

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Ee, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

April 13, 1998

Conoco, Inc. 10 Desta Drive - Suite 100W Midland, Texas 79705-5400 Attention: Kay Maddox

OIL CON. DIV.

Administrative Order NSL-4000

Dear Ms. Maddox:

Reference is made to your application dated March 17, 1998 for an off-pattern non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for your existing Hodges Well No. 1-Y (API No. 30-045-24354), located 1770 feet from the North line and 860 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 21, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico. According to the well records on file with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe, the HodgesWell No. 1-Y was initially drilled in 1980 by Supron Energy Corporation and completed at a standard gas well location in the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool within a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the NW/4 of said Section 21.

It is our understanding that the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool is to be perforated and said well will be recompleted such that gas production from both intervals is to be commingled downhole. This location, pursuant to the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, is considered to be unorthodox. Further, the W/2 of said Section 21 is to be dedicated to said well in order to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 8 of said special pool rules, the abovedescribed unorthodox coal gas well location for the Hodges Well No. 1-Y is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

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Director

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec cc:

U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington



Mid-Continent Region Exploration/Production

March 17, 1998

Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive, Suite 100W Midland, TX 79705-4500 (915) 686-5400

Mr. Michael Stogner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Application for Unorthodox Coal Location Hodges # 1Y API # 30-045-24354 MAR 2 3 1998
OIL COIN. DIV.

Dear Mr. Stogner,

Conoco's Hodges #1Y is located in Section 21, T-26-N, R-8-W San Juan County, New Mexico. In addition to standard 790' set-back requirements, orthodox locations for 320 acre spaced, Basin Fruitland Coal requires that locations be situated in the NE/4 and/or SW/4 of any given Section. The Hodges #1Y meets set-back requirements but is situated in the NW/4 of section 21; an orthodox location would be in the SW/4.

In order to prevent economic waste by allowing access to Basin Fruitland Coal reserves in an existing wellbore, and to help mitigate mechanical risk in a newer wellbore (1980 completion); Conoco, respectfully requests that a NW/4, unorthodox location be approved for completion in the Basin Fruitland Coal Pool. Note that Fruitland Coal is untested in direct offset 320's. Conoco, Inc. plans to downhole Fruitland Coal production with existing Ballard Pictured Cliffs production. Conoco, Inc will be filing the downhole commingle and recompletion paperwork with the OCD and the BLM.

The offset operator plat shows that Burlington Resources, Hickman, Hallwood, R. C. Resources, Chateau and Amoco are the offset operators that could be affected by this unorthodox location. Please find enclosed evidence that they have been notified of this application.

An unorthodox location order is requested based on the reasons given in the preceding paragraphs. If there are further questions concerning this application please call me at (915) 686-5798.

Sincerely

Kay Maddox

Regulatory Agent/ Conoco, Inc.

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

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District III
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District IV
PO Box 2088, Santa Fe. NM 87504-2088

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WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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form C-102 Supersedes C-124

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EXHIBIT "A" - Location & Elevation Plat

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RE: Non-Orthodox location Request

Offset Operators:

Amoco PO Box 800 Denver, CO 80201

Burlington Resources PO Box 4289 Farmington, NM 87499

Chateau Oil & Gas 2515 McKinney Ave STE 840 Dallas, TX 75201

Hallwood Petroleum PO Box 378111 Denver, CO 80237

R C Resources 8340 MeadowRd STE 230 Dallas, TX 75231

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