

### LAW OFFICES

Ranne B. Miller Alice T. Lorenz Stephen M. Williams Stephan M. Vidimar Seth V. Bingham Timothy R. Briggs Rudolph Lucero Deborah A. Solove Gary L. Gordon Lawrence R. White Virginia Anderman Marte D. Lightstone J. Scott Hall\* Thomas R. Mack Thomas M. Domme Ruth O. Pregenzer James J. Widland Bradley D. Tepper\*\* Robin A. Goble James R. Wood Dana M. Kyle Kirk R. Allen Ruth Fuess H. Brook Laskey Paula G. Maynes M. Dylan O'Reilly Jennifer D. Hall Todd A. Schwarz Nell Graham Sale Scott P. Hatcher Ann M. Conway Randałł J. McDonald Robert H. Clark Richard L. Alvidrez Jennifer L. Stone Kelsey D. Green Marcy Baysinger Caroline Blankenship Matthew S. Rappaport Karen E. Wootton Nicole V. Strauser Kelly A. Stone Deron B. Knoner Charlotte Lamont Patricia A. Bradley T. Aaron Garrett Amy P. Hauser Rebecca M. Alves Alisa R. Wigley-DeLara W. Scott Jaworski Anita M. Kelley Elizabeth B. Driggers Jerome A. O'Connell Christopher J. Tebo

Of Counsel William K. Stratvert James B. Collins Sharon P. Gross Robert D. Taichert

### Reply to Santa Fe

150 Washington Ave., Suite 300 Santa Fe, NM 87501

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1986 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1986

Telephone: (505) 989-9614 Facsimile: (505) 989-9857

Writer's Direct E-Mail: shall@mstlaw.com

Board Certified Specialist: Natural Resources - Oil & Gas Law
 \*\* Board Certified Specialist: Real Estate Law

May 22, 2007

# HAND-DELIVERED Florene Davidson Florene Davidson New Mexico Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Oil Conservation Division New Mexico South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Re: NMOCD Case No. 13944 Compulsory Pooling and Unorthodox Well Location, Rio Arriba Course New Mexico New Mexico

Dear Ms. Davidson:

Enclosed is the original and two copies of the Application for Compulsory Pooling and Unorthodox Well Location in the referenced matter. On behalf of Energen Resources Corporation, we request that this Application be set for hearing on the June 21, 2007 examiner hearing docket.

Enclosed in hard-copy and on disk is a proposed advertisement for this case.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MILLER STRATVERT P.A.

tHall /glb J. Scott Hall

J. Scott Hall

### A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

ALBUQUERQUE (505) 842-1950

JSH/glb

FARMINGTON (505) 326-4521 LAS CRUCES (505) 523-2481

13944 : Application of Energen Resources Corporation for Case No. Compulsory Pooling and Unorthodox Well Location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Fruitland Coal formation, (Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool) underlying the W/2 of Section 13, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to the Navajo Lake Well No. 103 well. The well will be drilled from an unorthodox surface location 780 feet from the North line and 2,600 feet from the East line of Section 24, penetrating the Fruitland Coal formation at a point no closer than 660 feet from the South line and 1,980 feet from the West line of adjoining Section 13, with a standard bottom hole location in Section 13, 2,300 feet from the North line and 1,200 feet from the West line, all in Township 32 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Energen Resources Corporation as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling The proposed well location is approximately 4 miles south of Arboles, said well. Colorado.

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

# IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ENERGEN RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 13944

## **APPLICATION**

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORPORATION by its undersigned attorneys, Miller, Stratvert P.A., (J. Scott Hall) hereby makes application pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 70-2-17 (1995) for an order pooling all interests in the Fruitland Coal formation, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, underlying the W/2 of Section 13, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to form a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit. Applicant would show the Division:

1. Applicant owns certain working interests in and under the W/2 of Section 13 and has the right to drill thereon.

2. Applicant proposes to dedicate the above-referenced pooled unit to its Navajo Lake Well No. 103 drilled to a depth sufficient to test the Fruitland Coal Formation, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, underlying the W/2 of Section 13. The well will be directionally drilled from an unorthodox surface location 780 feet from the North line and 2,600 feet from the East line in Section 24, penetrating the Fruitland Coal formation at a point no closer than 660 feet from the South line and 1,980 feet from the West line of adjoining Section 13, with a standard bottom hole location in Section 13 2,300 feet from the North line and 1,200 feet from the West line, all in Township 32 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

3. Applicant has been unable to obtain leases or voluntary agreement for pooling or farmout from certain other interest owners in the above-referenced formations underlying the W/2 of said Section 13.

4. In order to permit the Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, the mineral interests should be pooled and Applicant should be designated operator of the well.

5. The pooling of interests and approval of the unorthodox well location will afford the Applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of hydrocarbons underlying the spacing unit, will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE Applicant requests that this Application be set for hearing before a duly appointed examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 21, 2007 and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its Order approving the unorthodox well location and pooling the lands, including provisions for Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well, its costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, including overhead charges and providing for adjustments to such rates in accordance with accepted COPAS accounting procedures, and imposing a 200% risk factor for the risk assumed by the Applicant in drilling, completing and equipping the well, and making such other and further provisions as maybe proper in the premises.

MILLER STRATVERT P.A.

By:

I wan chall 1.

J. Scott Hall Attorneys for Energen Resources Corporation Post Office Box 1986 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1986 (505) 989-9614

S:\Clients\6621\New Matters Pending\NavajoLakeApplication^052207.doc