SIAIE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASENO. 8287 ORDERNO. R-12085

APPLICATION OF BASS ENTERPRISES PRODUCTION CO. FOR THE AMENDMENT OF DIVISION ORDER NO. R-111-A, EDDY AND LEA COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

<u>BY THE DIVISION</u>:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on December 4, 2003, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 15th day of January, 2004, the Division Director, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice has been given and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.

(2) The applicant, Bass Enterprises Production Co., seeks the amendment of Division Order R-111-A, as amended, by the inclusion of an Article whereby the Director of the Oil Conservation Division shall have the authority to grant approval, without notice and hearing, for the directional drilling of wells from orthodox and unorthodox surface locations outside the Potash-Oil Area in Lea and Eddy Counties, New Mexico to orthodox and unorthodox bottomhole locations beneath the Potash-Oil Area provided that the Salado formation is not penetrated therein.

(3) This case was initially heard before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission ("Commission") on August 23, 1984. At a continuation hearing in this case on September 6, 1984, the Commission continued this case indefinitely.

(4) Due to the inactivity of this case over a considerable length of time, the Division advised the applicant by letter dated April 5, 1989 that this matter would be dismissed unless instructed otherwise.

(5) This case subsequently remained idle and was reopened to this docket for the applicant to either dismiss or reactivate this case.

(6) The applicant, prior to the hearing, requested this matter be dismissed.

(7) Dismissal of this case should therefore be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Case No. 8287 is hereby dismissed.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



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