Entered August 13, 1980

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. 6973 Order No. R-6435

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY A WELL DRILLED BY UNKNOWN PARTIES AND LOCATED IN UNIT E OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, SAN JUAN COUNTY, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DIVISION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 23, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>13th</u> day of August, 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 an unknown operator is the owner and operator of a well located in Unit E of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said well should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on or before August 15, 1980, or the well should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the owner and operator of an unnamed well located

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in Unit E of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, is hereby ordered to plug and abandon said well or in the alternative, to return the well to active drilling status or place the well on production on or before August 15, 1980.

- (2) That any party, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Aztec office of the Division, a Division-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Aztec office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Division may, at its option, witness such work.
- (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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JOE D. RAMEY Director

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