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. 8417 Order No. R-7914

APPLICATION OF PHILLIPS OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on November 28, 1984, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this <u>6th</u> day of May, 1985, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) The applicant, Phillips Oil Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location 330 feet from the North line and 2580 feet from the West line of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Grayburg-Jackson Pool, Phillips Burch-Keely Cooperative Waterflood Project Area, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) The NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of said Section 23 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) A well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the oil underlying the proration unit and will permit the completion of an efficient injection/ production pattern within said Waterflood Area.

(5) No offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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(6) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil in the affected 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 THAT:

(1) The application of Phillips Oil Company for an unorthodox oil well location is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 330 feet from the North line and 2580 feet from the West line of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Grayburg-Jackson Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) The NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of said Section 23 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

(3) 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

R. L. STAMETS Director

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