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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. 8307 Order No. R-7661

APPLICATION OF PETROLEUM ENERGY, INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on August 22, 1984, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this <u>31st</u> day of August, 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, Petroleum Energy Inc., seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Navajo 28 Well No. 1 to be drilled 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 18 West, NMPM, to test the Mississippian formation, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That the SW/4 of said Section 28 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 affected formation, 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 Petroleum Energy Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location for the Mississippian formation is hereby approved for its Navajo 28 Well No. 1 to be located at a point 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 18 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(2) That the SW/4 of said Section 28 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 Minin J JOE D. RAMEY, Director

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