

# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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

April 16, 1998

Conoco, Inc. 10 Desta Drive - Suite 100W Midland, Texas 79705-5400 Attention: Kay Maddox DECEIVED N APR 2 1 1998

Administrative Order NSL-4008

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 Newsom Well No. 17-E (API No. 30-045-24722), located 860 feet from the South line and 910 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 20, 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 Newsom Well No. 1-E was initially drilled in 1981 by Supron Energy Corporation c/o John H. Hill, et al and completed at a standard infill gas well location in the Basin-Dakota Pool within a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the E/2 of said Section 20.

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 under authority of Division Administrative Order DHC-1615, dated August 15, 1997. 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 E/2 of said Section 20 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 above-described unorthodox coal gas well location for the Newsom Well No. 17-E is hereby approved.

Sincerely

Lori Wrotenbery

Director

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cc:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

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U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington

File: DHC-1615



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

Newsom # 17 E API # 30-045-24722 DECEIVED MAR 2 3 1998

OIL CON. DIV.

Dear Mr. Stogner,

Conoco's Newsom #17E is located in Section 20, 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 Newsom # 17E meets set-back requirements but is situated in the SE/4 of Section 20; an orthodox east half location would be in the NE/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 (1981 completion); Conoco, respectfully requests that a SE/4, unorthodox location be approved for completion in the Basin Fruitland Coal Pool. Note that Fruitland Coal is untested in direct offset 320's. Additionally, NMOCD Administrative Order DHC-1652 (see attached) has been issued to allow downhole commingling of production from the Basin Dakota and Fruitland Coal Pools. The BLM has approved both Conoco's notice of intent to recomplete and its request to downhole commingle (see attached).

The offset operator plat shows that Burlington Resources, R. C. Resources, 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,

Kav Maddox

Regulatory Agent/ Conoco, Inc.

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

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EXHIBIT "A" - Location and Elevation Plat

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Newsom #17E API # 30-045-24722 Section 20, T-26-N, R-8-W San Juan County, NM

RE: Non-Orthodox location Request

#### **Offset Operators:**

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Amoco PO Box 800 Denver, CO 80201

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### **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Farmington District Office 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A Farmington, New Mexico 87401

September 12, 1997

IN REPLY REFER TO: NMSF 078433 (WF) 3162.7-3 (07400)

Mr. Jerry W. Hoover Senior Conservation Coordinator Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive, Ste. 100W Midland, TX 79705-4500

RE: De

Downhole Commingling

No. 17E Newsom 860' FSL & 910' FEL Sec. 20, T. 26 N., R. 8 W. San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your application to downhole commingling the Basin Fruitland Coal and Basin Dakota formations in the referenced well has been reviewed. Allocation will be determined by projecting the production for the Dakota formation and taking the difference to determine the allocated production for the Fruitland formation.. Approval to downhole commingling is hereby granted using the subtraction method.

If you have further questions regarding this correspondence, contact Brian W. Davis at (505) 599-6367.

Sincerely,

Duane W. Spencer

Team Leader, Petroleum Management

Form 3 160-5 UNITED STATES FORM APPROVED Budget Bureau No. 1004-0135 (June 1990) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Expires: March 3 1 ,1993 **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT** 5. Lease Designation and Seriai No. SF 078433 SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS 6. If Indian, Allonce or Tribe Name Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to deepen or reentry to a different reservoir. Use "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT—" for such proposals 7. If Unit or CA, Agreement Designation SUBMIT IN TRIPLICA TE 1. Type of Well Oil Well 8. Well Name and No. 2. Name of Operator Newsom Well # 17E CONOCO INC 9. API Well No 3. Address and Telephone No. 30-045-24722 10 DESTA DR. STE. 100W, MIDLAND, TX. 79705-4500 (915) 686-5424 10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area 4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T. R. M. or Survey Description) Basin Fruitland Coal 860 FSL & 910 FEL 11. County or Parish, State Section 20, T-26-N, R-8-W San Juan County CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(s) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA TYPE OF SUBMISSION TYPE OF ACTION Notice of Intent Change of Plans Recompletion New Construction Non-Routine Fractung Plugging Back Casing Repair Final Abandonment Notice Altering Casing Conversion to Injection Dispose Water INcie: Repontesuksof multiplecompiliononWdl Completion or Recompletion Report and Log form.) 13. Describe Proposed or Completed Operations (Clearly state ail pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work. If well is directionally drilled, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths for all markers and zones pertinent to this work.)\* It is proposed that this well be recompleted in the Fruitland Coal using the following procedure: 1. RIH w/CIBP set @ 2300' 2. RIH w/GR/CCL logs, log from 3640-4600'

Jerry W. Hoover Title Sr. Conservation Coordinator BLM(6), NMOCD(1), SHEAR, PONCA, COST ASST, FILE ROOM Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements

3. Perforate Fruitland Coal 1900 - 2115'

5. Frac/ stimulate Fruitland Coal 6. RIH w/ 2 3/8" tbg land @ 2008'

7. Put well on Production

4. RIH 2 3/8" tbg to 2115', clean perfs w/700 gals !5% HCL

An unorthodox Fruitland Coal application will be filed with OCD

\*\*\* Downhole Commingle C-107 A was sent 8/27/97

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### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DHC-1652

Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive Suite 100W Midland, Texas 79705-4500

Attention: Ms. Ann E. Ritchie

Newsom No. 17E
API No. 30-045-24722
Unit P, Section 20, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, NMPM,
San Juan County, New Mexico.
Basin-Dakota (Prorated Gas - 71599) and
Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas - 71629) Pools

Dear Ms. Ritchie:

Reference is made to your recent application for an exception to Rule 303.A. of the Division Rules and Regulations to permit the above described well to commingle production from the subject pools in the wellbore.

It appearing that the subject well qualifies for approval for such exception pursuant to the provisions of Rule 303.C., and that reservoir damage or waste will not result from such downhole commingling, and correlative rights will not be violated thereby, you are hereby authorized to commingle the production as described above and any Division Order which authorized the dual completion and required separation of the zones is hereby placed in abeyance.

The maximum amount of gas which may be produced daily from the well shall be determined by Division Rules and Regulations or by the gas allowable for each respective prorated pool as printed in the Division's San Juan Basin Gas Proration Schedule.

Production from the subject well shall be allocated as follows:

Gas production from the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool shall be determined utilizing the mid-year average production forecast submitted by the applicant as an attachment to the downhole commingling application. Gas production from the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool shall be determined by subtracting Basin-Dakota Gas Pool production from the well's total monthly gas production.

The allocation method established herein may be altered at some time subsequent to initiating downhole commingling operations upon request by the operator and for good cause shown.

Administrative Order DHC-1652 Conoco Inc. September 9, 1997 Page 2

REMARKS: The operator shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Division upon implementation of the commingling process.

Pursuant to Rule 303.H., the commingling authority granted herein may be rescinded by the Division Director if, in his opinion, conservation is not being best served by such commingling.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 9th day of September, 1997.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
Bureau of Land Management-Farmington