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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. 6296 Order No. R-1475-A

APPLICATION OF TEXACO INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION AND SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 16, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>20th</u> day of September, 1978, 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, Texaco Inc., seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its A. H. Blinebry Fed. (NCT-4) Well No. 3 located 700 feet from the South line and 2100 feet from the East line of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Tubb Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the S/2 S/2 of said Section 31, a previously approved non-standard proration unit, is to be simultaneously dedicated to the aforesaid well and to applicant's A. H. Blinebry Fed. (NCT-4) Well No. 1 located in Unit P of said Section 31.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.

(5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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(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 subject pool, 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 an unorthodox gas well location for the Tubb Gas Pool is hereby approved for the Texaco Inc. A. H. Blinebry Fed. (NCT-4) Well No. 3 located at a point 700 feet from the South line and 2100 feet from the East line of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Tubb Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the S/2 S/2 of said Section 31 shall be simultaneously dedicated to the above-described well and to applicant's A. H. Blinebry Fed. (NCT-4) Well No. 1 located in Unit P of said Section 31.

(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 Come Ì JOE D. RAMEY Director

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