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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. 6363 Order No. R-5852

APPLICATION OF PHOENIX RESOURCES COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

# ORDER OF THE DIVISION

### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 25, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 14th day of November, 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, Phoenix Resources Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 21 East, NMPM, to drill through the Pennsylvanian formation, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the W/2 of said Section 16 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.

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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 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.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Pennsylvanian formation is hereby approved for the Phoenix Resources Company for a well to be located at a point 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 21 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) That the W/2 of said Section 16 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 OLL CONSERVATION DIVISION Ñ Une JOE D. KAMEY, Director

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