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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. 6732
Order No. R-6239

APPLICATION OF DORCHESTER EXPLORATION,
INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL
LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 3, 1980,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 16th day of January, 1980, 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, Dorchester Exploration, Inc., seeks
approval of an unorthodox oil well location for its Morton Solid
State Unit Well No. 1 located 2156 feet from the North line and
990 feet from the West line of Section 4, Township 15 South,
Range 34 East, NMPM, Tres Papalotes-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea
County, New Mexico.

(3) That the NW/4 of said Section 4 is to be dedicated to
the well.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location resulted from
the completion of a well previously drilled to a deeper horizon.

(5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed un-
orthodox 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 Upper Pennsylvanian formation is hereby approved for the Dorchester Exploration, Inc. Morton Solid State Unit Well No. 1 located at a point 2156 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 4, Township 15 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Tres Papalotes-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the NW/4 of said Section 4 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
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION


JOE D. RAMEY
Director

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