Entered February 18, 1980

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. 6808 Order No. R-6272

APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. FOR TWO NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNITS AND TWO UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATIONS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 13, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>18th</u> 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, Conoco Inc., seeks approval of a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the NW/4 of Section 24, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Eumont Gas Pool, and also a 120-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the W/2 SW/4 and SE/4 SW/4 of said Section 24, each of said units to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location thereon, the first being 990 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line of the section and the second being 1650 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the South line and 330 feet

(3) That in each case, the entire non-standard proration unit may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Eumont Gas Pool and that the entire non-standard gas proration unit can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid well. -2-Case No. 6808 Order No. R-6272

(4) That each of the aforesaid unorthodox locations will enable the applicant to more efficiently drain the lands dedicated to the well.

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

(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the gas in the Eumont Gas 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 the application of Conoco Inc. is hereby approved for a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Eumont Gas Pool comprising the NW/4 of Section 24, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, and also a 120-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the W/2 SW/4 and SE/4 SW/4 of said Section 24, and each of said units is dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location, hereby approved, the first being 990 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line of the section, and the second being 1650 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line, Lea 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION W. X-1114 JOE D. RAMEY Director

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