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. 12596 (Reopened) ORDER NO. R-8089-B

IN THE MATTER OF CASE NO. 12596 BEING REOPENED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION ORDER NO. R-8089-A, WHICH ORDER ESTABLISHED TEMPORARY SPECIAL POOL RULES FOR THE FEATHER-MORROW POOL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on February 20, 2003, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this <u>8th</u> day of April, 2003, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.
- (2) By Order No. R-8089 dated December 4, 1985, the Division, upon application of H. L. Brown, Jr., established a limiting gas-oil ratio of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil within the Feather-Morrow Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) By Order No. R-8089-A dated June 21, 2001, the Division, upon application of Yates Petroleum Corporation, amended the special pool rules for the Feather-Morrow Pool to include provisions for 160-acre spacing and proration units and designated well location requirements.
- (4) Pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-8089-A, this case was reopened to allow the operators in the Feather-Morrow Pool to appear and present evidence to support the continuation of 160-acre spacing within the pool.
- (5) The Feather-Morrow Pool currently comprises the SE/4 of Section 16, the E/2 and SW/4 of Section 21, the NW/4 of Section 28, and the NE/4 of Section 29, all in Township 15 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (6) Yates Petroleum Corporation and Pogo Producing Company appeared at the hearing through legal counsel.

- (7) Legal counsel for Yates Petroleum Corporation stated that Yates' position is that the Feather-Morrow Pool can be effectively developed on statewide 40-acre spacing, and further requested that the special pool rules that require 160-acre spacing be rescinded.
 - (8) Pogo Producing Company did not make a statement in this case.
 - (9) No other operator and/or interest owner appeared at the hearing.
- (10) In the absence of technical evidence to support continuation of 160-acre spacing, the special pool rules relating to well spacing and well location requirements for the Feather-Morrow Pool should be rescinded, and the pool should be governed by Division Rule No. 104.B.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Rules No. 1 through 6 of the "Temporary Special Pool Rules for the Feather-Morrow Pool," as established by Division Order No. R-8089-A, are hereby rescinded.
- (2) The limiting gas-oil ratio of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil for the Feather-Morrow Pool, as established by Division Order No. R-8089, is hereby continued in full force and effect.
- (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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