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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. 6427 Order No. R-5920

APPLICATION OF CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

# ORDER OF THE DIVISION

#### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 31, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 20th day of February, 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, Caribou Four Corners, Inc., seeks approval for the unorthodox oil well location of its Caribou/Kirtland Well No. 1 to be located 1214 feet from the North line and 650 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, NMPM, to test the Gallup formation, Cha Cha-Gallup Oil Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the E/2 NE/4 of said Section 13 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That said unorthodox location is necessitated by topography.
- (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 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 Gallup formation is hereby approved for the Caribou Four Corners, Inc. Caribou/Kirtland Well No. 1 to be located at a point 1214 feet from the North line and 650 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, NMPM, Cha Cha-Gallup Oil Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the  $\rm E/2~NE/4$  of said Section 13 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
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JOE D. RAMEY

Director

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