



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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September 30, 2002

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Oil Conservation Division

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company
P. O. Box 4289
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Attention: Peggy Cole

Re: *Administrative application for an exception to the well location provisions of the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Dakota Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-10987-B, as amended, for Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company's ("Burlington") proposed San Juan "30-6" Unit Well No. 99-C within the W/2 of Section 34, being a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing unit for the Basin-Dakota Pool.*

Dear Ms. Cole:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your administrative application for an unorthodox Dakota gas well location for Burlington Resources Oil & Gas, Inc.'s proposed San Juan "30-6" Unit Well No. 99-C (API No. 30-039-26875) to be drilled 1125 feet from the South line and 2290 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 34, Township 30 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The Division received your application on September 27, 2002, and assigned it NMOCDD application reference No. *pKRV0-227045791*. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the Division.

Our preliminary review indicates that the information provided in the application is not sufficient to process an administrative order at this time. It appears that your application may be incomplete with respect to notice. As you are aware Division Order No. R-10987-B (2) addressed the issue of an unorthodox gas well within an exploratory unit crowding spacing units in non-participating areas.

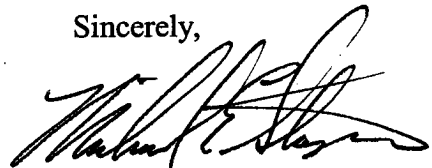
You failed to mention or identify these affected mineral interest to the east. In order for me to continue with processing your request, please identify all of the effected mineral interests within the E/2 of Section 34 and provide adequate notice, or offer an explanation with support data why notice is not required in this instance.

Since the submitted information is insufficient to review, the application was ruled as incomplete on September 30, 2002. Please submit the above stated information by Monday, October 7, 2002.

The Division cannot proceed with your application until the required information is submitted. Upon receipt, the Division will continue to process your application. The additional information can be faxed to (505) 476-3471, or mailed to the Division in Santa Fe. If the necessary information is not submitted, your application will be returned to you.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact your legal counsel, Mr. W. Thomas Kellahin in Santa Fe at (505) 982-4285 or me in Santa Fe at (505) 476-3465. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Stogner", written over a horizontal line.

Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington
W. Thomas Kellahin, Legal Counsel for Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company - Santa Fe