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Williams Production Company, LLC
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Attention: Ms. Heather Riley

Re: **Rosa Unit Well No. 9C**
API No. N/A
380' FSL & 330' FWL, Unit M,
Section 11, T-31 North, R-6 West, NMPM,
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Administrative Order NSL-5660

Dear Ms. Riley:

Reference is made to the following:

- (a) Williams Production Company, LLC's ("Williams") application for a non-standard well location (*administrative application referenece No. pCLP0718332270*) for the Rosa Unit Well No. 9C that was submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe, New Mexico on June 29, 2007; and
- (b) the Division's records pertinent to Williams' request.

Williams requests authority to drill its Rosa Unit Well No. 9C to test the **Basin-Dakota (Prorated Gas – 71599) and Blanco-Mesaverde (Prorated Gas –72319) Pools** at a non-standard gas well location for both the Mesaverde and Dakota formations 380 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 11, Township 31 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The well is to be dedicated to an existing standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool comprising the W/2 of Section 11, and is also to be dedicated to an existing standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool comprising the W/2 of Section 11. The Basin-Dakota and Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pools are currently governed by special pool rules established by Division Order No. R-10987, as amended, which provide that for wells located **within federal exploratory units**:

- (a) a standard unit shall consist of 320 acres, more or less, comprising the N/2, S/2, E/2 or W/2 of a governmental section; and

- (b) well's may be drilled no closer than 10 feet from any section, quarter-section, or interior quarter-quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary; provided however, that in order to qualify for the more lenient well setback requirements, the well and gas proration unit (GPU) must meet the following criteria:

the well must be located within a GPU that is fully committed to the unit and must not be located adjacent to an existing or prospective GPU that is non-committed or partially committed to the unit;

the well must be located within a GPU that is within the Participating Area (PA) for that formation and must not be located adjacent to an existing or prospective GPU that is not within the PA for that formation.

Williams' application stated that the well was staked at the proposed location after consideration of engineering drainage data from existing Mesaverde gas wells, and in order to maximize the recovery of gas from the Mesaverde formation. The location is unorthodox for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool because the affected offset acreage to the west contains acreage that is not fully committed to the unit. The location is also unorthodox for the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool since the proposed GPU and the affected adjacent GPU's are not located within the Dakota PA.

Williams has provided notice of this application to all affected interest owners. No party has entered an objection to the application within the 20-day waiting period prescribed by Division Rule 19.15.3.104.F.

Division records show that the Rosa Unit Well No. 9C will be the fourth well producing from the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, and the second well producing from the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool within the W/2 of Section 11. The existing Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool producing wells are the Williams Rosa Unit Wells No. 9 (API No. 30-039-07975), 9A (API No. 30-039-25584) and the 9B (API No. 30-039-27042) located respectively in Units K, C and E. The existing Basin-Dakota Gas Pool producing well is the Williams Rosa Unit Well No. 9A (API No. 30-039-25584) located in Unit C.

Pursuant to the authority granted under the provisions of Division Rule 19.15.3.104.F(2), the above-described unorthodox gas well location in the Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Gas Pools is hereby approved.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Division Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
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