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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. 6804 Order No. R-6278

APPLICATION OF THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY 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 February 13, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>llth</u> day of March, 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, The Superior Oil Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Bondurant Federal Com Well No. 1, to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 1, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, to test the Morrow formation, West Tonto-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the S/2 of said Section 1 is proposed to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location will enable the applicant to achieve a better structural position than a well drilled at an orthodox location on the proposed 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 Morrow formation is hereby approved for the Superior Oil Company Bondurant Federal Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 1, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, West Tonto-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the S/2 of said Section 1 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.

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