Entered March 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. 6458 Order No. R-5942

APPLICATION OF COTTON PETROLEUM CORPORATION 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 February 14, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 16th day of March, 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, Cotton Petroleum Corporation, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Federal 24 Well No. 1 to be located at a point 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 24, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That all of said Section 24 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 appeared at the hearing and objected to the proposed unorthodox location.
- (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

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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 is hereby approved for the Cotton Petroleum Corporation Federal 24 Well No. 1 to be located at a point 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 24, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (2) That all of said Section 24 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 OLL CONSERVATION

JOE D. RAMEY

Director

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