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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. 7241  
Order No. R-6689

APPLICATION OF HARVEY E. YATES  
COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS  
WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

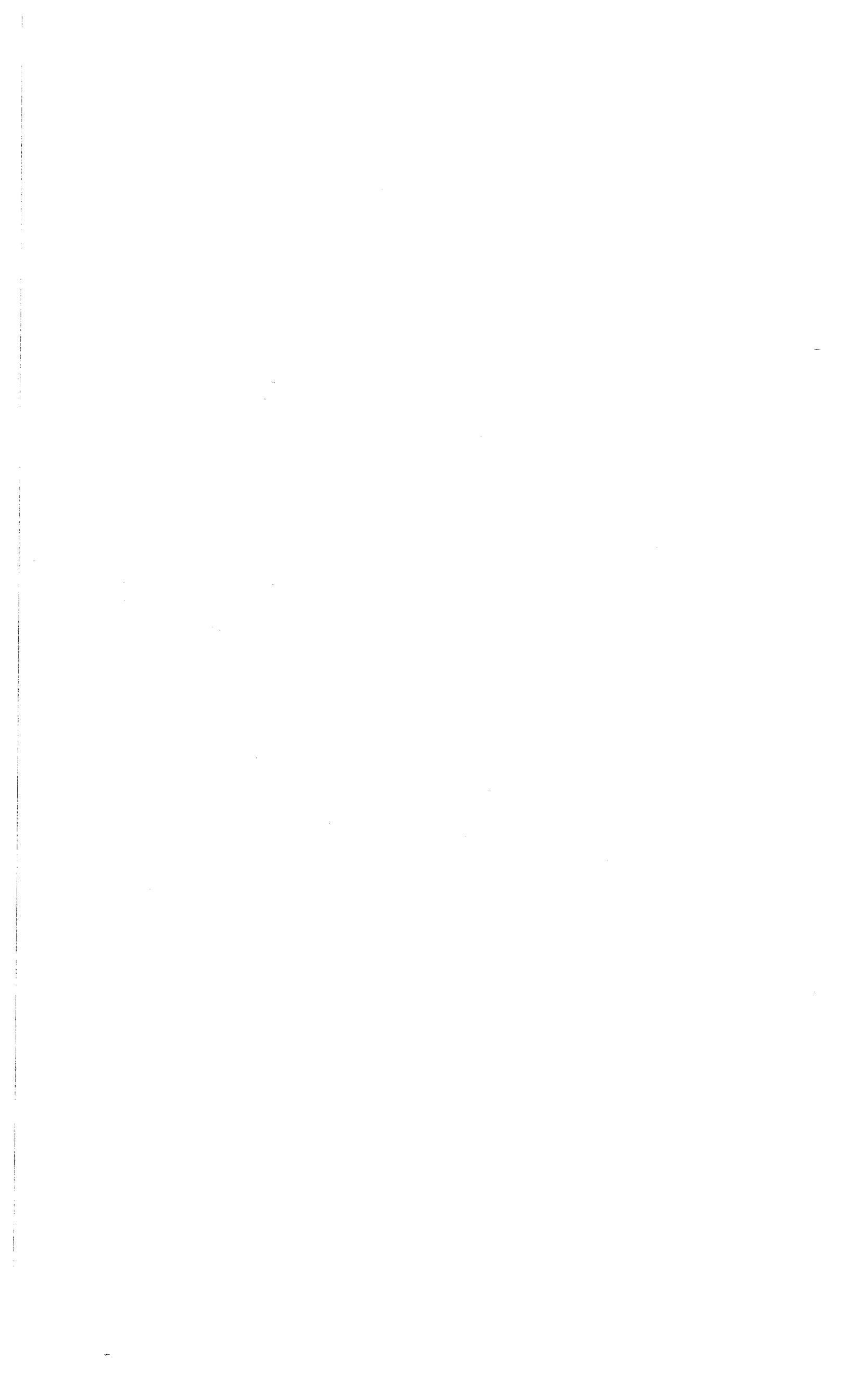
BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 6, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 20th day of May, 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, Harvey E. Yates Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Austin State 18 Well No. 1 to be drilled 1980 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 18, Township 14 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, to test the Mississippian formation, Austin-Mississippian Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the S/2 of said Section 18 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.
- (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:

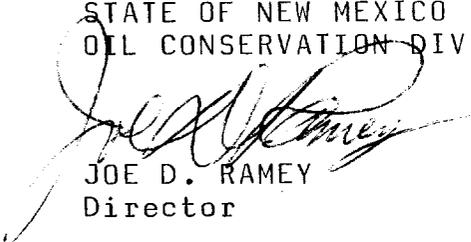
(1) That Harvey E. Yates Company is hereby authorized an unorthodox gas well location for the Mississippian formation for its Austin State 18 Well No. 1 to be located at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 18, Township 14 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Austin-Mississippian Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the S/2 of said Section 18 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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