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. 10651 ORDER NO. R-9852

APPLICATION OF POGO PRODUCING COMPANY FOR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING AND UNORTHODOX OIL 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 February 18, 1993, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this <u>11th</u> day of March, 1993, the Division Director, having considered 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 authority to directionally drill its proposed Mobil Federal Well No. 3 from a surface location 480 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to bottom the well in the Brushy Canyon formation of the Delaware Mountain Group, at a standard location approximately 578 feet from the North line and 1870 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 29.
- (3) Further, the applicant seeks approval for an unorthodox location in the Cherry Canyon formation of the Delaware Mountain Group, with the directional wellbore entering the Cherry Canyon formation at an unorthodox location 540 feet from the North line and 1405 feet from the East line and exiting the Cherry Canyon formation at a standard location 571 feet from the North line and 1789 feet from the East line of said Section 29. The NW/4 NE/4 of said Section 29 will be dedicated to the well to form a standard 40-acre spacing and proration unit for said formations.

- (4) Prior to the hearing in this matter, the Division issued Administrative Order DD-75, dated February 8, 1993, which authorized the directional drilling of said Mobil Federal Well No. 3 in the aforementioned manner therefore making this application for hearing unnecessary.
 - (5) This case should therefore be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Case No. 10651 is hereby dismissed.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMA

Director

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