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Attention: William F. Carr

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Administrative Order NSL-4760
(Non-Standard Subsurface Location/Producing Area)

Dear Mr. Carr:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application on behalf of the operator, Williams Production Company, L.L.C. ("Williams") dated July 1, 2002 (*application reference No. pKRV0-218446886*); (ii) the records of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Aztec and Santa Fe: all concerning William's request for exception to Division Rules 111.A (13) and 111.C (2) and Rule 7 of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended.

The Division Director Finds That:

- (1) The subject application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rule 111.C (2) and the applicable provisions of the special rules governing the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (71629);
- (2) The special rules governing the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool provides for 320-acre gas spacing units and wells to be located within either the NE/4 or SW/4 of the section and not closer than 660 feet from any outer boundary of the spacing unit nor closer than 10 feet from any quarter-quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary;
- (3) The "project area" is to consist of an existing standard 320-acre, more or less, stand-up gas spacing unit comprising the W/2 equivalent of Section 26, Township 31 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico;
- (4) This unit is currently dedicated to William's Rosa Unit Well No. 310 (**API No. 30-039-24863**) which was drilled to and completed in the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool in 1990 by Meridian Oil Inc. at a standard coal gas well location 1245 feet from

the South line and 1850 feet from the west line (Unit N) of Section 26;

- (5) It is our understanding that Williams intends to recomplete this well by kicking-off at a depth of approximately 3,197 feet (MD) in a northwesterly direction, build angle at a rate of 12 degrees per 100 feet until 90 degrees off of vertical is achieved at a depth of 3,674 feet (TVD), and directionally drill a horizontal drainhole a lateral distance of approximately 2,025 feet;
- (6) It appears that the applicant has satisfied all of the appropriate requirements prescribed in Division Rule 111.C (2) and RULE 9 (B) of the Basin-Fruitland coal gas special pool rules; therefore the subject application should be approved; and
- (7) The provisions contained within this order and all other applicable provisions of Division Rule 111 and Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, should govern the subject well and 320-acre, more or less, gas spacing unit.

It Is Therefore Ordered That:

(1) By the authority granted me under the provisions of RULE 9 (B) of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, the application of Williams Production Company, L.L.C. ("Williams") for exception to Division Rules 111.A (13) and 111.C (2) and RULE 7 of the special pool rules governing the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (71629), is hereby approved. Williams is further authorized to recomplete its existing Rosa Unit Well No. 310 (API No. 30-039-24863), located at a standard coal gas well location 1245 feet from the South line and 1850 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 26, Township 31 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, by kicking-off at a depth of approximately 3,197 feet (MD) in a northwesterly direction, build angle at a rate of 12 degrees per 100 feet until 90 degrees off of vertical is achieved at a depth of 3,674 feet (TVD), and directionally drill a horizontal drainhole a lateral distance of approximately 2,025 feet.

(2) The "project area" for this well shall comprise the existing standard 320-acre, more or less, stand-up gas spacing unit comprising the W/2 equivalent of Section 26.

(3) The applicable drilling window or producing area within the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool for this wellbore shall include that area within the subject 320-acre, more or less, gas spacing unit that is no closer than 660 feet to any outer boundary of the spacing unit.

(4) The operator shall comply with all applicable requirements and conditions set forth in Division Rule 111 and Division Order No. R-8768, as amended.

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(5) Jurisdiction of this case 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
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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
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