STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

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CASE NO. 7456 Order No. R-6880

APPLICATION OF COLONIAL PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR GAS WELL COMMINGLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 6, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 12th day of January, 1982, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Colonial Production Company, is the owner and operator of the Jicarilla Apache Wells Nos. 9 and 10, located in Units A and C, respectively, of Section 15, Township 23 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the flowing tubing pressure of said wells is insufficient to overcome the line pressure in the nearest available pipeline.
- (4) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle Ballard-Pictured Cliffs production from the above-described wells prior to metering and to pass said commingled production through compression facilities into the purchaser's natural gas pipeline.
- (5) That the producer should conduct periodic tests to determine an allocation factor for use in calculating the production of gas from each of the commingled wells.

- (6) That approval of the application will prevent waste by averting premature abandonment of the subject wells and will not impair correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, Colonial Production Company, is hereby authorized to commingle Ballard-Pictured Cliffs production from its Jicarilla Apache Wells Nos. 9 and 10, located in Units A and C, respectively, of Section 15, Township 23 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, prior to metering and to pass said commingled production through a compressor into the purchaser's natural gas pipeline.
- (2) That the operator shall conduct individual well flow tests periodically to determine the production of gas from each of the aforesaid wells.
- (3) That 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.

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