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Administrative Order NSL-4868

Dear Ms. Cole:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on February 19, 2003 (*application reference No. pKRV0-309853473*); and (ii) the records of the Division in Aztec and Santa Fe: all concerning Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company's ("Burlington") request for an exception to the well location requirements [Rule 7 (a) (1)] provided within the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, for Burlington's proposed Fee Well No. 100 (API No. 30-045-31178) to be drilled 2180 feet from the North line and 870 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 8, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

The N/2 of Section 8 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre lay-down gas spacing unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (71629).

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of: (i) Rule 7 (b) of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool*"; (ii) Division Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999; and (iii) Rule 1207.A (2), revised by Division Order No. R-11205, issued by the Commission in Case No. 12177 on June 17, 1999.

By the authority granted me under the applicable provisions of the special pool rules governing the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool and Division Rule 104.F (2), the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec