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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7512
Order No. R-6937

APPLICATION OF VIKING PETROLEUM, INC.
FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 16, 1982,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 9th day of April, 1982, the Division
Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the
recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the
premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required
by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the
subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Viking Petroleum, Inc., seeks
approval of an unorthodox location of a well located in Unit H
of Section 31, Township 13 South, Range 34 East,
Nonombre-Pennsylvanian Pool, said well being a recompleted
Morrow test.

(3) That while the well was a recompleted Morrow test in
the SE/4 of the quarter section, the pool rules require wells to
be located in the NE/4 or SW/4 of the quarter section.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better
enable applicant to produce the hydrocarbons underlying the
proration unit.

(5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed
unorthodox location.

(6) That approval of the subject application will afford
the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable

share of the hydrocarbons in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

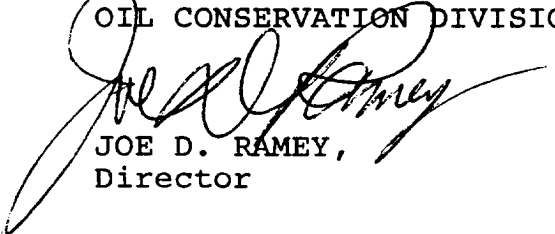
(1) That Viking Petroleum, Inc. is hereby authorized an unorthodox well location for its Dome No Nombre 31 State Well located in Unit H of Section 31, Township 13 South, Range 34 East, Nonombre-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the NE/4 of said Section 31 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

(3) That 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
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JOE D. RAMEY,
Director

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