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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION COVERSHEET

THIS COVERSHEET IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Application Acronyms:

- [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [NSL-Non-Standard Location]
- [DD-Directional Drilling] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication]
- [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling]
- [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement]
- [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion]
- [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase]
- [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response]

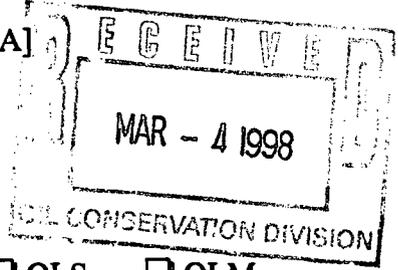
[1] TYPE OF APPLICATION - Check Those Which Apply for [A]

- [A] Location - Spacing Unit - Directional Drilling
 NSL NSP DD SD

Check One Only for [B] and [C]

- [B] Commingling - Storage - Measurement
 DHC CTB PLC PC OLS OLM

- [C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery
 WFX PMX SWD IPI EOR PPR



[2] NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply

- [A] Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners
- [B] Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
- [C] Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice
- [D] Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office
- [E] For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
- [F] Waivers are Attached

[3] INFORMATION / DATA SUBMITTED IS COMPLETE - Statement of Understanding

I hereby certify that I, or personnel under my supervision, have read and complied with all applicable Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division. Further, I assert that the attached application for administrative approval is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and where applicable, verify that all interest (WI, RI, ORRI) is common. I understand that any omission of data, information or notification is cause to have the application package returned with no action taken.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with supervisory capacity.

Peggy Bradfield
 Print or Type Name

[Signature]
 Signature

Regulatory/Compliance Administrator

Title

Date

DISTRICT I

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 :

X Administrative Hearing

APPLICATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING

EXISTING WELLBORE

X YES ___ NO

Burlington Resources Oil and Gas

PO Box 4289, Farmington, NM 87499

Operator San Juan 29-7 Unit #61-A Address F-34-29N-07W Rio Arriba

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

OGRID NO. 14538 Property Code 7465 API NO. 30-039-22379 Federal X State Fee

Table with 4 columns: The following facts are submitted in support of downhole commingling, Upper Zone, Intermediate Zone, Lower Zone. Rows include Pool Name and Pool Code, Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforations), Type of production (Oil or Gas), Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift), Bottomhole Pressure, Oil Zones - Artificial Lift: Estimated Current Gas & Oil - Flowing: Measured Current All Gas Zones: Estimated or Measured Original, Oil Gravity (°API) or Gas BTU Content, Producing or Shut-In?, Production Marginal? (yes or no), * If Shut-In and oil/gas/water rates of last production, * If Producing, give data and oil/gas/water water of recent test (within 60 days), Fixed Percentage Allocation Formula - % for each zone (total of %'s to equal 100%)

- 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 X No
11. Will cross-flow occur? X Yes ___ No
12. Are all produced fluids from all commingled zones compatible with each other? X Yes ___ No
13. Will the value of production be decreased by commingling? ___ Yes X No
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. X Yes ___ No
15. NMOCD Reference Cases for Rule 303(D) Exceptions: ORDER NO(S). Reference Order # R-10697
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 [Signature] TITLE Engineer I DATE 03-02-98

TYPE OR PRINT NAME L. Tom Loveland TELEPHONE NO. (505) 326-9700

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

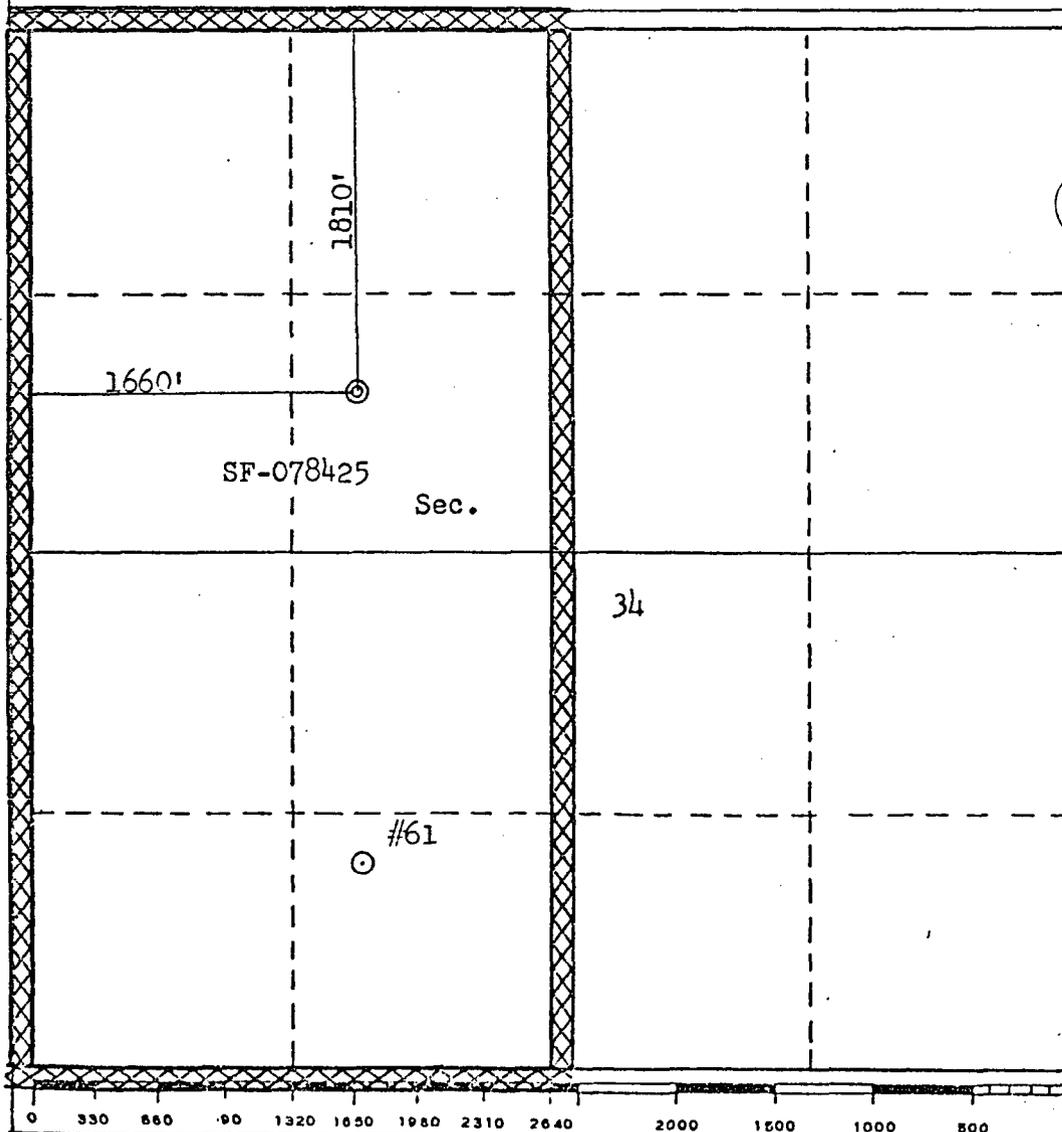
Operator EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY			Lease SAN JUAN 29-7 UNIT (SF-078425)		Well No. 61-A
Unit Letter F	Section 34	Township 29N	Range 7W	County RIO ARRIBA	
Actual Footage Location of Well: 1810 feet from the North line and 1660 feet from the West line					
Ground Level Elev. 6747	Producing Formation MESA VERDE - DAKOTA		Pool BLANCO MESA VERDE BASIN DAKOTA	Dedicated Acreage: 320.00 & 320.00 Acres	

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc?

Yes No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation Unitization

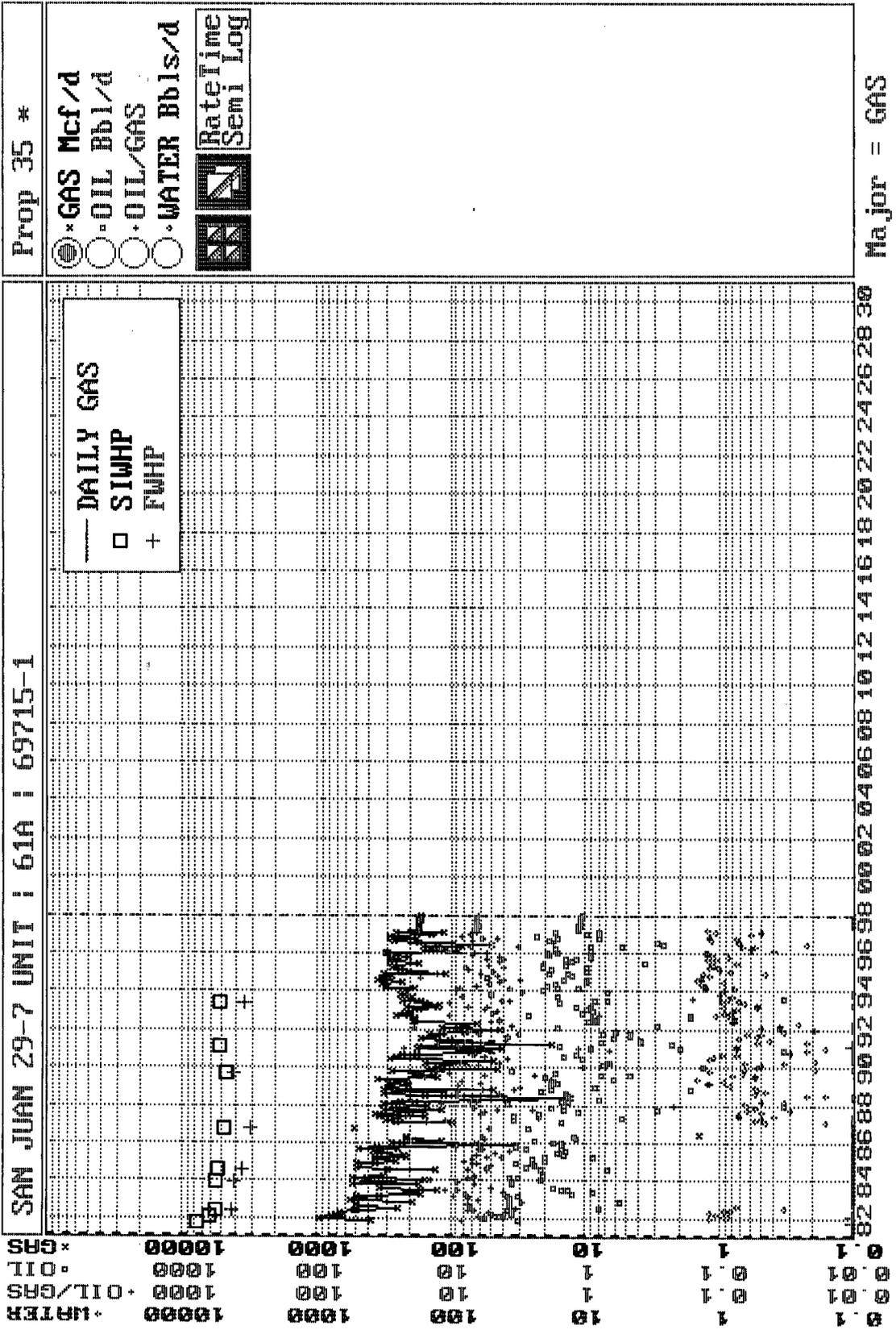
If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) _____

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commission.

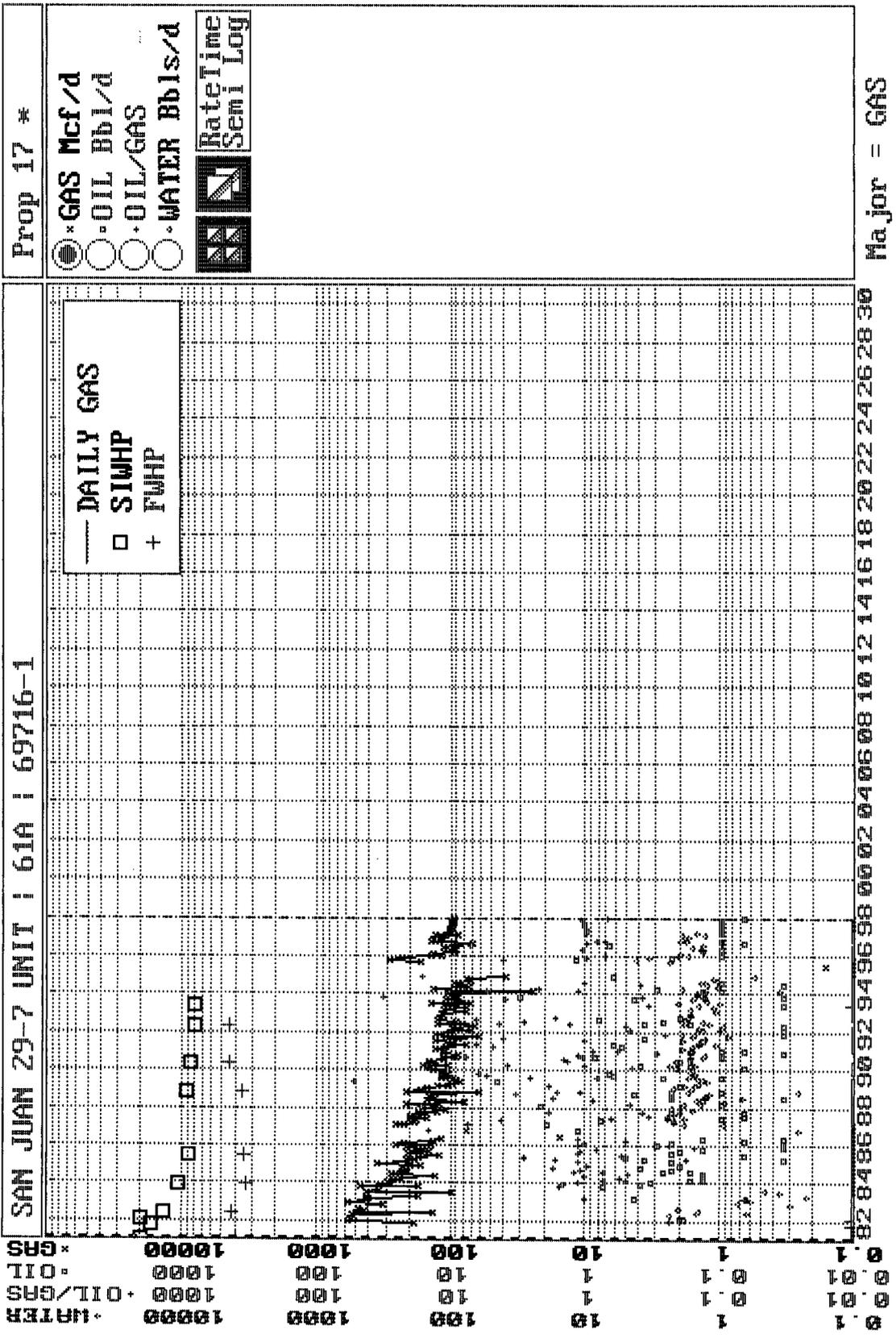


CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
<i>Deputy Drilling Clerk</i>	
Name	Drilling Clerk
Position	El Paso Natural Gas Co.
Company	April 23, 1980
Date	
I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat 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 knowledge and belief.	
Date Surveyed	March 29, 1980
Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor	<i>Fred B. Kerr, Jr.</i>
Certificate No.	3950

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DK



**San Juan 29-7 Unit #61A
Bottom Hole Pressures
Flowing and Static BHP
Cullender and Smith Method**

Version 1.0 1/14/98

Mesaverde		Dakota	
<u>MV-Current</u>		<u>DK-Current</u>	
GAS GRAVITY	0.697	GAS GRAVITY	0.612
COND. OR MISC. (C/M)	C	COND. OR MISC. (C/M)	C
%N2	0.24	%N2	0.14
%CO2	0.96	%CO2	1.46
%H2S	0	%H2S	0
DIAMETER (IN)	7	DIAMETER (IN)	2.375
DEPTH (FT)	5622	DEPTH (FT)	7886
SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	60	SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	60
BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	154	BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	192
FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	0	FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	0
SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)	421	SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)	563
BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	484.0	BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	664.9
<u>MV-Original</u>		<u>DK-Original</u>	
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FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	0	FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	0
SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)	773	SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)	2032
BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	896.4	BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	2447.7

MV

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Bbl Mcf Psi

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01/13/82		40749	630.0
05/13/82		142023	560.0
11/21/83		311880	555.0
08/21/84		380322	542.0
10/04/86		582654	497.0
09/07/89		796726	479.0
02/21/91		871661	520.0
05/03/93		985965	518.0
12/01/97		1360508	421.0

Original

Current based on P/z data

DK

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Property Name: SAN JUAN 29-7 UNIT | 61A | 69716-1

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05/13/82		93677	1373.0
11/21/83		253569	1049.0
06/05/85		381650	888.0
10/11/88		543035	911.0
04/22/90		611908	865.0
04/29/92		687932	812.0
05/17/93		731569	792.0
12/01/97		879172	563.0

Original

Current Estimated from P/Z data

FARMINGTON

1997 MONTHLY PRODUCTION FOR 69715

PHS030M1

SAN JUAN 29-7 UNIT

61A

BLANCO MESAVERDE (PRORATED GAS FIELD

MESAVERDE ZONE

MO	T	S	DAYS =====		OIL =====			GAS =====				WATER	PROD	C
			ON	PC	PROD	GRV	PC	PROD	ON	BTU	PRESS			
1				02	24		01	3424		1187	15.025		15	
2				02	50		01	7837		1187	15.025		33	
3				02	58		01	8930		1187	15.025		38	
4				02	61	67.4	01	8180		1187	15.025		35	
5				02	46		01	8268		1187	15.025		35	
6	2	F	24	02	39		01	4691	24	1187	15.025		20	
7	2	F	31	02		64.9	01	4634	31	1187	15.025		20	
8	2	F	31	02	34		01	5236	31	1187	15.025		22	
9	2	F	30	02	29		01	7455	30	1187	15.025		32	
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35 ÷ 31 = 1.13 bopd

5306 ÷ 31 = 171.2 mefd

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PF9 - DISPLAY MONTHLY INJECTION

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FARMINGTON

1997 MONTHLY PRODUCTION FOR 69716

PHS030M1

SAN JUAN 29-7 UNIT

61A

BASIN DAKOTA (PRORATED GAS) FIELD

DAKOTA ZONE

DAYS =====				OIL =====			GAS =====							
MO	T	S	ON	PC	PROD	GRV	PC	PROD	ON	BTU	PRESS	WATER	PROD	C
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2				02			01	3952		1046	15.025		57	
3				02		4	01	3127		1046	15.025		45	
4				02		1	01	3287		1046	15.025		48	
5				02		3	01	3418		1046	15.025		50	
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7	2	F	31	02		1	01	4956	31	1046	15.025		72	
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2883 ÷ 31 = 93 mcf/d

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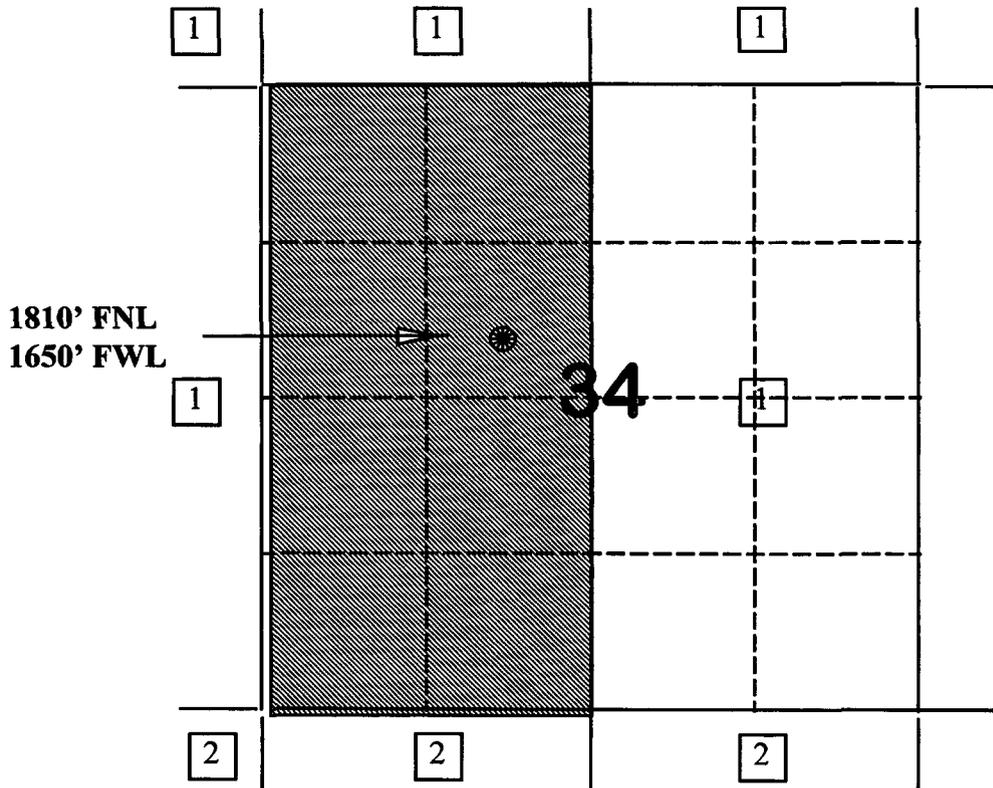
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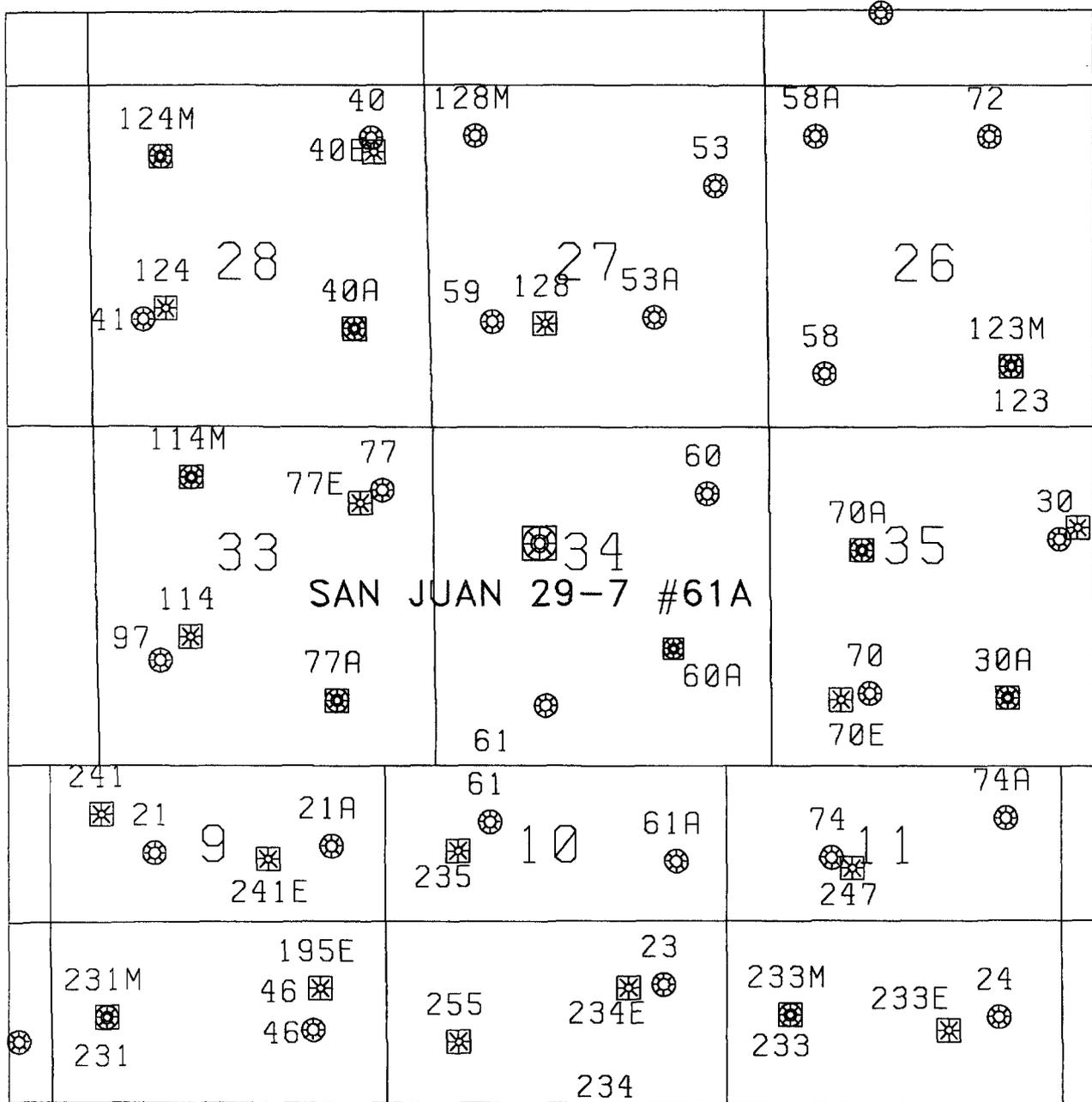
BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL AND GAS COMPANY
San Juan 29-7 Unit #61A

OFFSET OPERATOR/OWNER PLAT
Mesaverde / Dakota Formations Commingle Well

Township 29 North, Range 7 West



- 1) Burlington Resources
- 2) Conoco, Inc.
10 Desta Drive, Suite 100W
Midland, TX 79705-4500



PLH 12/11/97

*SAN JUAN 29-7 #61A
SEC. 34 T29N, R7W
MESAVERDE/DAKOTA*

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:

"If sufficient data exists on a lease, pool, formation, geographic area, etc., so as to render it unnecessary to repeatedly provide such data on Form C-107-A, an operator may except any of the various criteria required under Paragraph 303.D. of this rule by establishing a "reference case". The Division, upon its own motion, or by application from an operator, may establish "reference cases" either administratively or by hearing. Upon Division approval of such "reference cases" for specific criteria, subsequent applications to downhole commingle (Form C-107-A) will be required only to cite the Division order number which established such exceptions and shall not be required to submit data for those criteria."

(4) The applicant is the current operator of the San Juan 29-7 Unit which encompasses some 22,500 acres in Township 29 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(5) Within the San Juan 29-7 Unit, the applicant currently operates fifty-five (55) Basin-Dakota Gas Pool wells, one hundred thirty-one (131) Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool wells, thirteen (13) Blanco-Pictured Cliffs and South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool wells, and forty-nine (49) Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool wells.

(6) According to its evidence and testimony, Burlington seeks to:

- a) establish a "reference case" for marginal economic criteria in the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations whereby these formations and/or pools may be identified as "marginal" on Form C-107-A's subsequently filed for wells within the San Juan 29-7 Unit. The applicant further proposes that the data provided in the immediate case serve as supplemental data or confirmation that these formations and/or pools should be classified as "marginal";
- b) establish a "reference case" for pressure criteria in the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations whereby the Division may utilize data provided in the immediate case to verify the pressure data provided on Form C-107-A's subsequently filed for wells within the San Juan 29-7 Unit;
- c) establish a "reference case" whereby the Division utilizes the data presented in the immediate case to endorse or approve certain methods of allocating production whereby the applicant need not submit additional data or justification when proposing a certain method of allocating production on Form C-107-A's subsequently filed for wells within the San Juan 29-7 Unit; and.

- 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.

(10) There is sufficient pressure data available within the San Juan 29-7 Unit so as to except pressure criteria as proposed by the applicant.

(11) The applicant testified that various allocation methods will be utilized for downhole commingled wells within the San Juan 29-7 Unit depending on the circumstances. Some of the methods and circumstances are described as follows:

- a) the subtraction method will likely be utilized in those instances involving the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and in those instances where a zone with a well established decline rate is commingled with a newly completed zone;
- b) a fixed allocation formula will be utilized in those instances where production history for both zones is available, or in those instances where newly completed zones are tested and stabilized flow rates obtained.

(12) The allocation methods proposed by the applicant are routinely utilized by industry and approved by the Division and therefore, the proposal to except allocation formulas should be approved.

(13) In support of its request to establish a "reference case" or administrative procedure for providing notice within the San Juan 29-7 Unit the applicant presented evidence and testimony which indicates that:

- a) the interest ownership between two zones within a given wellbore in the San Juan 29-7 Unit is generally not common;
- b) pursuant to Division Rule No. 303.D., applicant is currently required to notify all interest owners within the San Juan 29-7 Unit every time a Form C-107-A is submitted to the Division. There are a considerable number of such interest owners within the unit;
- c) providing notice to each interest owner within the San Juan 29-7 Unit of subsequent downhole comminglings is unnecessary and is an excessive burden on the applicant;
- d) the downhole commingling of wells within the San Juan 29-7 Unit Area will benefit working, royalty, and overriding royalty interest owners. In addition, the downhole commingling of wells within the San Juan 29-7 Unit should not violate the correlative rights of any interest owner;

- 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.

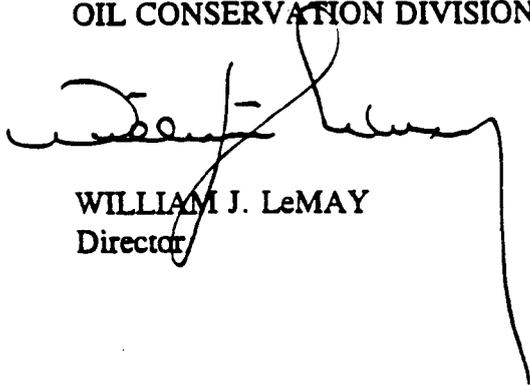
(3) In order to obtain Division authorization to downhole commingle wells within the San Juan 29-7 Unit, the applicant shall file a Form C-107-A with the Santa Fe and Aztec Offices of the Division. Such application shall contain all the information required under Rule No. 303.C. of the Division Rules 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.

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(4) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



WILLIAM J. LeMAY
Director

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