Entered January 16, 1979

### 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. 6408 Order No. R-5905

APPLICATION OF BTA OIL PRODUCERS FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, LEA 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 <u>l6th</u> 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, BTA Oil Producers, seeks approval of an unorthdox gas well location for its 7811 JV-P Rojo Well No. 1 to be located 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 27, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to test the Devonian formation.
- (3) That the W/2 of said Section 27 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to test a Devonian structure 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 Devonian formation is hereby approved for the BTA Oil Producers 7811 JV-P Rojo Well No. 1 to be located at a point 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 27, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the W/2 of said Section 27 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
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY

Director

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