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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. 7398  
Order No. R-6816

APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL  
GAS COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX  
GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 4, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 18th day of November, 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, El Paso Natural Gas Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, to test the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations, Ross Draw Area, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the S/2 of said Section 23 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:

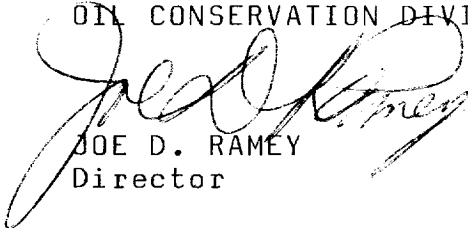
(1) That the application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for an unorthodox gas well location for the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Ross Draw Area, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) That the S/2 of said Section 23 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

  
JOE D. RAMEY  
Director

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