



# **BURLINGTON RESOURCES**

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SAN JUAN DIVISION

February 20, 1997

SENT FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. William LeMay  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: San Juan 29-7 Unit #75A  
1450'FSL, 1845'FEL Section 23, T-29-N, R-07-W, Rio Arriba County, NM  
API #30-039-25616

Dear Mr. LeMay:

This is a request for administrative approval for downhole commingling the Blanco Mesa Verde and Basin Dakota pools in the subject well. This is a new drill Mesa Verde/Dakota well for the 1997 Program.

To comply with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division rules, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company is submitting the following for your approval of this commingling:

1. Form C107A - Application for Downhole Commingling;
2. C-102 plat for each zone showing its spacing unit and acreage dedication;
3. Expected production curve for both Mesa Verde and Dakota;
4. Notification list of offset operators - Burlington is the operator of the unit;
5. Shut in wellhead pressure and calculated down hole pressure of surrounding wells;
6. Nine-section plats for the Mesa Verde and Dakota.

Notification of Mesa Verde and Dakota interest owners is covered under Order R-10697 dated November 7, 1996.

We will consult with the Supervisor of the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to establish an allocation formula.

Please let me know if you require additional data.

Sincerely,



Peggy Bradfield  
Regulatory/Compliance Administrator

xc: Bureau of Land Management

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P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980  
**DISTRICT II**  
811 South First St., Artesia, NM 88210-2835  
**DISTRICT III**  
1000 Rio Brazos Rd, Aztec, NM 87410-1693

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**  
2040 S. Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6429

Form C-107-A  
New 3-12-96

**APPROVAL PROCESS :**  
 Administrative  Hearing  
**EXISTING WELLBORE**  
 YES  NO

**APPLICATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING**

**Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company** **PO Box 4289, Farmington, NM 87499**

Operator San Juan 29-7 Unit Address 75A J 23-29-7 Rio Arriba

Lease Well No. Unit Ltr. - Sec - Twp - Rge County Spacing Unit Lease Types: (check 1 or more)

OGRID NO. 14538 Property Code 7465 API NO. 30-039-25616 Federal  State           , (and/or) Fee

The following facts are submitted in support of downhole commingling:	Upper Zone	Intermediate Zone	Lower Zone
1. Pool Name and Pool Code	Blanco Mesaverde - 72319		Basin Dakota - 71599
2. Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforations)	will be supplied upon completion		will be supplied upon completion
3. Type of production (Oil or Gas)	gas		gas
4. Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift)	flowing		flowing
5. Bottomhole Pressure Oil Zones - Artificial Lift: Estimated Current Gas & Oil - Flowing: Measured Current All Gas Zones: Estimated or Measured Original	(Current) a. 523 psi (see attachment)	a.	a. 953 psi (see attachment)
	(Original) b. 1280 psi (see attachment)	b.	b. 1479 psi (see attachment)
6. Oil Gravity (°API) or Gas BTU Content	BTU 1189		BTU 1053
7. Producing or Shut-In?	shut in		shut in
Production Marginal? (yes or no)	no		yes
* If Shut-In and oil/gas/water rates of last production  Note: For new zones with no production history, applicant shall be required to attach production estimates and supporting data.  * If Producing, give data and oil/gas/water of recent test (within 60 days)	Date: n/a Rates:	Date: Rates:	Date: n/a Rates:
	Date: n/a Rates:	Date: Rates:	Date: n/a Rates:
8. Fixed Percentage Allocation Formula -% for each zone (total of %'s to equal 100%)	Oil:        %        Gas:        % will be supplied upon completion	Oil:        %        Gas:        %	Oil:        %        Gas:        % will be supplied upon completion

9. If allocation formula is based upon something other than current or past production, or is based upon some other method, submit attachments with supporting data and/or explaining method and providing rate projections or other required data.
10. Are all working, overriding, and royalty interests identical in all commingled zones?  Yes  No  
If not, have all working, overriding, and royalty interests been notified by certified mail?  Yes  No  
Have all offset operators been given written notice of the proposed downhole commingling?  Yes  No
11. Will cross-flow occur?  Yes  No If yes, are fluids compatible, will the formations not be damaged, will any cross-flowed production be recovered, and will the allocation formula be reliable.  Yes  No (If No, attach explanation)
12. Are all produced fluids from all commingled zones compatible with each other?  Yes  No
13. Will the value of production be decreased by commingling?  Yes  No (If Yes, attach explanation)
14. If this well is on, or communitized with, state or federal lands, either the Commissioner of Public Lands or the United States Bureau of Land Management has been notified in writing of this application.  Yes  No
15. NMOC Reference Cases for Rule 303(D) Exceptions: ORDER NO(S)            Reference Order R-10697 attached
16. ATTACHMENTS:  
\* C-102 for each zone to be commingled showing its spacing unit and acreage dedication.  
\* Production curve for each zone for at least one year. (If not available, attach explanation.)  
\* For zones with no production history, estimated production rates and supporting data.  
\* Data to support allocation method or formula.  
\* Notification list of all offset operators.  
\* Notification list of working, overriding, and royalty interests for uncommon interest cases.  
\* Any additional statements, data, or documents required to support commingling.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE James A. Smith TITLE Production Engineer DATE 2/20/97

TYPE OR PRINT NAME James A. Smith TELEPHONE NO. ( 505 ) 326-9700

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 PO Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980  
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 PO Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211-0719  
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 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410  
 District IV  
 PO Box 2088, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

State of New Mexico  
 Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

Form C-102  
 Revised February 21, 1994  
 Instructions on back  
 Submit to Appropriate District Office  
 State Lease - 4 Copies  
 Fee Lease - 3 Copies

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
 PO Box 2088  
 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number 30-039-		Pool Code 72319/71599	Pool Name Blanco Mesaverde/Basin Dakota
Property Code 7465	Property Name San Juan 29-7 Unit		Well Number 75A
OGRID No. 14538	Operator Name BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY		Elevation 6275'

<sup>10</sup> Surface Location

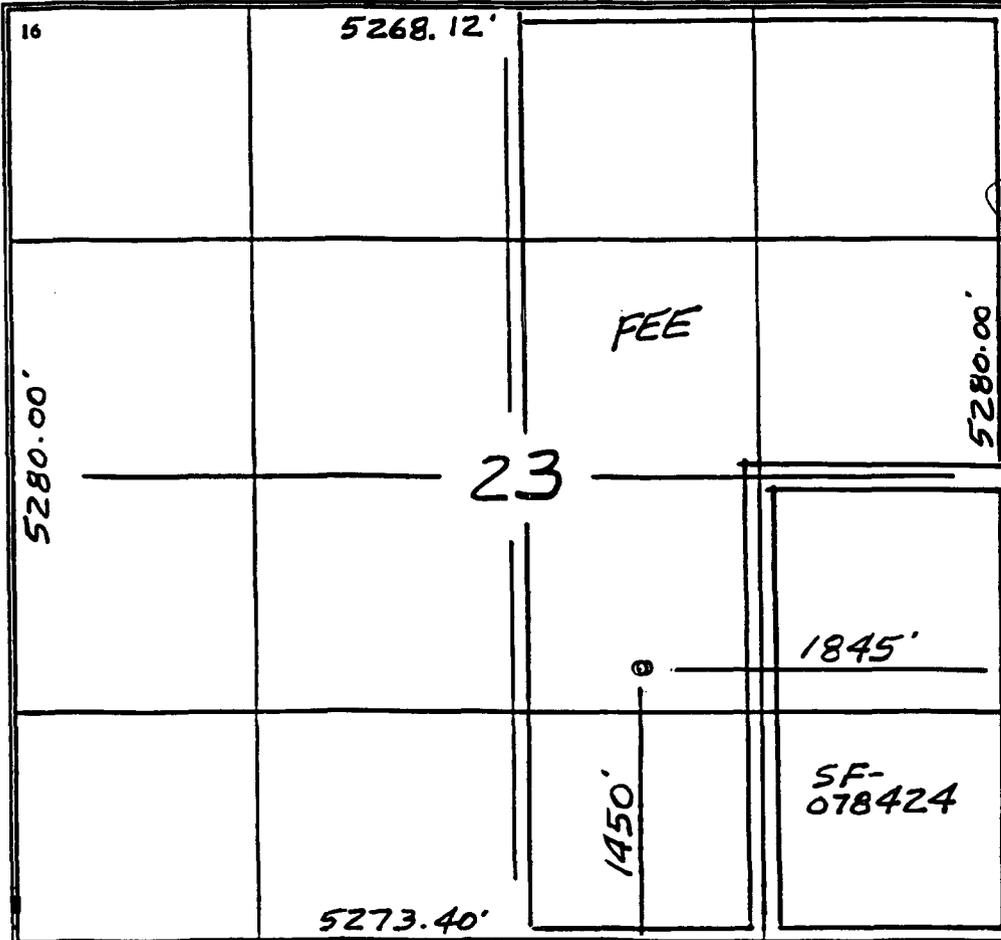
UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Ida	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
J	23	29-N	7-W		1450	South	1845	East	R.A.

<sup>11</sup> Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Ida	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

<sup>12</sup> Dedicated Acres 14-E/320 14-E/320	<sup>13</sup> Joint or Infill	<sup>14</sup> Consolidation Code	<sup>15</sup> Order No.
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NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



<sup>17</sup> OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief

*Peggy Bradford*  
 Signature  
 Peggy Bradford  
 Printed Name  
 Regulatory Administrator  
 Title  
 2-20-97  
 Date

<sup>18</sup> SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

12/17/96  
 Date of Survey  
 Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor  
  
 6857  
 Certificate Number

EXPECTED Production Curve  
Dakota

SAN JUAN 29-7 UNIT : 75A : XXXXX

• OIL  
• WATER/GAS  
• GAS  
• WATER

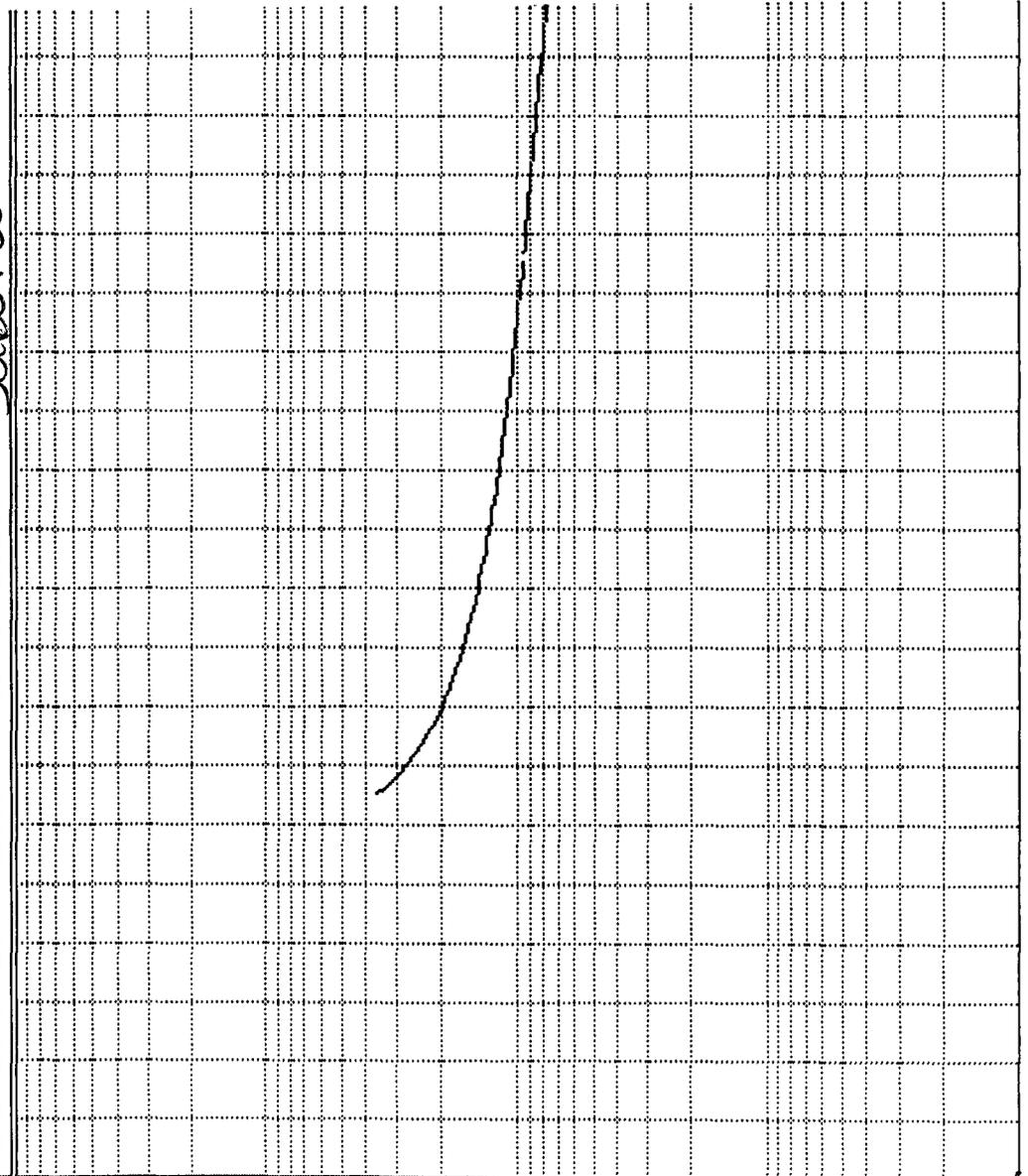
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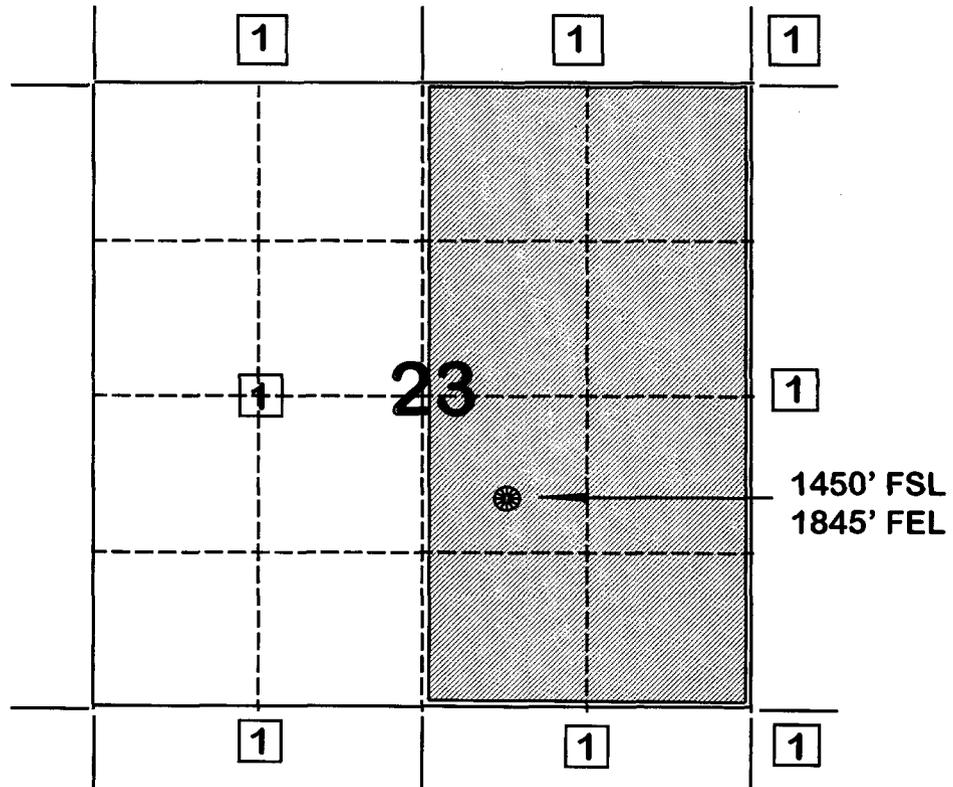


**BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL AND GAS COMPANY**

**San Juan 29-7 Unit #75A  
OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT**

**Mesaverde/Dakota Formations Commingle Well**

**Township 29 North, Range 7 West**



**1) Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company**

MesaVerde

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Property ID: 4467

Property Name: SAN JUAN 29-7 UNIT | 75 | 69675-1

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SS 29-7 #75A  
Parent well

--DATE-- ---CUM GAS-- M SIWHP  
Mcf Psi

DATE	CUM GAS	M SIWHP
06/05/60	0	1102.0 ← original
07/07/60	0	1101.0
11/06/60	58000	781.0
03/05/61	138000	773.0
03/13/62	263000	727.0
10/18/63	444000	648.0
02/07/64	476000	679.0
11/24/65	661000	662.0
02/28/66	702000	639.0
03/03/67	825000	650.0
03/05/68	937000	650.0
05/15/69	1060929	600.0
08/18/70	1194346	593.0
03/30/71	1267294	543.0
06/12/72	1427166	520.0
07/09/73	1566000	381.0
10/29/73	1610797	420.0
08/21/74	1710229	439.0
04/20/76	1902953	426.0
05/16/78	2131985	399.0
07/18/80	2297311	465.0
05/19/82	2420058	503.0
09/19/84	2525780	568.0
09/03/86	2637872	542.0
10/08/89	2807840	552.0
02/18/91	2871818	550.0
07/05/91	2885866	562.0
05/03/93	3066303	457.0 ← Current

Dakota

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Property Name: SAN JUAN 29-7 UNIT | 138 | 2554A-1

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SS 29-7 #75A  
Dakota Offset

--DATE-- ---CUM GAS-- M SIWHP  
Mcf Psi

01/26/87	0	1232.0	← original
10/08/89	108026	982.0	
04/09/90	124560	862.0	
07/01/92	166875	592.0	
06/18/94	197926	800.0	← current

**FLOWING AND STATIC BHP  
CULLENDER AND SMITH METHOD**

VERSION 1.0 3/13/84

GAS GRAVITY	<u>0.619</u>
COND. OR MISC. (C/M)	<u>C</u>
%N2	<u>0.24</u>
%CO2	<u>1.52</u>
%H2S	<u>0</u>
DIAMETER (IN)	<u>1.5</u>
DEPTH (FT)	<u>8015</u>
SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	<u>60</u>
BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	<u>200</u>
FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	<u>0</u>
SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)	<u>800</u>
BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	<u>952.7</u>

SAN JUAN 29-7 UNIT #138 DAKOTA - CURRENT

**FLOWING AND STATIC BHP  
CULLENDER AND SMITH METHOD**

VERSION 1.0 3/13/94

GAS GRAVITY	<u>0.619</u>
COND. OR MISC. (C/M)	<u>C</u>
%N2	<u>0.24</u>
%CO2	<u>1.52</u>
%H2S	<u>0</u>
DIAMETER (IN)	<u>1.5</u>
DEPTH (FT)	<u>8015</u>
SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	<u>60</u>
BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	<u>200</u>
FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	<u>0</u>
SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)	<u>1232</u>
BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	<u>1479.0</u>

SAN JUAN 29-7 UNIT #138 DAKOTA - ORIGINAL

**FLOWING AND STATIC BHP  
CULLENDER AND SMITH METHOD**

VERSION 1.0 3/13/94

GAS GRAVITY	<u>0.698</u>
COND. OR MISC. (C/M)	<u>C</u>
%N2	<u>0.13</u>
%CO2	<u>0.97</u>
%H2S	<u>0</u>
DIAMETER (IN)	<u>2.375</u>
DEPTH (FT)	<u>5338</u>
SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	<u>60</u>
BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	<u>150</u>
FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	<u>0</u>
SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)	<u>457</u>
BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	<u>522.6</u>

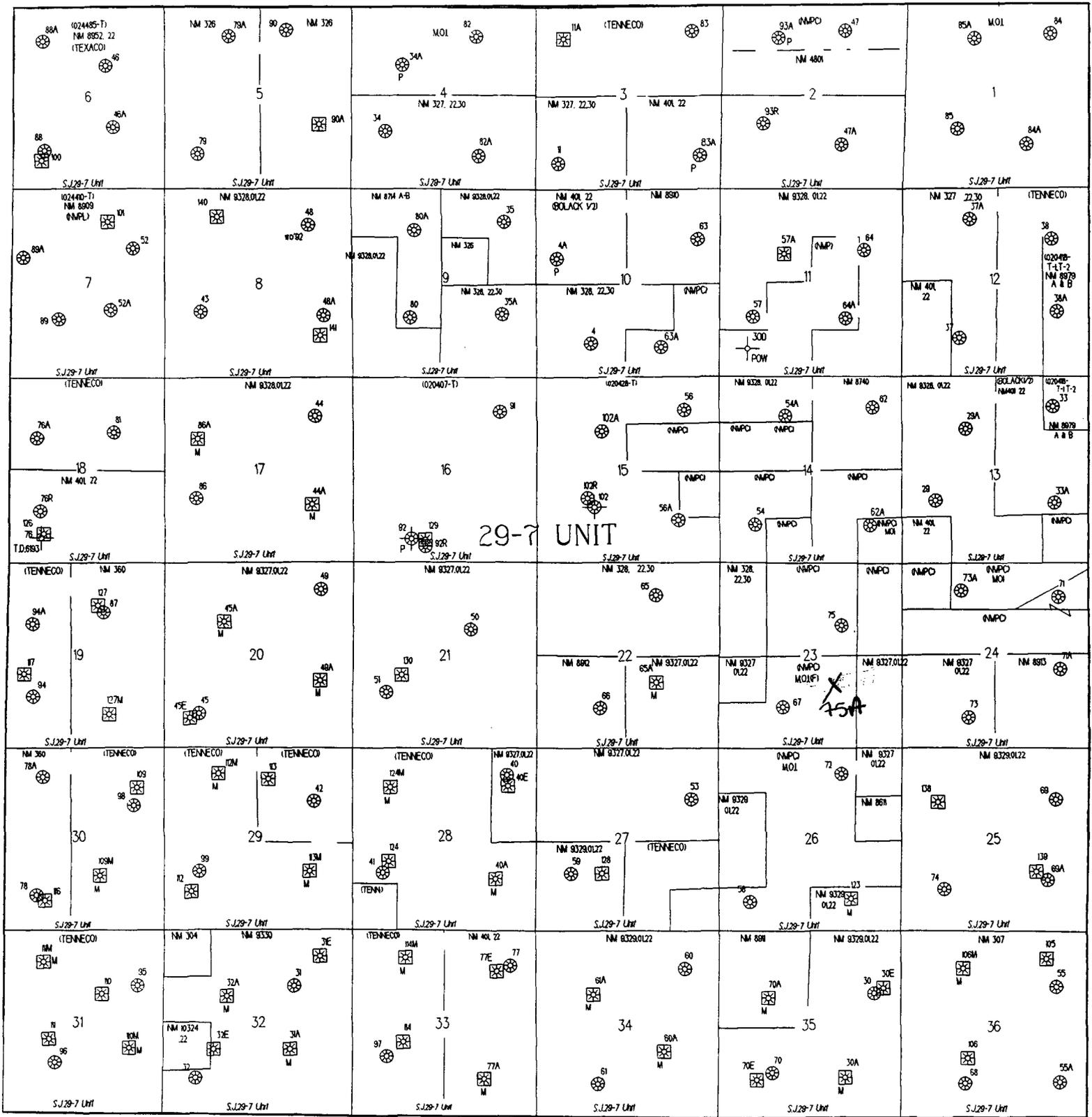
SAN JUAN 29-7 UNIT #75 MESAVERDE - CURRENT

**FLOWING AND STATIC BHP  
CULLENDER AND SMITH METHOD**

VERSION 1.0 3/13/94

GAS GRAVITY	<u>0.698</u>
COND. OR MISC. (C/M)	<u>C</u>
%N2	<u>0.13</u>
%CO2	<u>0.97</u>
%H2S	<u>0</u>
DIAMETER (IN)	<u>2.375</u>
DEPTH (FT)	<u>5338</u>
SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	<u>60</u>
BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	<u>150</u>
FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	<u>0</u>
SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)	<u>1102</u>
BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	<u>1280.4</u>

SAN JUAN 29-7 UNIT #75 MESAVERDE - ORIGINAL



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 11629  
ORDER NO. R-10697

APPLICATION OF BURLINGTON RESOURCES  
OIL & GAS COMPANY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING "REFERENCE  
CASE" FOR ITS SAN JUAN 29-7 UNIT PURSUANT  
TO DIVISION RULE 303.E. AND THE ADOPTION  
OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THEREFOR,  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on October 17, and November 7, 1996, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiners David R. Catanach and Michael E. Stogner, respectively.

NOW, on this 8th day of November, 1996, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) The applicant, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company (Burlington), pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 303.E., seeks to establish a downhole commingling "reference case" to provide exceptions for (a) marginal economic criteria, (b) pressure criteria, (c) allocation formulas and (d) modification of notification rules on a unit-wide basis for downhole commingling of Dakota, Mesaverde, Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs gas production within existing or future drilled wells within the San Juan 29-7 Unit, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) Division Rule No. 303.E., amended by Order No. R-10470-A, currently states:

- d) establish a "reference case" or an administrative procedure for authorizing the downhole commingling of existing or future drilled wells within the San Juan 29-7 Unit without additional notice to each affected interest owner as required by Division Rule No. 303.D.

(7) In support of its request to except marginal economic criteria, the applicant presented geologic and engineering evidence and testimony which indicates that within the San Juan 29-7 Unit:

- a) the structure and thickness of the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations are very consistent;
- b) the average recoverable Dakota and Pictured Cliffs gas reserves underlying an undeveloped drill block are approximately 245 MMCFG and 76 MMCFG, respectively;
- c) the average initial producing rate for a newly drilled or recompleted Dakota and Pictured Cliffs gas well is approximately 218 MCFGD and 238 MCFGD, respectively; and,
- d) the estimated ultimate gas recoveries and initial producing rates from the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations are insufficient to justify drilling stand alone wells and/or dually completed wells to recover such gas reserves.

(8) The evidence and testimony presented by the applicant indicates that the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations within the San Juan 29-7 Unit should be properly classified as "marginal".

(9) In support of its request to except pressure criteria within the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations within the San Juan 29-7 Unit, the applicant presented engineering evidence and testimony which indicates that:

- a) the average shut-in bottomhole pressure within the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations at the time of initial development was approximately 3,209 psi and 1,148 psi, respectively; and,
- b) the average current shut-in bottomhole pressure within the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations is approximately 952 psi and 655 psi, respectively.

- e) no interest owner appeared at the hearing in opposition to the establishment of a "reference case" or administrative procedure for notice.

(14) An administrative procedure should be established within the San Juan 29-7 Unit for obtaining approval for subsequent downhole commingled wells without notice to Unit interest owners, provided however that, all other provisions contained within Division Rule No. 303.C. are complied with.

(15) Approval of the proposed "reference cases" for marginal economic criteria, pressure criteria, allocation formulas and notice will lessen the burden on the applicant insofar as providing the data required pursuant to Division Rule No. 303.D. and Form C-107-A, will provide the applicant a streamlined method for obtaining downhole commingling approvals within the San Juan 29-7 Unit, and will not violate correlative rights.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

(1) The application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company to establish a "reference case" for (a) marginal economic criteria, (b) pressure criteria, (c) allocation formulas and (d) modification of notification rules on a unit-wide basis for downhole commingling of Dakota, Mesaverde, Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs gas production within existing or future drilled wells within the San Juan 29-7 Unit, San Juan County, New Mexico, is hereby approved.

(2) Upon filing of Division Form No. C-107-A's for wells subsequently downhole commingled within the San Juan 29-7 Unit Area, the applicant shall not be required to submit supporting data to justify the classification of the Pictured Cliffs and Dakota formations as "marginal", supporting data to verify the Pictured Cliffs and Dakota pressure information provided, and support or justification for utilizing a given method or formula for allocation of production, provided however, in the event any of the data described above appearing on Form C-107-A appears to be beyond the data range provided in this case, the Division may require the submittal of additional supporting data.

(3) In order to obtain Division authorization to downhole commingle wells within the San Juan 29-7 Unit, the applicant shall file a Form C-107-A with the Santa Fe and Aztec Offices of the Division. Such application shall contain all the information required under Rule No. 303.C. of the Division Rules and Regulations, provided however that the applicant shall not be required to provide notice to all interest owners within the San Juan 29-7 Unit of such proposed commingling.