# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 8802 (Reopened) ORDER NO. R-8181-C

IN THE MATTER OF CASE NO. 8802 BEING REOPENED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION ORDER NO. R-8181-B, WHICE ORDER PROMULGATED TEMPORARY SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH CORBIN-WOLFCAMP POOL IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, INCLUDING A PROVISION FOR 80-ACRE SPACING UNITS.

#### ORDER OF THE DIVISION

### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on October 7, 1987 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this <u>28th</u> day of October, 1987, 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) By Order No. R-8181-B, dated May 20, 1986, issued in Case No. 8802 heard De Novo before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on April 9, 1986, temporary special rules and regulations were promulgated for the South Corbin-Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, establishing temporary 80-acre spacing and proration units.
- (3) Pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-8181-B, this case was reopened to allow the operators in the subject pool to appear and show cause why the South Corbin-Wolfcamp Pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.
- (4) The evidence establishes that one well in the South Corbin-Wolfcamp Pool can efficiently and economically drain and develop 80 acres.

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- (5) The Special Rules and Regulations promulgated by said Order No. R-8181-B have afforded and will afford to the owner of each property in the pool the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil and gas in the pool.
- (6) In order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, the Special Rules and Regulations promulgated by Order No. R-8181-B should be continued in full force and effect until further order of the Division.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The Special Rules and Regulations governing the South Corbin-Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, promulgated by Order No. R-8181-B, are hereby continued in full force and effect until further order of the Division.
- (2) 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

WILLIAM J. LEMAY

Director

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