Entered August 4, 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. 6970 Order No. R-6432

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT UNION OIL AND MINING AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE CARL LANIER WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT B OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, SAN JUAN COUNTY, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DIVISION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

## ORDER OF THE DIVISION

#### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 23, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>4th</u> day of August, 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 Union Oil and Mining is the owner and operator of the Carl Lanier Well No. 1, located in Unit B of Section 6, Township 29 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said Carl Lanier Well No. 1 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on or before September 1, 1980, or the well should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production. -2-Case No. 6970 Order No. R-6432

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Union Oil and Mining is hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Carl Lanier Well No. 1, located in Unit B of Section 6, Township 29 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, or in the alternative, to return the well to active drilling status or place the well on production on or before September 1, 1980.

(2) That Union Oil and Mining, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Aztec office of the Division, a Division-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Aztec office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Division may, at its option, witness such work.

(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 -QIL CONSERVATION DIVISION JOE D. RAMEY, Director

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