STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 12,553

APPLICATION OF BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL AND GAS COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX COAL GAS WELL LOCATION, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORIGINAL

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: MICHAEL E. STOGNER, Hearing Examiner

December 21st, 2000

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, MICHAEL E. STOGNER, Hearing Examiner, on Thursday, December 21st, 2000, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources

Department, Porter Hall, 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7 for the State of New Mexico.

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EXHIBIT

Applicant's

Identified Admitted

Exhibit A

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APPEARANCES

FOR THE DIVISION:

LYN S. HEBERT Attorney at Law Legal Counsel to the Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

FOR THE APPLICANT:

KELLAHIN & KELLAHIN 117 N. Guadalupe P.O. Box 2265 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2265 By: W. THOMAS KELLAHIN

FOR YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION:

CAMPBELL, CARR, BERGE and SHERIDAN, P.A. Suite 1 - 110 N. Guadalupe P.O. Box 2208 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2208 By: MICHAEL H. FELDEWERT

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1 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had at 8:19 a.m.: 2 EXAMINER STOGNER: Call next case, Number 12,553, 3 4 which is the Application of Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company for an unorthodox coal gas well location in San 5 Juan County, New Mexico. 6 7 Call for appearances. Mr. Examiner, I'm Tom Kellahin of 8 MR. KELLAHIN: the Santa Fe law firm of Kellahin and Kellahin, appearing 9 10 on behalf of the Applicant. EXAMINER STOGNER: Any other appearances? 11 Mr. Examiner, Michael Feldewert 12 MR. FELDEWERT: 13 with the law firm of Campbell, Carr, Berge and Sheridan, 14 appearing on behalf of Yates Petroleum Corporation. EXAMINER STOGNER: Any other appearances? 15 16 Is there any witnesses of either party? 17 MR. KELLAHIN: No, sir, this was heard by Mr. 18 Catanach at the hearing two weeks ago. 19 EXAMINER STOGNER: Okay, and Mr. Kellahin, do you have anything to present further in this matter? 20 21 MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, Mr. Examiner. We presented 22 this case and the evidence to Examiner Catanach at the prior hearing. One of the remaining matters unattended to 23 at that time was what position Yates Petroleum Corporation 24 25 would take as to the off-pattern coal well application.

Yates had recently acquired the offsetting 1 In order to afford Burlington and Yates 2 additional time to see if there was a dispute, the matter 3 4 was continued to today's docket, and I have a waiver to submit to you which shows that Yates now waives any 5 6 objection to the Division approval of this Application. And with the submittal of this waiver, we would 7 ask that you take this matter under advisement and return 8 it to Examiner Catanach for a decision. 9 Do you have any response? 10 EXAMINER STOGNER: 11 MR. FELDEWERT: I have nothing to add, Mr. Examiner. 12 EXAMINER STOGNER: Burlington's Exhibit A was 13 just submitted, will be admitted into the record at this 14 15 time. And if there's nothing further in Case 12,553, 16 then this matter will be taken under advisement. 17 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at 18 19 8:20 a.m.) 20 21 22 23 24 25

CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SS. COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

I, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that I transcribed my notes; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or employee of any of the parties or attorneys involved in this matter and that I have no personal interest in the final disposition of this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL December 21st, 2000.

STEVEN T. BRENNER

CCR No. 7

My commission expires: October 14, 2002

BURLINGTON RESOURCES

SAN JUAN DIVISION

FAX: (505) 748-4572

December 11, 2000

Yates Petroleum Corporation Attn: Chuck Moran, Landman 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, NM 88210 (505) 748-4349

Re:

Farmington A \$100

Proposed Fruitland Coal New Drill S/2 Sec. 1, T29N, R13W

San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Moran:

Burlington resources is applying for NMOCD approval of an off pattern gas well location for the Basin Fruidand Coal. The hearing is scheduled for December 7, 2000.

The Farmington A #100 was staked at the referenced location at the request of the City of Farmington because the SW/4 of Sec. 1 is being developed for Home Depo and other retail businesses.

Production from the Fruitland Coal pool is to be included in a 320,00 acre gas spacing and proration unit for the south helf (S/2) of Section 1.

Burlington Resources is notifying you as an offsetting operator. We are requesting that you sign one faxed copy of the waiver below and return it to the attention of James Strickler via fax (505) 599-4062.

If you have any immediate questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned ar (505) 326-9756.

Sincerely.

James R.J. Strickler, CPL

Senior Staff Landsman

WAIVER - Yates Petroleum Corporation (Yates) hereby, subject to the terms of that letter agreement between Yates and Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company (BR) dated December 18, 2000, waives objection to BR's application for an off pattern location for their Farmington A #100 as proposed above.

By: Baril Man

Dated:

December 19, 2000