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Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company  
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Attention: Peggy Bradfield

*Administrative Order NSL-4188*

Dear Ms. Bradfield:

Reference is made to your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on December 22, 1998 for an off-pattern non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company's proposed McConnell Well No. 504 to be drilled 1110 feet from the North line and 800 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 25, Township 26 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico. The W/2 of Section 25 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool.

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 104.F of the General Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and Rule 8 of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended.

The geologic interpretation submitted with this application indicates that a well drilled into the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool at the proposed off-pattern non-standard coal gas well location will be at a more favorable geologic position within the gas productive coal seam interval than a well drilled at a location considered to be standard for this 320-acre W/2 dedication.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of these special pool rules and Division General Rule 104.F (2), the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenberg  
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington