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. 9249 Order No. R-8578

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

NOW, on this <u>6th</u> day of January, 1988, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(!) Lue 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 2310 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, to test all the formations from the top of the Wolfcamp through the base of the Morrow, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) The S/2 of said Section 8 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.

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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 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 all formations from the top of the Wolfcamp through the base of the Morrow is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 2310 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) The S/2 of said Section 8 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 WILLIAM J. LEMAY Director

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