Entered January 5, 1983

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. 7761 Order No. R-7179

APPLICATION OF TEXACO INC. FOR TWO NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNITS AND AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 16, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>5th</u> day of January, 1983, 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, Texaco Inc., seeks approval of two 160-acre non-standard gas proration units comprising the S/2 NE/4 and N/2 SE/4 of Section 12, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, to be dedicated to its C. H. Weir "A" Well No. 12 at an unorthodox location 2307 feet from the North line and 2307 feet from the East line of said Section 12, and the S/2 NW/4 and N/2 SW/4 of Section 12 to be dedicated to its C. H. Weir "A" Well No. 14, located 1980 feet from the South line and 1815 feet from the West line of said Section 12.

(3) That the entire area within said non-standard proration units may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Skaggs-Abo Gas Pool and that said non-standard gas proration units can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid wells.

(4) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable

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share of the gas in the Skaggs-Abo Gas 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 Texaco Inc. is hereby granted two 160-acre non-standard gas proration units in the Skaggs-Abo Gas Pool comprising the S/2 NE/4 and N/2 SE/4, and the S/2 NW/4 and N/2 SW/4 of Section 12, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated, respectively, to the C. H. Weir "A" Well No. 12 at an unorthodox location, hereby approved, 2307 feet from the North line and 2307 feet from the East line of said Section 12 and to the C. H. Weir Well No. 14 located 1980 feet from the South line and 1815 feet from the West line of said Section 12.

(2) 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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