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

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

CASE NO. 12553

**APPLICATION OF BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY
FOR AN UNORTHODOX COAL-GAS WELL LOCATION
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT:

- (1) Burlington is the proposed operator of this well.
- (2) Burlington seeks to drill its Farmington A Well No. 100 in the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the south line and 705 feet from the east line (Unit P) of Section 1, T29N, R13W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) The proposed location is standard as to the footage requirements but is unorthodox in that it is "off-pattern" for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool because it is located in the SE/4 of the section rather than either the NE/4 or the SW/4 of the section.

(4) The proposed "off pattern" location is topographically necessary because most of Section 1 is within the City of Farmington and Burlington does not operate an existing wellbore which can be used for a coal gas well.

(5) No correlative rights will be impaired by approving this application.

(6) In accordance with Division notice rules, copies of this application will be sent to all of the persons affected by this application.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Alan Alexander (landman)	15 min.	3
Steve Thibodeaux (geologist)	15 Min.	4
Leonard Biemer (petroleum engineer)	15 Min.	3

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None anticipated at this time

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