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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. 6407
Order No. R-5904

APPLICATION OF T. H. McELVAIN OIL
& GAS PROPERTIES FOR AN UNORTHODOX
OIL WELL LOCATION, RIO ARriba COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 20, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 16th day of January, 1979, 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, T. H. McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location for its Miller B Well No. 6 located 1460 feet from the North line and 2285 feet from the East line of Section 12, Township 24 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Undesignated Dakota Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the SW/4 NE/4 of said Section 12 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That although said well was projected as a gas well in the Dakota formation and was drilled at a standard Dakota gas well location, it was completed as an oil well instead.
- (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 and 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 oil well location for the Dakota formation is hereby approved for the T. H. McElvain Oil & Gas Properties Miller B Well No. 6 located at a point 1460 feet from the North line and 2285 feet from the East line of Section 12, Township 24 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Undesignated Dakota Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

(2) That the SW/4 NE/4 of said Section 12 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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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Director

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