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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 ND. 7227 Order No. R-6669

APPLICATION OF ALPHA TWENTY-ONE PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION AND A NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 22, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>30th</u> day of April, 1981, 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, Alpha Twenty-One Production Company, seeks approval of a 120-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the E/2 SW/4 and SW/4 SE/4 of Section 21, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Hare-San Andres Gas Pool, to be dedicated to its Lansford Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of said Section 21, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the entire non-standard unit may reasonably be presumed to be productive of gas from the Hare-San Andres Gas Pool.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit. -2-Case No. 7227 Order No. R-6669

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

(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 the application of Alpha Twenty-One Production Company for a 120-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the E/2 SW/4 and SW/4 SE/4 of Section 21, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Hare-San Andres Gas Pool, to be dedicated to its Lansford Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 21, Lea County, New Mexico, is hereby approved.

(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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