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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. 6798
Order No. R-6269

APPLICATION OF ESTORIL PRODUCING
CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS
WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 30, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 13th day of February, 1980, 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, Estoril Producing Corporation, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Curry Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 22, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, to test the Pennsylvanian formation, Antelope Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the S/2 of said Section 22 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit and will be more distant from existing roads and high pressure pipelines.

(5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas 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 an unorthodox gas well location for the Pennsylvanian formation is hereby approved for the Estoril Producing Corporation Curry Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 22, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Antelope Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the S/2 of said Section 22 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

(3) 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION


JOE D. RAMEY
Director

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