Entered March 15, 1984

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. 8116 Order No. R-7476

APPLICATION OF RIO PECOS CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on March 14, 1984, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>15th</u> day of March, 1984, 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, Rio Pecos Corporation, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location 660 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the West line of Section 27, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Casey-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the N/2 NW/4 of said Section 27 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That Yates Petroleum Corporation will be the operator of said well and unit.
- (5) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable operator to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.
- (6) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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(7) That approval of the subject application will afford the operator the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in said 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 Rio Pecos Corporation for an unorthodox oil well location for the Strawn formation is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 660 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the West line of Section 27, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the N/2 NW/4 of said Section 27 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.
- (3) That Yates Petroleum Corporation will be the operator of said well and unit.
- (4) 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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