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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 6173 Order No. R-5669

APPLICATION OF HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 8, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>14th</u> day of March, 1978, the Commission, a quorum being present, 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 Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Harvey E. Yates Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 34, Township 7 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, to test the Pennsylvanian formation, Cato Field, Chaves County, New Mexico.

(3) That the W/2 of said Section 34 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That said unorthodox location results from the proposed re-entry and drilling deeper of a previously plugged and abandoned dry hole.

(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 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. -2-Case No. 6173 Order No. R-5669

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Pennsylvanian formation is hereby approved for Harvey E. Yates Company for a well to be re-entered and drilled deeper at a point 990 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 34, Township 7 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Cato Field, Chaves County, New Mexico.

(2) That the W/2 of said Section 34 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 Commission may deem necessary.

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

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