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Mr. Michael E. Stogner Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe. New Mexico 87505

Re:

cc:

NMOCD Case 12253

Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company for approval of a non-standard gas spacing unit and unorthodox gas well location for its

McDaniel Well No. 1R, Unit M, Section 17, T29N, R11W

Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool,

San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

On behalf of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company ("Burlington"), I presented this case to you as the Division Hearing Examiner at the hearing held on October 7, 1999. During this hearing the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") requested that Burlington's application be modified to include the SE/4SW/4 of Section 17, T29N, R11W. As an accommodation to the BLM, Burlington acquiesced to this request and asked that the case be continued and readvertised to include the BLM's acreage being a portion of Federal Lease NMNM0019405. As a result of that request, you directed that Burlington prepare a petroleum engineering study to address drainage and the possibility of re-instituting gas prorationing in this pool.

Because of the marginal nature of this well. Burlington cannot justify to its management the expenditure of time and effort to address those issues. Accordingly, Burlington has informed me that it is withdrawing this requested amendment and requesting that you take this case under advisement and issue an order based upon the record made at the hearing held on October 7, 1999.

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cc: Bureau of Land Management (Santa Fe)

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