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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. 6221 Order No. R-5728

APPLICATION OF SUN OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 3, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>12th</u> day of May, 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, Sun Oil Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Teas Federal Well No. 1 to be located 1980 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 24, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, to test the Pennsylvanian formation, Teas-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the N/2 of said Section 24 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 unit.

(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

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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 Pennsylvanian formation is hereby approved for the Sun Oil Company Teas Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 24, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Teas-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the N/2 of said Section 24 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

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