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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. 7464 Order No. R-6893

APPLICATION OF EXXON CORPORATION FOR TWO UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATIONS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

OPDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 20, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 15th day of February, 1982, 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, Exxon Corporation, seeks approval of two unorthodox oil well locations in Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Scharb-Bone Spring Pool, as follows: State DD Well No. 1 to be drilled in the approximate center of the SE/4 SW/4 and State DD Well No. 3 to be drilled in the approximate center of the NW/4 NE/4.
- (3) That the E/2 SW/4 and W/2 NE/4 of said Section 4 are to be dedicated to the aforesaid wells, respectively.
- (4) That wells at said unorthodox locations will better enable applicant to produce the oil underlying the proration units.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox locations.

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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 two unorthodox oil well locations are hereby approved in Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Scharb-Bone Spring Pool for Exxon Corporation as follows: State DD Well No. 1 to be drilled in the approximate center of the SE/4 SW/4 and State DD Well No. 3 to be drilled in the approximate center of the NW/4 NE/4.
- (2) That the E/2 SW/4 and W/2 NE/4 of said Section 4 shall be dedicated to the above-described wells, respectively.
- (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,

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