STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NO. 8523 Order No. R-7693-C

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR HEARING DE NOVO, CASE NO. 8323, AND STAY OF DIVISION ORDER NO. R-7693-B, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

The Division Director,

FINDS THAT:

(1) On May 7, 1985, the Division entered Order No. R-7693-B in Case No. 8323.

- (2) Said order, in part
 - (a) authorized Blanco Engineering to utilize the Flint Gas Com Well No. 1 located 1980 feet from the South and East lines of Section 22, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, as a salt water disposal well into the Atoka formation; and,
 - (b) required Yates Petroleum Corporation to return said well to Blanco Engineering restored as near as possible to the condition in which it was received or to pay the cost of such restoration.

(3) Yates Petroleum Corporation, an interested party, on May 21, 1985, filed a timely request for hearing De Novo in Case 8323 and requested a stay of said Order No. R-7693-B.

(4) Yates Petroleum Corporation as a party of record has a right to hearing De Novo in Case No. 8323 before the Oil Conservation Commission.

(5) A stay of Division Order No. R-7693-B will serve to prevent waste and protect correlative rights and maintain the status quo pending a final determination of this matter and should be granted.

-2-Case No. 8323 Order Nc. R-7693-C

(6) The authority for this stay of Order No. R-7693-B derives from Section $70{-}2{-}6$ A NMSA 1978 Compilation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Case No. 8323 is set for hearing De Novo before the Oil Conservation Commission at 9 a.m. on July 10, 1985, in Santa Fe.

(2) Division Order No. R-7693-B is hereby stayed pending issuance of an order from the De Novo hearing.

(3) 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 this <u>21st</u> day of June, 1985.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION R. L. STAMETS

Director

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