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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. 7347
Order No. R-6801

APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL 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 October 7, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 15th day of October, 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, Tenneco Oil Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 860 feet from the West line of Section 20, Township 16 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, to test the Pennsylvanian formation, Kemnitz Field, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the W/2 of said Section 20 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 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 Pennsylvanian formation is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 660 feet from the South line and 860 feet from the West line of Section 20, Township 16 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Kemnitz Field, Lea 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 hereinabove designated.

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JOE D. RAMEY
Director

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