STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION AND A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 11723

APPLICATION OF FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. FOR A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION AND SPACING UNIT AND TWO ALTERNATE UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATIONS, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 11755

Order No. R-10872-A

ORDER STAYING ORDER NO. R-10872

BY THE DIVISION:

This matter came before the Division upon the motion of Mewbourne Oil Company for a stay of Division Order No. R-10872.

NOW, on this <u>26th</u> day of September, 1997, the Division Director, having considered the motion and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) The above cases were consolidated for hearing, and were heard by the Division on April 3, 1997 and May 1, 1997. On September 12, 1997 the Division entered Order No. R-10872, granting the application of Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. and denying the application of Mewbourne Oil Company.

(2) Mewbourne Oil Company filed an Application for Hearing De Novo with the Division on September 17, 1997.

(3) Mewbourne Oil Company has complied with Division Memorandum 3-85 and filed its motion for a stay on September 18, 1997.

(4) If a stay is not granted, Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. may drill its proposed well. As a result, by the time this matter is decided by the Oil Conservation Commission, Mewbourne Oil Company's right to a de novo hearing will effectively be negated. As a result, a stay of Order No. R-10872 is proper.

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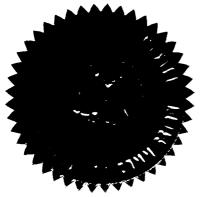
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Division Order No. R-10872 is hereby stayed in its entirety until the Oil Conservation Commission issues its order on the de novo application filed herein.

(2) 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

WILLIAM J. LEMAY Director

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