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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. 6924 Order No. R-6387

APPLICATION OF CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, INC. FOR TWO UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATIONS, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 4, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 18th day of June, 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, Caribou Four Corners, Inc., seeks approval for two unorthodox oil well locations, the first being 860 feet from the North line and 2090 feet from the West line, and the second being 910 feet from the North line and 395 feet from the West line, both in Section 13, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, NMPM, to test the Cha Cha-Gallup Oil Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the E/2 and the W/2, respectively, of the NW/4 of said Section 13 are to be dedicated to said wells.
- (4) That the drilling of the subject wells at said unorthodox locations will enable the applicant to minimize surface damages to cultivated fields.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox locations.

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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 the application of Caribou Four Corners, Inc. for two unorthodox oil well locations for the Gallup formation is hereby approved, the first such location being 860 feet from the North line and 2090 feet from the West line, and the second being 910 feet from the North line and 395 feet from the West line of Section 13, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, NMPM, Cha Cha-Gallup Oil Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the E/2 and the W/2, respectively, of the NW/4 of said Section 13 shall be dedicated to the above-described wells.
- (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 OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY Director

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