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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. 6257
Order No. R-5758

APPLICATION OF BENCHMARK OIL COMPANY,
LTD. FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL
LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 21, 1978,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 29th day of June, 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, Benchmark Oil Company, Ltd.,
seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location for its
Wright Well No. 1 to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from
the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 30,
Township 9 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, to test the San Andres
formation, Flying M-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the E/2 SE/4 of said Section 30 is to be
dedicated to the well.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better
enable applicant to produce the oil 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 oil 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:

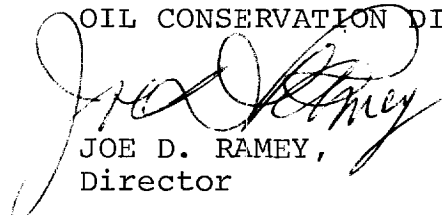
(1) That an unorthodox oil well location is hereby approved for the Benchmark Oil Company, Ltd. Wright Well No. 1 to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Flying M-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the E/2 SE/4 of said Section 30 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
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JOE D. RAMEY,
Director

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