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. 8865 Order No. R-8211

APPLICATION OF SANTA FE EXPLORATION COMPANY FOR HARDSHIP GAS WELL CLASSIFICATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on April 2, 1986, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this _____ day of April, 1986, 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, Santa Fe Exploration Company, seeks a determination that its Exxon State Com Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, is a hardship gas well which should be granted priority access to pipeline takes in order to avoid waste.

(3) The evidence presented by the applicant was insufficient or inconclusive to show that formation damage, waste, or other harm has or would occur if the well were not granted a hardship classification.

(4) The applicant's request to grant the Exxon State Com Well No. 1 a hardship gas well classification should therefore be <u>denied</u>. -2-Case No. 8865 Order No. R-8211

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) The application of Santa Fe Exploration Company for a hardship gas well classification for its Exxon State Com Well No. 1 located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, is hereby <u>denied</u>.

(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

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