Entered March 9, 1983

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. 7810 Order No. R-7232

APPLICATION OF SAGE ENERGY COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 2, 1983, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this g_{th} day of March, 1983, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Sage Energy Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location 1160 feet from the North line and 560 feet from the East line of Section 31, Township 14 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, to test the Pennsylvanian formation, West Tres Papalotes-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the NE/4 of said Section 31 is to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the oil 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

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share of the oil 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 the application of Sage Energy Company for an unorthodox oil well location is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 1160 feet from the North line and 560 feet from the East line of Section 31, Township 14 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, West Tres Papalotes-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the NE/4 of said Section 31 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 Division may deem necessary.

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

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JOE D. RAMEY,

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