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. 11836 ORDER NO. R-10880

APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE OPERATING INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on August 21, 1997, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this <u>12th</u> day of September, 1997, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

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

(2) The applicant, Chesapeake Operating Inc., seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation, underlying the following described acreage in Irregular Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and in the following manner:

(a) the S/2 SE/4 to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all pools developed on 80acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool; and,

(b) the SE/4 SE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools