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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. 6587 Order No. R-6090

APPLICATION OF CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, INC., FOR THREE UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATIONS, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE DIVISION

## BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 11 and August 8, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>loth</u> day of September, 1979, 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, Caribou Four Corners, Inc., seeks approval for the unorthodox locations of the following wells in the Cha-Gallup Oil Pool:

Kirtland Wells Nos. 3 and 4 to be located 730 feet from the North line and 2250 feet from the East line and 1450 feet from the North line and 595 feet from the West line, respectively, of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West; and

Kirtland Well No. 2 to be located 260 feet from the North line and 2100 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, NMPM, all in San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That said unorthodox locations are necessitated due to topographical conditions.

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(4) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox locations.

(5) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the hydrocarbons in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That three unorthodox well locations for the following wells in the Cha-Gallup Oil Pool are hereby approved:

Kirtland Wells Nos. 3 and 4 located 730 feet from the North line and 2250 feet from the East line and 1450 feet from the North line and 595 feet from the West line, respectively, of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West; and

Kirtland Well No. 2 located 260 feet from the North line and 2100 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, NMPM, all in San Juan County, New Mexico.

(2) 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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