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Attention: Peggy Cole

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Administrative Order NSL-4492

Dear Ms. Cole:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on June 29, 2000; and (ii) the Division's records in Santa Fe: all concerning Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company's ("Burlington") request for an off-pattern non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for the existing Congress Well No. 5-E (API No. 30-045-24836), located 1120 feet from the South line and 825 feet from the East line (Lot 1/Unit P) of Section 34, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

According to the Division's well records the Congress Well No. 5-E was initially drilled in 1981 by Supron Energy Corporation and dually completed at a standard gas well location in both the: (i) Basin-Dakota Pool within a standard 319.10-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 1 and 2, the NE/4, and the N/2 SE/4 (E/2 equivalent) of Section 34; and (ii) the Otero-Chacra Pool within a standard 159.10-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 1 and 2 and the N/2 SE/4 (SE/4 equivalent) of Section 34.

It is our understanding that Burlington intends to abandon both the Dakota and Chacra intervals within this well at this time and to recompleat up-hole into the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool. Pursuant to the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, the location of this well is considered to be unorthodox. Further, Lots 1 and 2, the NE/4, and the S/2 SE/4 (E/2 equivalent) of Section 34 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 319.10-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 8 of these special pool rules the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location for the Congress Well No. 5-E is hereby approved.

Sincerely,


Lori Wrotenbery
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington