



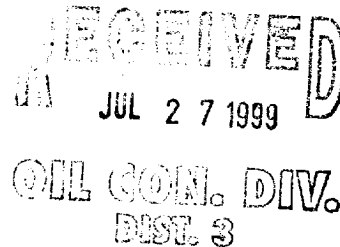
NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DHC-2400

Elm Ridge Resources, Inc.
312 W. La Plata St.
Farmington, NM 87401

Attention: Ms. Dana Delventhal



*Apache Well No. 12R
API No. 30-039-25610
Unit P, Section 17, Township 24 North, Range 5 West, NMPM,
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
Otero-Gallup (Oil - 48450) and
Basin-Dakota (Prorated Gas - 71599) Pools*

Dear Ms. Delventhal:

Reference is made to your recent application for an exception to Rule 303.A. of the Division Rules and Regulations to permit the above described well to commingle production from the subject pools in the wellbore.

It appearing that the subject well qualifies for approval for such exception pursuant to the provisions of Rule 303.C., and that reservoir damage or waste will not result from such downhole commingling, and correlative rights will not be violated thereby, you are hereby authorized to commingle the production as described above and any Division Order which authorized the dual completion and required separation of the zones is hereby placed in abeyance.

The maximum amount of gas which may be produced daily from the well shall be determined by Division Rules and Regulations or by the gas allowable for each respective prorated pool as printed in the Division's San Juan Basin Gas Proration Schedule.

Assignment of allowable to the well and allocation of production from the well shall be on the following basis:

Otero-Gallup Pool	Oil 99%	Gas 56%
Basin-Dakota Pool	Oil 1%	Gas 44%

REMARKS: The operator shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Division upon implementation of the commingling process.

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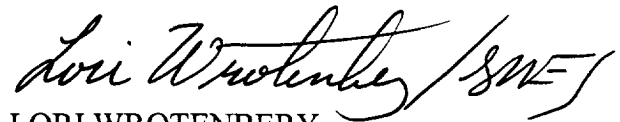
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Pursuant to Rule 303.H., the commingling authority granted herein may be rescinded by the Division Director if conservation is not being best served by such commingling.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 23rd day of July, 1999.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Wrotenbery" followed by a stylized flourish or set of initials.

LORI WROTENBERY
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec /
Bureau of Land Management-Farmington