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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. 6272  
Order No. R-5770

APPLICATION OF DOYLE HARTMAN  
FOR AN EXCEPTION TO RULE 15 OF ORDER  
NO. R-1670, AS AMENDED, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 6, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 17th day of July, 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, Doyle Hartman, is the owner and operator of the Etz Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 7, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That said well was completed as a Jalmat Gas well on December 15, 1977, and a 77-acre non-standard Jalmat gas proration unit for said well was approved January 19, 1978.

(4) That since its completion, the aforesaid Etz Well No. 1 has consistently overproduced its 77-acre allowable in the Jalmat Gas Pool, and is currently shut in in accordance with Rule 15(B) of the Rules and Regulations for Prorated Gas Pools in Southeast New Mexico, as promulgated by Order No. R-1670, as amended, inasmuch as said well is overproduced more than six times its average monthly allowable.

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(5) That the applicant alleges that it is necessary to produce the subject well at a high rate to keep liquids out of the wellbore and prevent the well from loading up and dying.

(6) That the applicant proposes to install pumping equipment in the well to keep the liquids pumped out, and seeks authority to produce the well at 60 percent of its allowable until such time as the overproduction has been made up.

(7) That at the end of May, 1978, the well had produced 79,229 MCF of gas against a total allowable of 29,297 MCF, and was 49,932 MCF overproduced.

(8) That the well's average monthly allowable in 1978 has been 6494 MCF per month, and to produce 60 percent of the allowable, and curtail the remaining 40 percent only, would cause the well to make up its overproduction at the rate of only 2598 MCF per month (assuming constant allowables) and would take some 19 months.

(9) That to produce no more than 50 percent of the allowable and credit the remaining 50 percent to the well's overproduction would cause the well to make up its overproduction in considerably less time, would be less likely to impair correlative rights, will not cause waste, and should be approved, provided that the well is so equipped as to keep the liquids pumped off.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Doyle Hartman, is hereby authorized to produce his Etz Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 7, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, at not more than 50 percent of its monthly allowable until such time as said well's overproduction has been made up.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that said well shall not be returned to production until such time as it has been so equipped as to keep the liquids in the well bore pumped off.

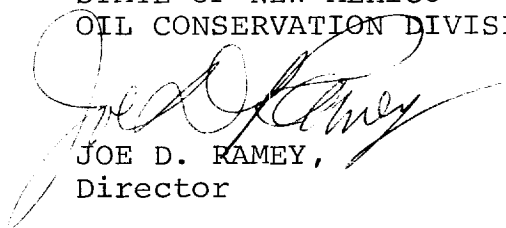
(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-  
above designated.

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JOE D. RAMEY,  
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