STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT VENO ENERGY AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THEIR AUTHORITY UNDER ORDER NO. R-7596 TO OPERATE AN OIL TREATING PLANT LOCATED IN THE NW/4 NE/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE CANCELLED AND WHY THE SITE OF SUCH PLANT SHOULD NOT BE RECLAIMED.

> CASE NO. 8871 Order No. R-7596-A

## ORDER OF THE DIVISION

## BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on April 16, 1986, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this <u>19th</u> day of May, 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) By Division Order No. R-7596 dated July 20, 1984, Veno Energy was given authority to operate an oil treating plant located in the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 23, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) Prior to the hearing on April 16, 1986, Veno Energy was no longer operating and had apparently abandoned said oil treating facility.

(4) No representative from Veno Energy appeared at the hearing to show cause why their authority under Division Order No. R-7596 should not be rescinded.

(5) Subsequent to the hearing on April 16, 1986, the site of the Veno Energy Treating Plant was cleared of all

-2-Case No. 8871 Order No. R-7596-A

tanks and equipment and reclaimed to the satisfaction of the Division.

(6) Because the plant site was reclaimed to the satisfaction of the Division, the performance bond originally filed with the Division by Veno Energy has been released as of May 15, 1986.

(7) The portion of the Division's application concerning the cleanup and reclamation of the treating plant site should be <u>dismissed</u>.

(8) Inasmuch as Veno Energy apparently no longer wishes to operate said treating plant and in fact no longer has a performance bond covering the operation of said treating plant, their authority under Division Order No. R-7596 should be cancelled.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The portion of the Division application concerning the cleanup and reclamation of the site of the Veno Energy Treating Plant is hereby <u>dismissed</u>.

(2) Division Order No. R-7596 dated July 20, 1984, which authorized Veno Energy to operate an oil treating plant located in the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 23, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, is hereby rescinded.

(3) 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

A. Lawa R. L. STAMETS

R. L. STAMET Director

SEAL fd/