

SAN JUAN DIVISION

Commissioner of Public Lands State of New Mexico Attn: Mr. Jeff Alberts PO Box 1148 Santa Fe, NM 87501-1148

RE:

November 13, 1997

New Mexico-Santa Fe Taxation and Revenue Department Attn: Mrs. Velvet Money 1100 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505-4147

## : INCREASED DENSITY STUDY AREA MESAVERDE FORMATION PUBCO STATE COM 1B S/2 SECTION 36, T31N, R11W SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Dear Madam and Sirs:

Enclosed for your files is a copy of the approved NMOCD form C-101 for the referenced well. In our recent telephone conversations, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company advised each of you of our plan to drill and operate this Mesaverde formation well for a six (6) month period of time in order to gather needed reservoir information. This plan of operation was approved by Great Western Drilling Company who is the historical operator of the referenced proration unit for the two (2) existing (Pubco State Com 1 and 1A) Mesaverde wells. At the end of the six (6) month production period, Burlington will turn over operations of the Pubco State Com 1B well to Great Western Drilling Company for all future operations.

The reservoir information gathered from this well and other wells will be used to evaluate the efficiency of recovering natural gas from the Blanco Mesaverde Pool based upon the current density pattern of two (2) wells per 320 acre proration unit. Burlington's reservoir and geological evaluation to date indicates that it will probably be necessary to increase the density (up to four (4) additional wells per section) of wells drilled in this pool in order to efficiently drain this reservoir. The referenced well is part of a six (6) well pilot project (see attached land plat) covering four (4) sections in San Juan County, New Mexico, that Burlington has requested NMOCD's approval to operate. The hearing for the pilot project (Case #11880) was conducted on November 6, 1997, before examiner David Catanach in the Santa Fe NMOCD office. The final Order of the Division in this Case is currently pending.

Burlington would like to reconfirm with each regulatory entity that our proposal to drill and interim operate the Pubco State Com 1B well will not cause any problems from Ongard, taxation/revenue, royalty collection or other perspectives. If you have any further comments, questions or concerns about our pilot project, please contact the undersigned at (505) 326-9757.

Very truly yours,

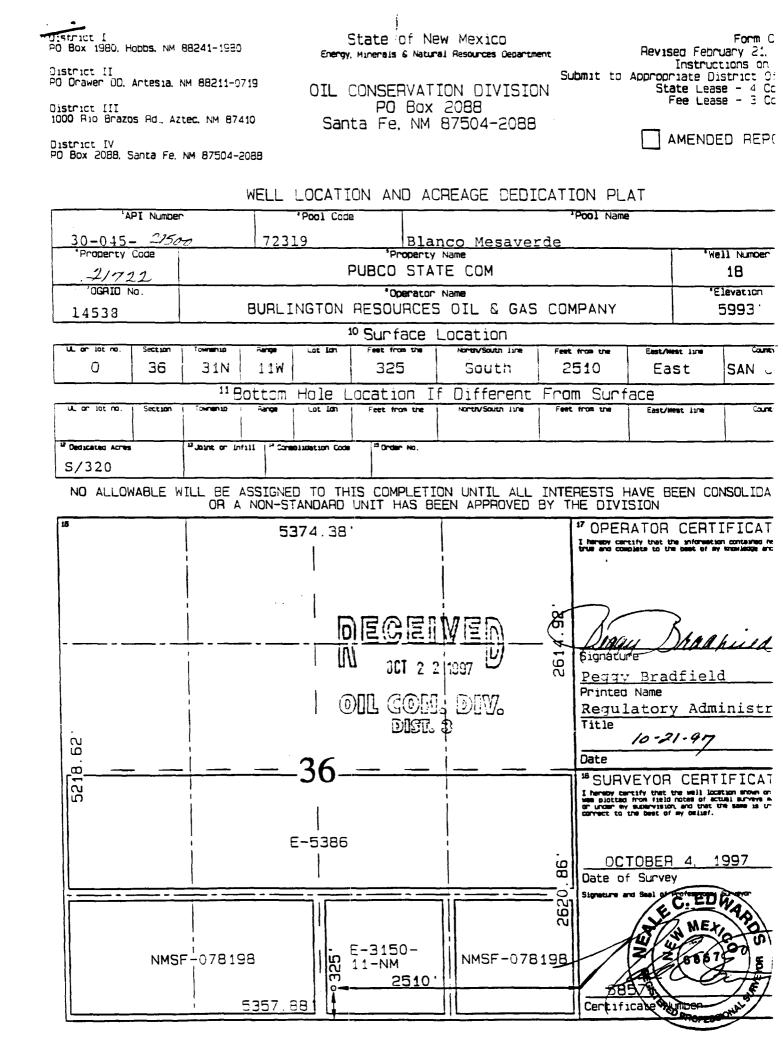
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<sup>13</sup> I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of any knowledge and belief.						OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION						
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Title:     Regulatory/Compliance Administrator       Date:     October 21, 1997     Phone: 505-326-9700												
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