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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Phillips Petroleum Company 5525 Highway 64 - NBU 3004 Farmington, New Mexico 87401 Attention: Patrick H. Noah

Administrative Order NSL-3829

Dear Mr. Noah:

Reference is made to your application date May 30, 1997 for an unorthodox coal gas well location for the proposed San Juan "30-5" Unit Well No. 257 to be drilled 550 feet from the South line and 485 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 11, Township 30 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Basin Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The W/2 of said Section 11 shall be dedicated to said well to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 8 of the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

William J. Lewlay

Director

WJL/MES/kv

cc:

Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington

U. S. Forest Service - Bloomfield

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May 30, 1997

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

ATTN: MR. WILLIAM J. LEMAY

RE: EXCEPTION FOR UNORTHODOX LOCATION

SAN JUAN 30-5 UNIT #257 WELL SW/4 SECTION 11-T30N-R5W, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO DECEIVED N JUN - 2 1997 OIL CON, DIV. DIST. 8

Gentlemen:

Phillips Petroleum Company ("Phillips"), as Operator of the San Juan 30-5 Unit, requests administrative approval for an exception to the well location requirements of the Basin Fruitland Coal Field Rules.

Phillips proposes to drill the #257 well at a location 550' FSL and 485' FWL of Section 11-T30N-R5W. This unorthodox location was selected at the request of the U. S. Forest Service to accommodate topographical concerns. The drillblock lands (W/2 Section 11) are located on Forest Service lands.

Enclosed is a nine section plat which shows offset operators and a topographical map. The offset operators have been furnished with a copy of this request and plats by certified letter.

Feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Very truly yours,

Patrick H. Noah Senior Land Specialist San Juan Basin (505) 599-3410

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cc: J. L. Mathis (r)G. F. 5397
Ernie Busch - OCD, Aztec
Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company
Schalk Development Company

SAN JUAN 30-5 UNIT NO. 257 WELL LOCATED 550' FSL AND 485' FWL SECTION 11-T30N-R5W

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COUNTY BIO_ARRIBA STATE NEW MEXICO 408 87410PHN USR00078			
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