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. 8651 Order No. R-7991

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on July 17, 1985, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this <u>18th</u> day of July, 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, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South and East lines of Section 29, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, to test the Wolfcamp, Cisco, and Canyon formations, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) The S/2 of said Section 29 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) A well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.

(5) No offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location. -2-Case No. 8651 Order No. R-7991

(6) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the affected formations, 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 Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location for the Wolfcamp, Cisco, and Canyon formations is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 660 feet from the South and East lines of Section 29, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) The S/2 of said Section 29 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 Kani R. L. STAMETS

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