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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 5337 Order No. R-4886

APPLICATION OF KEESEE AND THOMAS FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCA-TION, SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 2, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>22nd</u> day of October, 1974, the Commission, a quorum being present, 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 Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Keesee and Thomas, is the owner of the Chacon Jicarilla Apache "D" Well No. 1, located 875 feet from the North line and 1140 feet from the East line of Section 23, Township 23 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

(3) That said well was projected to the Dakota formation as a gas well and is located in accordance with the gas well location rules for said formation in the subject area, but was in fact completed as an oil well in said formation.

(4) That the well location requirements for oil wells in the subject area are different from the well location requirements for gas wells and the location of the subject well is therefore unorthodox.

(5) That the unorthodox location is only the result of a good-faith error and will not cause waste nor violate correlative rights and should be approved.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the unorthodox oil well location of the Keesee and Thomas Chacon Jicarilla Apache "D" Well No. 1, located 875 feet from the North line and 1140 feet from the East line of Section 23, Township 23 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico, is hereby approved.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman 11500 X J. ARMIJO, Member L. PORTER, Jr., Membe Secretary

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