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. 9418 Order No. R-8691

APPLICATION OF INEXCO OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL 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 June 22, 1988, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this <u>lst</u> day of July, 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:

(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, Inexco Oil Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location 1200 feet from the North line and 500 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, to test the Undesignated West Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) The NW/4 NW/4 of said Section 17 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) A well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the oil 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 share of the oil in the affected pool, 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.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The application of Inexco Oil Company for an unorthodox oil well location in the Undesignated West Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool is hereby approved for a well to be drilled at a point 1200 feet from the North line and 500 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) The NW/4 NW/4 of said Section 17 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 WILLIAM J. LEMAY Director

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