BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THORNTON OPERATING CORPORATION, AS SUCCESSOR OPERATOR TO SEAGULL MIDCON INC., FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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CASE NO.____

APPLICATION

COMES NOW THORNTON OPERATING CORPORATION, successor operator to Seagull Midcon Inc., through its undersigned attorneys, and hereby makes application for an order approving an unorthodox oil well location, and in support thereof states:

- 1. Applicant is the operator of the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico and proposes to drill an oil well in the Devonian formation, 2,428 feet from the South line and 1,154 feet from the East line in Unit I of said Section 6.
- 2. Applicant seeks an exception to the Division's well location requirements to permit the drilling of said well in the Devonian formation at the above-described location.
- 3. A standard 40-acre spacing and proration unit comprised of the NE/4 SE/4 of said Section 6 should be dedicated to the well.
- 4. Approval of this application will afford Applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil and gas from the Devonian formation and will otherwise be in the best interest of the conservation, the protection of correlative rights and the prevention of waste.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing before a duly appointed Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on March 31, 1994, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its Order granting this application and providing such other relief as is proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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