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September 20, 1977

Oil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico 1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Attention Mr. A. R. Kendrick

Gentlemen:

AXI Apache "D" No. 5, 2310' FNL and 990' FWL of Section 19, T-24N, R-4W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

In reference to your letter of September 16, 1977, for a non-standard location order for the subject well, please refer to the enclosed copy of the unorthodox location Order No. R-5503.

Yours very truly,

E.c. Oske.

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BEF THE OIL CONSERVATION COLLISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

well file

CASE NO. 5990 Order No. R-5503

APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 20, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 9th day of August, 1977, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its AXI
 Apache "D" Well No. 5 to be drilled 2310 feet from the North
 line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 19, Township 24 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Ballard-Pictured Cliffs
 Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
 - (3) That the NW/4 of said Section 19 is to be dedicated to the well.
 - (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.
 - (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the subject pool, 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:

- (1) That an unorthodox gas well location is hereby approved for the Continental Oil Company AXI Apache "D" Well No. 5 to be drilled at a point 2310 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 19, Township 24 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the NW/4 of said Section 19 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMBRY C. ARNOLD, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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FOUND-MARKED STONE TOWNSHIP CORNER TWP 24N RAW & TWP 25N RAW. NOTE: 3 CORNERS ON LINE BUT 296'E OF TRUE POSITION 1.89°57'W. TRACT - 05 - 28-TRACT Po. 80 22.94 2 33 -