

**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. 11729
ORDER NO. R-10772**

**APPLICATION OF PENWELL
ENERGY, INC. FOR A UNIT
AGREEMENT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO.**

ORDER OF THE DIVISION:

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on February 20, 1997, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 21st day of February, 1997, 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, Penwell Energy, Inc., seeks approval of the Chimayo Unit Agreement for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying the following described 4,160 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Eddy County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM

Section 7: E/2
Section 8: All
Section 9: S/2
Section 16: All
Section 17: All
Section 20: E/2
Section 21: All
Section 28: All

(3) No interested party appeared and objected to the proposed unit agreement.

(4) All plans of development and operation, and creations, expansions or contractions of participating areas, or expansions or contractions of the unit area should be submitted to the Director of the Division for approval.

(5) Approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Chimayo Unit Agreement is hereby approved for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying the following described 4,160 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Eddy County, New Mexico:

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(2) The plan contained in said unit agreement for the development and operation of the unit area is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided however, notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing, in any manner, any right, duty or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Division to supervise and control operations for the unit and production of oil and gas therefrom.

(3) The unit operator shall file with the Division an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof; in the event of subsequent joinder by any other party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Division, within 30 days thereafter, counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

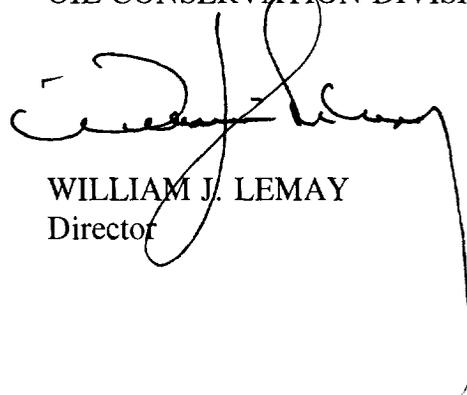
(4) All plans of development and operation, all unit participating areas and expansions or contractions of the unit area, shall be submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division for approval.

(5) This order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the appropriate agency of the United States Department of the Interior and the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico; this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; and the last unit operator shall notify the Division immediately in writing of such termination.

(6) 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
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WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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