

**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. 10748 (Reopened)  
Order No. R-9922-B**

**IN THE MATTER OF CASE NO. 10748  
BEING REOPENED PURSUANT TO THE  
PROVISIONS OF DIVISION ORDER NO.  
R-9922, WHICH ORDER PROMULGATED  
TEMPORARY SPECIAL RULES AND  
REGULATIONS FOR THE INDIAN BASIN-  
UPPER PENNSYLVANIAN ASSOCIATED  
POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**ORDER OF THE DIVISION**

**BY THE DIVISION:**

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on February 2, 1995, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 6th day of February, 1995, 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 Order No. R-9922 issued in Case No. 10748 on July 6, 1993, the Division, upon application of Yates Petroleum Corporation, created the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool in Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and promulgated Temporary Special Rules and Regulations for said pool including the establishment of standard 320-acre oil or gas spacing and proration units, designated well locations, and a special depth bracket allowable of 940 barrels of oil per day.

(3) Pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-9922, this case was reopened to allow the operators in the subject pool to appear and present evidence and testimony to show cause why the Temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool should not be rescinded and the pool developed on statewide rules and regulations.

(4) Yates Petroleum Corporation, Marathon Oil Company, Nearburg Producing Company and Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. appeared at the hearing through legal counsel.

(5) Yates Petroleum Corporation requested at the hearing that the Temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool remain in effect for an additional twelve month period.

(6) According to Yates' statement, the conductance of an environmental audit during the past eighteen months has precluded developmental drilling within the subject pool.

(7) All operators represented at the hearing were in agreement with Yates' request.

(8) Approval of Yates' request will allow the operators in the subject pool additional time to gather reservoir data pertinent to this case.

(9) No other operator and/or interest owner appeared at the hearing in opposition to Yates' request.

(10) The Temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the Indian Basin- Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool should remain in effect for an additional twelve month period.

(11) This case should be reopened at an Examiner hearing in January, 1996, at which time the operators in the subject pool should be prepared to appear and show cause why the Temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the Indian Basin- Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool should not be rescinded and the pool developed on statewide rules and regulations.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

(1) The Temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the Indian Basin- Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool are hereby continued in full force and effect for an additional twelve month period.

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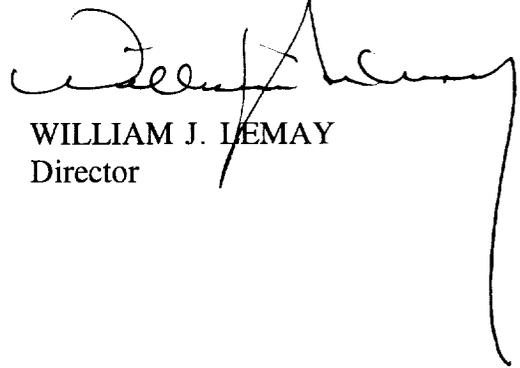
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(2) This case shall be reopened at an Examiner hearing in January, 1996, at which time the operators in the subject pool shall be prepared to appear and show cause why the Temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the Indian Basin- Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool should not be rescinded and the pool developed on statewide rules and regulations.

(3) Jurisdiction is hereby 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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WILLIAM J. LEMAY  
Director

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