



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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**Attention: Joni Clark**

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***Administrative Order NSL-4988-A***

Dear Ms. Clarke:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application (*administrative application reference No. pMES0-530537849*) that was submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe, New Mexico on October 28, 2005; and (ii) the Division's records in Santa Fe and Aztec, including the file on Division Administrative Order NSL-4988: all concerning Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, L. P.'s ("Burlington") request for an unorthodox gas well location in both the Fruitland sand formation (*WC 31N11W13C*) and Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (*71629*) for Burlington's existing Randleman Well No. 1-B (*API No. 30-045-31932*), located 725 feet from the North line and 2390 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 13, Township 31 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of: (i) Rule 7 (b) of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended; and (ii) Division Rules 104.F and 1210.A (2) [formerly Division Rule 1207.A (2), see Division Order No. R-12327-A, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 13482 on September 15, 2005].

By Division Administrative Order NSL-4988, dated January 29, 2004, Burlington received authorization for its above-described Randleman Well No. 1-B to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location in both the Blanco-Mesaverde (*72319*) and Basin-Dakota (*71599*) Pools.

It is the Division's understanding that Burlington experienced "major well problems" and plugged-off and abandoned the Mesaverde and Dakota intervals. Burlington now intends to dually recomplete this well up-hole into the Fruitland coal and sand intervals. Pursuant to Division Rule 104.C (3) and Rule 7 (a) of the special Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool rules, this location is considered to be unorthodox for both wildcat Fruitland sand gas production and the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, respectively.

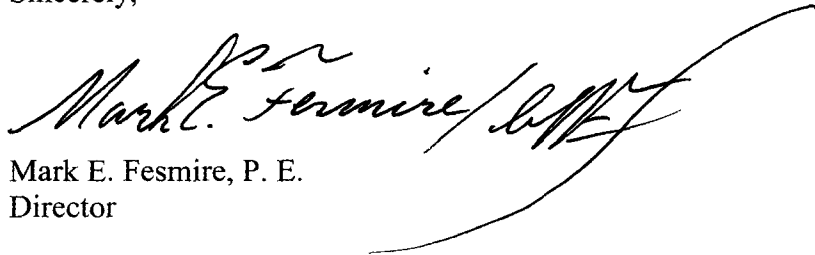
The NW/4 of Section 13, being a standard 160-acre gas spacing unit pursuant to Division Rule 104.C (3) for the Fruitland sand interval, and the W/2 of Section 13, being a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing unit in the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, is to be dedicated to this well.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2) and in accordance with Rule 8 of the special Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool rules, the above-described unorthodox Fruitland coal/Fruitland sand gas well location for Burlington's Randleman Well No. 1-B is hereby approved.

Further, Division Administrative Order NSL-4988 dated January 29, 2004 is hereby placed in abeyance until further notice.

Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

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

Mark E. Fesmire, P. E.  
Director

MEF/ms

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Aztec  
File: Division Administrative Order NSL-4988 (*reference No. pMES0-401467814*)