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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. 6505 Order No. R-5972

APPLICATION OF DOYLE HARTMAN FOR VERTICAL POOL LIMIT REDEFINITION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 28, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 9th day of April, 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, Doyle Hartman, seeks an order extending the vertical limits of the Langlie Mattix Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include the lowermost 200 feet of the Seven Rivers formation and the concomitant contraction of the vertical limits of the Jalmat Gas Pool underlying the following described lands:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM Section 35: SW/4, S/2 SE/4 and NW/4 SE/4 Section 36: W/2 SW/4

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM
Section 1: NW/4, S/2 NE/4 and NW/4 NE/4
Section 2: W/2

- (3) That the applicant proposed to amend the subject application to involve only the lowermost 165 feet of the Seven Rivers formation rather than 200 feet.
 - (4) The amendment of the application should be approved.

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- (5) That Doyle Hartman is the owner and operator of certain wells on applicant's leases in said Section 36 and said Section 2.
- (6) That some of said wells have been completed within the vertical limits of the Langlie Mattix Oil Pool in Lea County, New Mexico.
- (7) That because of the applicant's use of an incorrect geologic marker certain of said wells were also completed above the upper limit of said Langlie Mattix Pool but within 65 feet thereof as presently defined.
- (8) That the applicant seeks the proposed amendment to the vertical limits of said Langlie Mattix and Jalmat Pools to permit production of said wells without the necessity for working over and plugging off of the upper zones therein.
- (9) That no offset operator or other owner in either of said pools appeared and objected to the application.
- (10) That there are areas within said Langlie Mattix Pool which have similar extensions to the vertical limits thereof.
- (11) That the proposed change in the vertical limits of said pools should apply only to the applicant's acreage in said Section 36 and said Section 2 and not to said Section 35 and said Section 1 which contain leases owned by a different operator who filed a written protest.
- (12) That to avoid drilling unnecessary wells, to prevent waste, and to protect correlative rights, the application to amend the vertical limits of said pools should be approved as to applicant's acreage in said Section 36 and said Section 2.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That effective April 1, 1979, the vertical limits of the Langlie Mattix Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby extended to include the lowermost 165 feet of the Seven Rivers formation and the vertical limits of the Jalmat Gas Pool are concomitantly contracted by exclusion of said lowermost 165 feet of the Seven Rivers formation underlying the following described lands:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM Section 36: W/2 SW/4

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM Section 2: W/2

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(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

 ${\tt DONE}$ 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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