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Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**Re: Case 12745, Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company  
and Conoco Inc. to amend special rules and regulations of the Basin Dakota  
Gas Pool to increase well density and amend well locations requirements,  
San Juan, McKinley, Sandoval and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico**

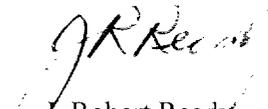
Gentlemen:

Pure Resources, L.P. supports the above referenced application to provide for 80-acre infill development in the Basin Dakota pool and amend well location requirements. Having reviewed the results of the pilot projects approved for 80-acre infill wells, and as operator of numerous Basin Dakota wells, we believe such spacing is justified and will recover additional reserves by more efficient drainage of the pool.

The amendment of well location requirements is also supported by Pure. The proposed well location requirements will improve the economics of development (and thereby recovery of additional reserves) by allowing the utilization of a single well for completions in more than one zone, especially the Blanco Mesaverde and Basin Dakota. Also, with multiple completions in a well, fewer wells will be required for optimum development which will reduce the surface impact to any given area.

For the above reasons, recovery of additional reserves (by improved drainage and economics) and reduced surface impact, Pure fully supports the application for 80-acre infill spacing and amended well location requirements in the Basin Dakota pool.

Very truly yours,  
**PURE RESOURCES, L.P.**

  
J. Robert Ready  
Land Director

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