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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. 7241
Order No. R-6689

APPLICATION OF HARVEY E. YATES
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 May 6, 1981,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 20th day of May, 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, Harvey E. Yates Company, seeks
approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Austin State
18 Well No. 1 to be drilled 1980 feet from the South line and
1650 feet from the East line of Section 18, Township 14 South,
Range 36 East, NMPM, to test the Mississippian formation, Austin-
Mississippian Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the S/2 of said Section 18 is to be dedicated to
the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better
enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration
unit.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed un-
orthodox 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 Harvey E. Yates Company is hereby authorized an unorthodox gas well location for the Mississippian formation for its Austin State 18 Well No. 1 to be located at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 18, Township 14 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Austin-Mississippian Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the S/2 of said Section 18 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
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JOE D. RAMEY
Director

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