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**Amoco Production Company
Western Gas Business Unit
P. O. Box 3092
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Attention: J. W. Hawkins**

Administrative Order NSL-4382

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application dated November 30, 1999; and (ii) the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's ("Division") records in Santa Fe: all concerning Amoco Production Company's ("Amoco") request for an off-pattern non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for the existing Gallegos Canyon Unit Well No. 169 (API No. 30-045-07670), located 2360 feet from the South line and 1115 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 35, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

According to the Division's well records the Gallegos Canyon Unit Well No. 169 was initially drilled in 1964 by Pan American Petroleum Corporation and completed in the Basin-Dakota Pool within a 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit comprising the E/2 of Section 35.

It is our understanding that Amoco intends to abandon the Dakota interval in this well at this time and to recomplete 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, the E/2 of Section 35 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-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 Gallegos Canyon Unit Well No. 169 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