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. 8665 Order No. R-8023

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT AND UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on July 31, 1985, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Gilbert P. Quintana.

NOW, on this <u>29th</u> day of August, 1985, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) The applicant, Mewbourne Oil Company, seeks approval of a 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the N/2 of Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 13.

(3) A well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proposed proration unit.

(4) No offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location or non-standard proration unit. -2-Case No. 8665 Order No. R-8023

(5) The entire non-standard proration unit may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Morrow and Atoka formations, Rock Tank-Lower and Upper Morrow Gas Pools and the entire non-standard gas proration unit can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid well.

(6) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the gas in the Rock Tank-Lower and Upper Morrow Gas Pools, 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 THAT:

(1) A 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Rock Tank-Lower and Upper Morrow Gas Pools comprising the N/2 of Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, is hereby established and dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 13.

(2) 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 -0 Lann R. L. STAMETS Director

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