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October 15, 1985

Mr. Richard Stamets
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Stamets:

This is a request for administrative approval for an unorthodox gas well location in the Undesignated Fruitland Pool.

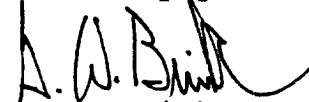
It is intended to locate the El Paso Natural Gas Company's San Juan 30-6 Unit #400 at 300' from the South line and 990' from the West line of Section 14, T-30-N, R-7-W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

The existence of Navajo Lake and archaeological ruins in the southwest corner of this section makes it impossible to build an orthodox location. This location was requested by the Bureau of Land Management.

El Paso Natural Gas Company operates all proration units offsetting the proposed unorthodox location.

Plats showing the proposed well location and the terrain in Section 14, along with an ownership plat, are attached.

Sincerely yours,



G. W. Brink
Project Drilling Engineer

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