



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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**Attention: Brian Wood**  
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***Administrative Order NSL-4903***

Dear Mr. Wood:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application on behalf of the operator, Richardson Operating Company ("Richardson"), that was submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on May 30, 2003 (***administrative application reference No. pKRV0-315350793***); and (ii) the Division's records in Santa Fe and Aztec: all concerning Richardson's request for an unorthodox gas well location in both the West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool (**79680**) and Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (**86620**) for its proposed NV Rachelle "23" Well No. 4 (**API No. 30-045-31184**) to be drilled 435 feet from the South line and 2050 feet from the West line (Unit O) of Section 23, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

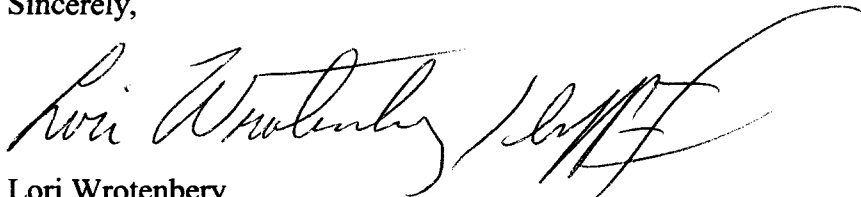
It is our understanding that Richardson intends to dually complete this well and that: (i) the E/2 of Section 23, being a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool; and (ii) the SE/4 of Section 23, being a standard 160-acre gas spacing unit for the West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool, are to be dedicated to Richardson's proposed NV Rachelle "23" Well No. 4.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of: (i) Rule 7 (b) of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended; (ii) Division Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999; and (iii) Rule 1207.A (2), revised by Division Order No. R-11205, issued by the Commission in Case No. 12177 on June 17, 1999.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2) and Rule 8 of the special Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool rules, the above-described unorthodox Fruitland coal and Fruitland Sand/Pictured Cliffs gas well location for Richardson's proposed NV Rachelle "23" Well No. 4 is hereby approved.

Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further order as the Division deems necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori Wrotenbery", followed by a large, stylized flourish or initial.

Lori Wrotenbery  
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec  
U. S. Bureau of Land Management – Farmington