (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 affected formation, 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 Tenneco Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location for the Pennsylvanian formation is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 1500 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the E/2 of said Section 13 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