



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

GARY E. JOHNSON
Governor
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Cabinet Secretary

December 24, 2002

Lori Wrotenbery
Director
Oil Conservation Division

Great Western Drilling Company
Attention: Dennis L. Hendrix, Manager of Operations
P. O. Box 1659
Midland, Texas 79702

Re: Application for NGPA Well Category Determination: Pubco State Com. Well No. 1-A (API No. 30-045-27248), located 1690 feet from the South line and 935 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 36, Township 31 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, Blanco-Mesaverde Pool (72319), San Juan County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Hendrix:

Yesterday afternoon (December 23, 2002) I received your letter dated December 9, 2002, with attachments, in response to my first letter of November 21, 2002 concerning the subject NGPA filing. Apparently this correspondence was initially sent to the New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department by mistake and it took the Tax and Rev. some time to forward it to me. My initial review of this matter indicates that your application filed on August 16, 2001 is now complete and approval will be forth coming.

I am also returning the \$25.00 filing fee (Check No. 127145) that was enclosed with your letter. Your initial fee paid in August, 2001 is sufficient. The subsequent data that you provided is the necessary information to complete the August, 2001 filing and is not considered a new filing.

Once approval from the Division is made this application will be forwarded to the FERC in Washington, D. C. for final review. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in this matter.

Should you have any questions, please contact me in Santa Fe by phone at (505) 476-3465 or by e-mail at mstogner@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

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cc: Jim Gilcrease, Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company – Houston, Texas
Kathy Valdes, NMOCD – Santa Fe

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PRESIDENT

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Dear Mr. Hendrix:

Reference is made to: (i) your NGPA well category determination application, as described above, that was submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe on August 16, 2001, which also included the mandatory \$25.00 filing-fee; and (ii) my initial response by letter dated November 21, 2002, with attachments. To date I have not received the necessary documentation to complete your filing. Considering the holidays and possible delays in the mail, an additional two weeks (December 27, 2002) to submit this data will be allowed, after which this determination may be withdrawn and returned with no action taken.

Should you have any questions, please contact me in Santa Fe by phone at (505) 476-3465 or by e-mail at mstogner@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

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cc: Kathy Valdes - NMOCD, Santa Fe

W. Perry Pearce, Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company – Houston, Texas
Jim Gilcrease, Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company – Houston, Texas
Lori Wrotenbery, Director - NMOCD, Santa Fe