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. 11193 ORDER NO. R-10305

APPLICATION OF ARCO PERMIAN (A UNIT OF ATLANTIC RICHFIELD) FOR SHORT RADIUS HIGH ANGLE/HORIZONTAL DRAINHOLES, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on January 19, 1995, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this <u>27th</u> day of January, 1995, 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, ARCO Permian ("ARCO"), which is a unit of Atlantic Richfield, seeks authorization to drill short radius high angle/horizontal drainholes of approximately 1,000 feet in length in the Empire-Abo Pool within the wellbores of the following three wells located in Township 18 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Empire-Abo Pressure Maintenance Project, Empire-Abo Unit Area, Eddy County, New Mexico:

- Empire Abo Unit "K" Well No. 16 (API No. 30-015-00717), located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 2;

- Empire Abo Unit "K" Well No. 161 (API No. 30-015-22914), located 1310 feet from the South line and 590 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 2; and,

- Empire Abo Unit "K" Well No. 17 (API No. 30-015-00703), located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 1.

(3) Under the provisions of Rules 14 B, 14 C, and 14 D of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Empire-Abo Pressure Maintenance Project, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-4549, as amended, ARCO made applications to the Division on December 27, 1994 for administrative review of the subject application.

(4) On January 18, 1995 the Division issued Administrative Orders DD-103(H), DD-104(H), and DD-105(H), which orders approved the drilling of horizontal drainholes within the wellbores of the three subject wells; thereby making this case unnecessary.

(5) This applicant requested at the time of the hearing to <u>dismiss</u> this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Case No. 11193 is hereby dismissed.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 0 WILLIAM J. LEJ AY Director

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