



**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DHC-1651

Conoco Inc.
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Attention: Ms. Ann E. Ritchie

*Newsom No. 2
API No. 30-045-05825
Unit M, Section 17, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, NMPM,
San Juan County, New Mexico.
Ballard-Pictured Cliffs (Gas - 71439) and
Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas - 71629) Pools*

Dear Ms. Ritchie:

Reference is made to your recent application for an exception to Rule 303.A. of the Division Rules and Regulations to permit the above described well to commingle production from the subject pools in the wellbore.

It appearing that the subject well qualifies for approval for such exception pursuant to the provisions of Rule 303.C., and that reservoir damage or waste will not result from such downhole commingling, and correlative rights will not be violated thereby, you are hereby authorized to commingle the production as described above and any Division Order which authorized the dual completion and required separation of the zones is hereby placed in abeyance.

The maximum amount of gas which may be produced daily from the well shall be determined by Division Rules and Regulations or by the gas allowable for each respective prorated pool as printed in the Division's San Juan Basin Gas Proration Schedule.

Production from the subject well shall be allocated as follows:

Gas production from the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool shall be determined utilizing the mid-year average production forecast submitted by the applicant as an attachment to the downhole commingling application. Gas production from the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool shall be determined by subtracting Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool production from the well's total monthly gas production.

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The allocation method established herein may be altered at some time subsequent to initiating downhole commingling operations upon request by the operator and for good cause shown.

REMARKS: The operator shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Division upon implementation of the commingling process.

Pursuant to Rule 303.H., the commingling authority granted herein may be rescinded by the Division Director if, in his opinion, conservation is not being best served by such commingling.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 9th day of September, 1997.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

by  Deputy Director

WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
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