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 NO. 13105 ORDER NO. R-11996

APPLICATION OF XERIC OIL & GAS CORPORATION FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on July 24, 2003, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. **Stogner**.

NOW, on this 30th day of July, 2003, 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) The applicant, Xeric Oil & Gas Corporation ("Xeric"), seeks authority to utilize its Gregory "A" Well No. 5 (API No. 30-025-11884), located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, as a salt water disposal well into the Yates, Seven Rivers, and Queen formations of the Langlie-Mattix Pool (37240) through the perforated interval from approximately 3,116 feet to 3,128 feet.
- (3) Xeric originally filed this application with the Division on May 9, 2003, for administrative review pursuant to the provisions of Division Rules 701.B and 701.C (administrative application reference No. pKRV0-313330117).
- (4) An **obj**ection filed by the surface owners, George and Joyce Willis of **Jal**, New Mexico, on May **14**, 2003, caused this application to be set for hearing.

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- This case was called at the July 24, 2003 hearing and no interested party appeared in opposition to this application.
- The applicant's legal counsel requested this matter be remanded to the Division's administrative process and to dismiss this case.
 - (7) The applicant's requests should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- The original application of Xeric Oil & Gas Corporation filed with the **(1)** Division on May 9, 2003 (administrative application reference No. pKR V0-313330117) for its Gregory "A" Well No. 5 (API No. 30-025-11884), located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to be utilized as a salt water disposal well into the Langlie-Mattix Pool shall be remanded back to a duly authorized, experienced, and technically capable Division reviewer for administrative evaluation and processing pursuant to the provisions of Division Rules 701.B and 701.C.
 - (2) Case No. 13105 is hereby dismissed.
- Jurisdiction is hereby retained for the entry of such further orders as the (3) Division may deem necessary.

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Director