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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:

CASE NO. 6216  
Order No. R-5723

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM  
CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING  
AND AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 3, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 9th day of May, 1978, 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, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the S/2 of Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 22 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill its Stinking Draw Unit Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 1383 feet from the South line and 695 feet from the East line of said Section 10.
- (4) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

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(6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(7) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

(8) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before July 1, 1978, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the S/2 of Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 22 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1383 feet from the South line and 695 feet from the East line of said Section 10.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the first day of July, 1978, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the first day of July, 1978, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever; unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

(2) That Yates Petroleum Corporation is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

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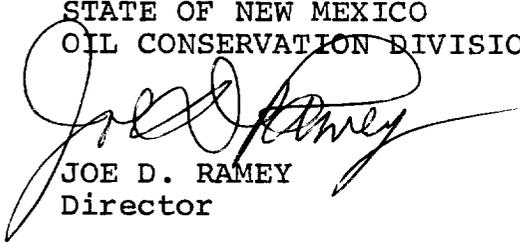
(4) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(5) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.

(6) 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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JOE D. RAMEY  
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