

### NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

June 7, 1999

Phillips Petroleum Company 5525 Highway 64 – NBU 3004 Farmington, New Mexico 87401 Attention: Scott Prather



Administrative Order NSL-4308

Dear Mr. Prather:

Reference is made to your application dated May 14, 1999 for an exception to the well location requirements provided within the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Dakota Pool," as promulgated by New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") Order No. R-10987, for a non-standard infill gas well location in an existing standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Dakota Pool comprising the E/2 of Section 33, Township 29 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. This unit is currently dedicated to Phillips Petroleum Company's San Juan "29-6" Unit Well No. 87 (API No. 30-039-07492), located a standard initial gas well location 1500 feet from the North line and 880 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 33.

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F and 605.B.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F(2), the following described well to be drilled at an unorthodox infill gas well location in Section 33 is hereby approved:

San Juan "29-6" Unit Well No. 87-M 660' FSL & 2110' FEL (Unit O).

Further, both of the aforementioned San Juan "29-6" Unit Well Nos. 87 and 87-M and existing gas spacing and proration unit will be subject to all existing rules, regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to prorated gas pools in Northwest, New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery

Director

LW/MES/kv

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington



May 14, 1999

Oil Conservation Division State of New Mexico 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Attn: Mr. Michael Stogner

RE: REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION

SAN JUAN 29-6 UNIT #87M WELL

**SE/4 SECTION 33-29N-6W** 

**RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO** 

**PHILLIPS CONTRACT C40453** 

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Phillips Petroleum Company (Phillips) as Operator of the captioned well, respectfully requests administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for the said well.

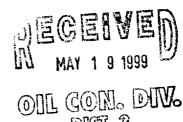
Phillips proposes to drill the San Juan 29-6 Unit #87M well at a location of 660' FSL & 2110' FEL of Section 33-29N-6W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. This well will be a commingled well located in the Basin Dakota and Blanco Mesaverde Pools and will have the E/2 of Section 33 designated as the drillblock for the Mesaverde and as the drillblock for the Dakota. This is an orthodox location for the Mesaverde, (as per Order No. R-10987-A) and is an 80 acre infill well for the Mesaverde Pool, however, it is not an orthodox location for the Dakota Pool as currently established.

In this particular unit, the Mesaverde has been developed on the optional 160 acre basis. It is unlikely that a Dakota well could be drilled as a stand-alone well on an economic basis. The economics are improved through the investment savings realized by drilling the well as a Dakota/Mesaverde commingled well. Since the orthodox locations for the Dakota already have existing Mesaverde wells on them, we are precluded from drilling commingled wells at those locations. The most viable alternative to recover Dakota reserves is to drill the 80 acre Mesaverde infill wells as commingled wells, thus necessitating our request. Additionally, this creates less surface disturbance, which is an increasing concern of the BLM and Fee surface owners.

For your benefit in reviewing this request, we are providing the following:

- 1. Form C-102
- 2. A topographical plat of the area
- 3. A nine section plat exhibiting offset operators
- 4. Copies of exhibits presented at our March 18, 1999 hearing for downhole commingling in the San Juan 29-6 Unit (Case No. 12136, currently pending with Mr. Catanach)

This drill block is located within the confines of the San Juan 29-6 Unit. The offset operators have been furnished with 3 copies of this correspondence by certified mail and are requested to furnish your office with a Waiver of Objection, keep one copy for their records and return one copy to our office.



Unorthodox Well Location San Juan 29-6 Unit #87M Well May 14, 1999 Page 2

We thank you for your considerate attention to this request and should you need additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

S. Scott Prather, CPL
Senior Landman
San Juan Basin

cc: J. L. Mathis (r) C40453 Emie Busch – OCD, Aztec Offset Owners

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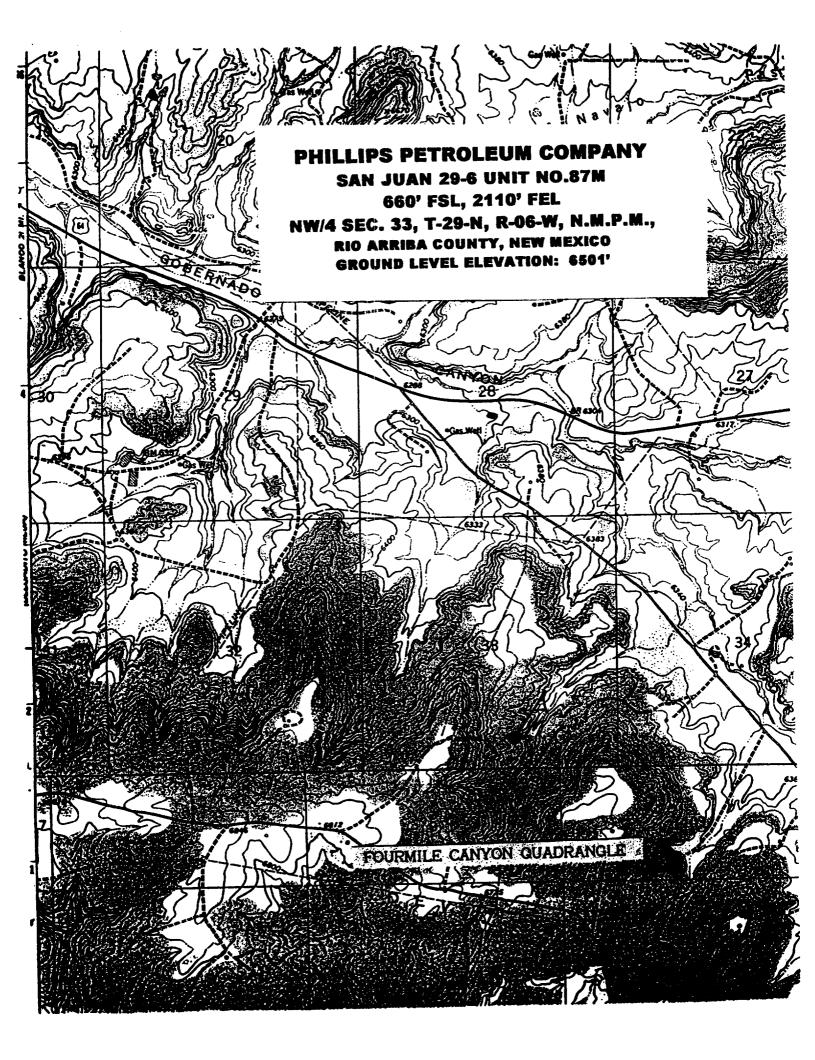
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### State of New Mexico Energy. Mineral & Natural Resources Department

Form C-102 Revised October 18, 1994 Instructions on buck Submit to Appropriate District Office

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SAN JUAN 29-6 UNIT RIO ARRIBA CO, NM

March 4, 1999

J. Hopkins

## DRILLING AND COMPLETION COSTS CAPITAL EXPENSES (M\$)

### **MESAVERDE**

**DAKOTA** 

### SINGLE COMPLETION

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### **DUAL COMPLETION**

	TANGIBLE	INTANGIBLE	TOTAL		TANGIBLE	INTANGIBLE	TOTAL
DRILL & COMPLETE	74.5		404.8	DRILL & COMPLETE	80.6	362.0	442.6
FACILITIES	22.6	16.4	39.0	FACILITIES	22.6	16.4	39.0
TOTAL	97.1	346.7	443.8	TOTAL	103.2	378.4	481.6
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### **COMMINGLE COMPLETION**

	TANGIBLE	INTANGIBLE	TOTAL		TANGIBLE	INTANGIBLE	TOTAL
DRILL & COMPLETE	51.7	284.5	336.2	DRILL & COMPLETE	69.7	280.3	<b>350</b> .0
FACILITIES	11.3	8.2	19.5	FACILITIES	11.3	8.2	<b>19.</b> 5
TOTAL	63.0	292.7	355.7	TOTAL	81.0	288.5	<b>369</b> .5

Commingled Completion (Dakota + Mesaverde) 725.2

