BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISIO

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APPLICATION OF OCEAN ENERGY, INC. FOR SPECIAL POOL RULES FOR THE NORTH ECHOL-DEVONIAN POOL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

No. 12012

APPLICATION

Ocean Energy, Inc. seeks approval of special pool rules for the North-Echol Devonian Pool, including 80 acre well spacing and special well location requirements, and in support thereof, states:

1. The North Echol-Devonian Pool was created by Division Order No. R-175, dated July 24, 1952, and expanded by Division Order No. R-512, dated July 21, 1954, and currently contains the following acreage:

Township 10 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 21: All Section 22: SW¼ Section 27: NW¼ Section 28: NE¼

2. Applicant recently drilled and completed its Rainier State Well No. 1, at an unorthodox location 1300 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., as a producing well in the Devonian formation. Data obtained from this well shows that it is capable of draining more than 40 acres. Therefore, applicant requests that special pool rules be promulgated for the North Echol-Devonian Pool providing for 80 acre well spacing.

 $^{^{1}}$ The location was approved by Division Administrative Order NSL-3816.

- 3. Applicant also requests that the special pool rules for the North Echol-Devonian Pool provide for orthodox well locations no closer than 330 feet to a quarter-quarter section line.
- 4. The granting of this application is in the interests of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing,
the relief requested above be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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