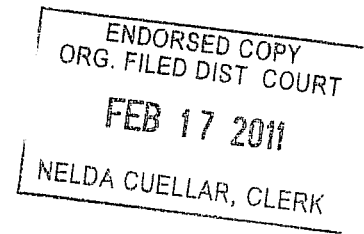


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vs.

NO. CV-99-260G

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL  
& GAS COMPANY

DEFENDANT

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

**THIS MATTER** having come before the Court on the Joint Motion of the parties to dismiss this action with prejudice and the Court having read the Motion and otherwise being fully advised in the premises finds the Motion to Dismiss is well taken and should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that this action is hereby dismissed with prejudice, each party shall bear their own fees, costs and expenses.

**8/THOMAS A. RUTLEDGE**


Thomas A. Rutledge  
District Judge

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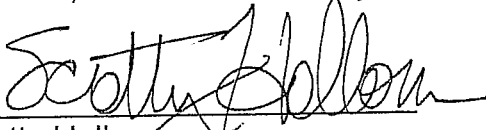
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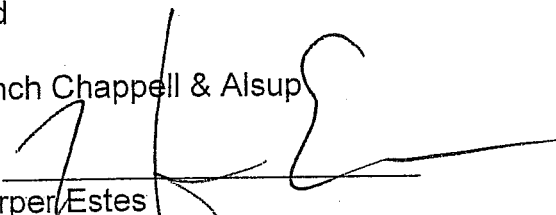
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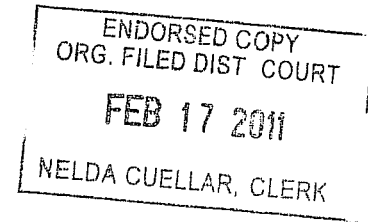
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**ORDER SEALING RECORD**

**THIS MATTER** having come before the Court on the Motion to Seal Record ("Motion") of the hearing and the proceedings in this matter held on August 10, 2010 related to the terms of the settlement of this case. The Court finds in accordance with NMRA 1-079:

- a) The parties desire to settle this case and to put the terms of their settlement on the record, but were unwilling to do so unless the terms of the settlement are confidential. It is the policy of the State of New Mexico to encourage settlements, therefore, a overriding interest in the encouragement of settlement of disputes overcomes the right of public access to the Court record;
- b) The overriding interest of encouraging settlement supports the limited sealing of the Court record as to the hearing and proceedings held on August 10, 2010;

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- c) A substantial probability exists that the overriding interest of the encouragement of amicable settlement of cases will be prejudiced if the Court record is not sealed in accordance with the Motion;
- d) The proposed sealing is narrowly tailored to only involve the hearing and transcript of proceedings related to the settlement of this case on August 10, 2010;
- e) No less restrictive reason is available to achieve the overriding interest of settlement of this case.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED**

- A. That the transcript of the proceedings in this matter held on August 10, 2010 is hereby sealed ("Sealed Record").
- B. The parties and their counsel are the only ones to have access to the Sealed Record.
- C. This order remains in effect until further order of this Court.
- D. The parties in this case are entitled to notice of any motion to unseal the Sealed Record.

**S/THOMAS A. RUTLEDGE**

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Thomas A. Rutledge  
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