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Dear Ms. Bailey

Reference is made to Case No. 15191, whereby ConocoPhillips Company, Encana Oil and Gas (USA) Inc., WPX Energy Production, LLC, have filed a joint application to amend Order R-12984, which would remove certain acreage from the Basin Mancos Gas Pool and create a new Mancos Oil Pool. The application outlines in detail the background behind the existing pool rules and the objectives in creating special pool rules for Mancos Oil development.

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Farmington Field Office has worked collaboratively with the Industry and the NMOCD over the past several months to help develop the proposed pool amendment and the creation of a Mancos Oil Pool. We believe that these changes are necessary to maximize the recovery of the oil and gas resources while at the same time, protect correlative rights. BLM offers its support for amending Order R-12984 and creating a special pool for Mancos Formation oil development.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at (505) 954-2134.

Sincerely,

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