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. 9254 Order No. R-8568

APPLICATION OF POGO PRODUCING COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on December 2, 1987, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 22nd day of December, 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, Pogo Producing Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 1980 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 13, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, to test the Wolfcamp, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) The N/2 of said Section 13 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.
- (6) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable

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share of the gas in the affected zones, 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) An unorthodox gas well location for the Wolfcamp, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 1980 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 13, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) The N/2 of said Section 13 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.

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

WILLIAM J. LEMAY Director

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