STATE 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:

CASE NO. 12185 Order No. R-11209

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on June 10, 1999, at Santa Fe, New Mexico before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 21st day of June, 1999, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, 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, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks approval to drill its Lucky Coyote "ATD" State Well No. 1 at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of Section 5, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, to test the Pennsylvanian formation, Undesignated Crow Flats-Morrow Gas Pool. The N/2 of Section 5 is to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for that pool.

(3) The proposed well is located within one mile of the outer boundary of the Crow Flats-Morrow Gas Pool which is currently governed by Division Rule 104.B.(1), which requires standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration units with wells to be located no closer than: 1650 feet from the nearest end boundary; 660 feet from the nearest side boundary; or 330 feet from any quarter-quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary.

(4) Oxy USA Inc. appeared at the hearing through legal counsel but did not present evidence opposing the application.

(5) The applicant testified that the primary target of the subject well is the Lower Morrow interval.

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

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