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. 9245 Order No. R-8536

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLUEM CORPORATION FOR A UNIT AGREEMENT, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on November 4, 1987, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this <u>6th</u> day of November, 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) The applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks approval of the Cactus Flower State Unit Agreement for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying those lands described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- (3) No interested parties appeared and objected to the proposed unit area.
- (4) All plans of development and operation and creations, expansions, or contractions of participating areas or expansions or contractions of the unit area, should be submitted to the Director of the Division for approval.
- (5) Approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The Cactus Flower State Unit Agreement is hereby approved for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying those lands described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- (2) The plan contained in said unit agreement for the development and operation of the unit area is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided, however, notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing, in any manner, any right, duty, or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Division to supervise and control operations for the exploration and development of any lands committed to the unit and production of oil or gas therefrom.
- (3) The unit operator shall file with the Division an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof; in the event of subsequent joinder by any party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Division within 30 days thereafter counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.
- (4) All plans of development and operation, all unit participating areas and expansions and contractions thereof, and all expansions or contractions of the unit area, shall be submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division for approval.
- of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico; this order shall terminate <u>ipso facto</u> upon the termination of said unit agreement; and the <u>last unit</u> operator shall notify the Division immediately in writing of such termination.
- (6) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{DONE}}$ 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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> EXHIBIT "A" CASE NO. 9245
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> CACTUS FLOWER STATE UNIT CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Township 8 South, Range 27 East, NMPM

NW/4 NE/4, S/2 NE/4, NW/4, and S/2 Section 8:

Section 9: A11 Section 10: All Section 15: A11

Section 16: All Section 17: SW/4 and E/2

Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, S/2 NE/4, E/2 W/2, and Irregular Section 18:

SE/4

Irregular Section 19: Section 20: All A11

Consisting of 5,496.20 acres, more or less, of state lands.