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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. 7173 Order No. R-6608

APPLICATION OF V-F PETROLEUM INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX 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 25, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 6th day of March, 1981, 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, V-F Petroleum Inc., seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location 330 feet from the North line and 1150 feet from the East line of Section 5, Township 16 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, to test the Devonian formation, South Denton-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the NE/4 NE/4 of said Section 5 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the oil underlying the 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 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 V-F Petroleum Inc., for an unorthodox oil well location for the Devonian formation is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 330 feet from the North line and 1150 feet from the East line of Section 5, Township 16 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, South Denton-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That a 52.90-acre non-standard oil proration unit comprising the NE/4 NE/4 of said Section 5 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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