Entered September 20, 1978

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. 6317 Order No. R-5808

APPLICATION OF HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION AND A NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 13, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 20th 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, Harvey E. Yates Company, seeks approval of a 301.75-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the N/2 of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 18.
- (3) That the proposed non-standard proration unit is necessitated by a variation in the legal subdivision of the U. S. Public Land Surveys.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.

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- (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 his just and equitable share of the gas in the South Empire-Morrow Gas 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 a 301.75-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool comprising the N/2 of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, is hereby established and dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location, hereby approved, 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 18.
- (2) 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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OLL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY,

/ Director

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