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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. 6938 Order No. R-6450

APPLICATION OF ANADARKO PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 20, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>loth</u> day of September, 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, Anadarko Production Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Dalport Federal Well No. 1 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 20, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, to test the Queen formation, Southeast Chaves Queen Gas Area, Chaves County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the W/2 of said Section 20 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That said unorthodox location resulted from the completion as a gas well of a well projected as an oil well at a standard oil well location.
- (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 Queen formation is hereby approved for the Anadarko Production Company Dalport Federal Well No. 1 located at a point 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 20, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Southeast Chaves Queen Gas Area, Chaves County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the W/2 of said Section 20 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.

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JOE D. RAMEY

Director

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