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> Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 12033; Order No. R-11134 Application of Public Service Company of New Mexico for Review of Oil Conservation Division Directive dated March 13, 1998, Directing Applicant to Perform Additional Remediation for Hydrocarbon Contamination, San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Ms Hebert:

Enclosed for your consideration is Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company's Motion for Partial Stay of Order No. R-11134.

Very truly yours,

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO FOR REVIEW OF OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION DIRECTIVE DATED MARCH 13, 1998, DIRECTING APPLICANT TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL REMEDIATION FOR HYDROCARBON CONTAMINATION, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL STAY OF ORDER NO. R-11134

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company ("Burlington"), by and through their undersigned attorneys, moves the Oil Conservation Division and/or Commission for an order staying the provisions of Order No. R-11134 entered on February 5, 1999, which require the filing of additional plans for remediation at the Hampton 4-M well site and in support of its motion states:

1. The Division entered Order No. R-11134 on February 5, 1999 denying the application of The Public Service Company of New Mexico ("PNM") in this case and determining that both PNM and Burlington are responsible parties for hydrocarbon contamination in the area of the Burlington Resources Otl & Gas Company Hampton 4-M Well located in Unit N, Section 13, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

2. Order paragraph 5 of Order No. R-11134 also directed PNM and Burlington to submit remediation plans to the Environmental Bureau of the Oil Conservation Division ("Bureau"), for approval, within 60 days of the date of the order. At a minimum these plans are are to contain plans

to determine the lateral extent of contamination, to remove remaining sources of contamination, and to remediate the remaining contamination. These remediation plans must be filed by April 6, 1999.

3. Since the entry of Order No. R-11134, PNM and Burlington each filed an application for a hearing **de novo** on this application by the Oil Conservation Commission.

4. The Commission has set a prehearing conference on Tuesday, April 13, 1999, in preparation for a Commission hearing.

5. The order which results from a Commission hearing could supercede Division Order No. R-11134 on any or all issues in this case including the requirement for new remediation plans.

6. At this time, each party has a remediation plan on file which has been approved by the Bureau and which governs the remediation activities of the parties at this location.

7. A stay of order paragraph 5 of Order No. R-11134 will defer the filing of additional remediation plans until the Commission can fully review the issues in this case, including the need for additional remediation plans at the pending hearing **de novo**.

WHEREFORE, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, requests that the Division and/or the Commission enter its order staying the provisions of order paragraph 5 of Division Order No. R-11134 pending the entry of a Commission order in the pending hearing **de novo** in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Partial Stay of Division Order No. R-11134 to be mailed and/or hand-delivered to the following counsel of record on this 5th day of April, 1999:

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