



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
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December 15, 1997

Burlington Resources
P. O. Box 4289
Farmington, NM 87499-4289
Attention: Peggy Bradfield

Administrative Order TX-279

Dear Ms. Bradfield:

Reference is made to your request for an exception to the tubing setting requirements as contained in Division Rule 107 (j) for the below-named well.

Pursuant to the authority granted me by Rule 107 (d) (4), you are hereby authorized to make a tubingless completion in the following well:

Well Name, Number and Location:

Ute Com Well No. 3, API No. 30-045-29265, Unit G, Section 19, Township 32 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

The Division reserves the right to rescind this authority in the event that waste appears to be resulting therefrom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. LeMay", written over a horizontal line.

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/RJ/kv

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

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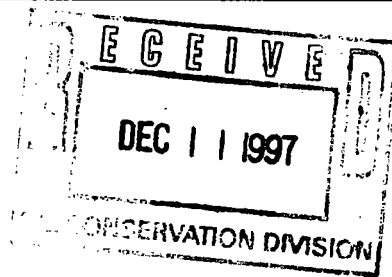
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December 9, 1997

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

Att: Mr. Roy Johnson

Re: Ute Com #23
1820'FNL, 1580'FEL, Section 19, T-32-N, R-14-W
San Juan County, New Mexico
30-045-29265



Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is an application for variance to Rule 107 Section J. The subject well was drilled and completed in 1995 in the Desert Creek formation. We intend to sidetrack the well within the Desert Creek with a 4 3/4" hole, run 3 1/2" casing and cement, overlapping the cement into the 5 1/2" casing by approximately 200 feet. The Desert Creek formation will be perforated and stimulated, and the well will be completed with no tubing

This tubingless completion is desirable as it will allow Burlington to economically complete the well with a rigless completion and allow more effective swabbing, if necessary. The 3 1/2" casing string will allow the well to produce at a higher rate than can be realized through smaller tubulars and also carry less risk during any subsequent workover operations.

The Ute Com #23 meets the following criteria:

- is in a proven field
- does not have corrosive or pressure problems
- is not a dual completion
- will not produce any liquids or condensate (dry gas only)

This well does not meet the criteria of less than 5000' in total depth, as its anticipated new total depth will be 8368' TVD. Attached is both a current and an anticipated wellbore schematic for the well.

We have discussed this application with both Mr. Ernie Busch of the Aztec District Office, and Mr. Rand Carroll of your Santa Fe office. Please let me know if you require any additional information for these wells.

Sincerely,

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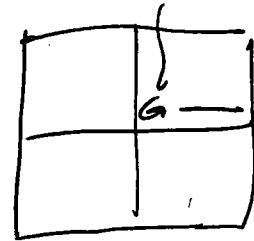
Peggy Bradfield
Regulatory/Compliance Administrator

xc: NMOCD - Aztec District Office

Ute Com #23

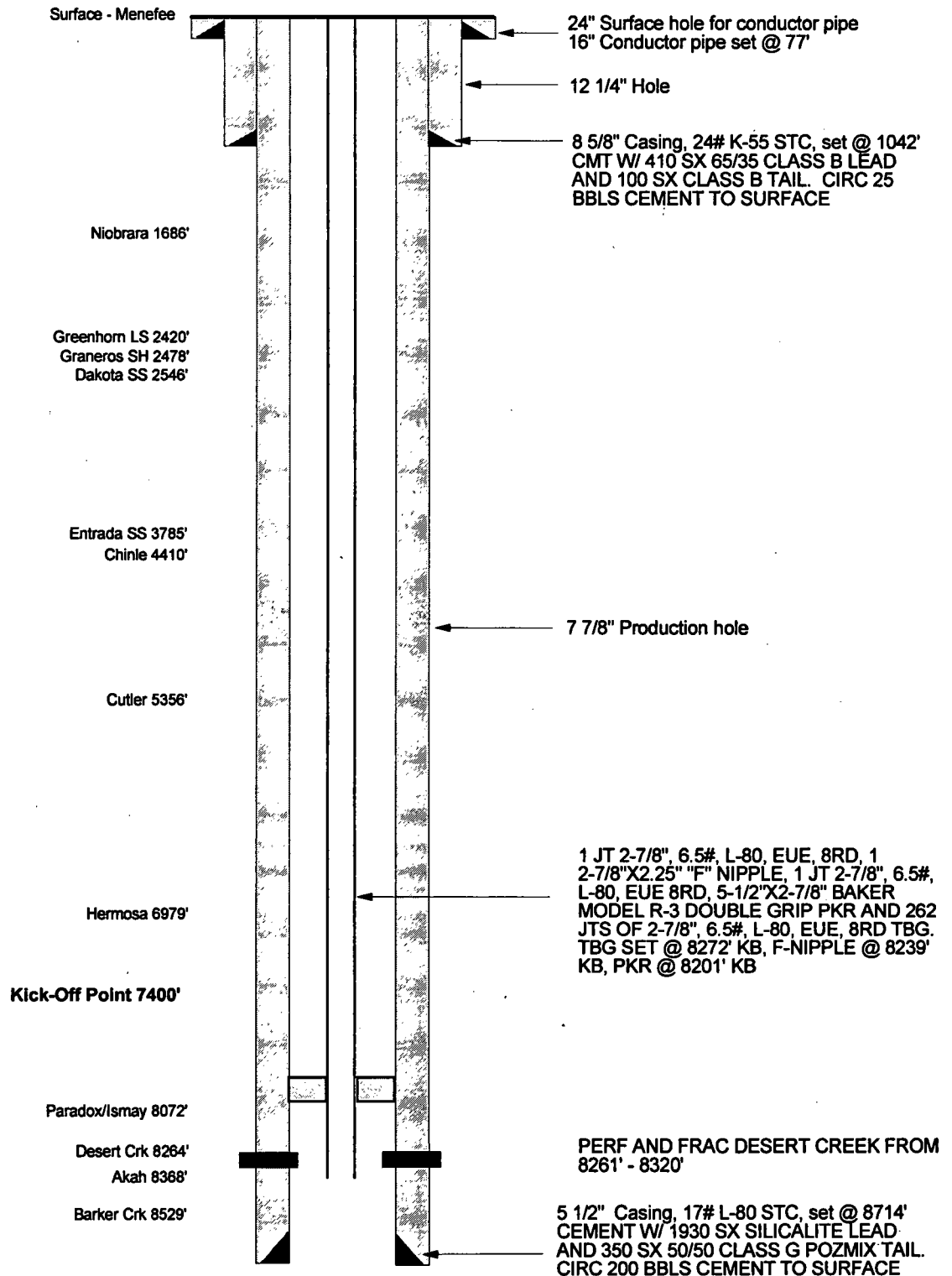
Current Schematic Drilled 7/95

1820' FNL - 1580' FEL
Sec 19, T32N-R14W
San Juan County, NM



ELEVATION: 6259' GL, 6273' KB

Barker Dome, Desert Creek



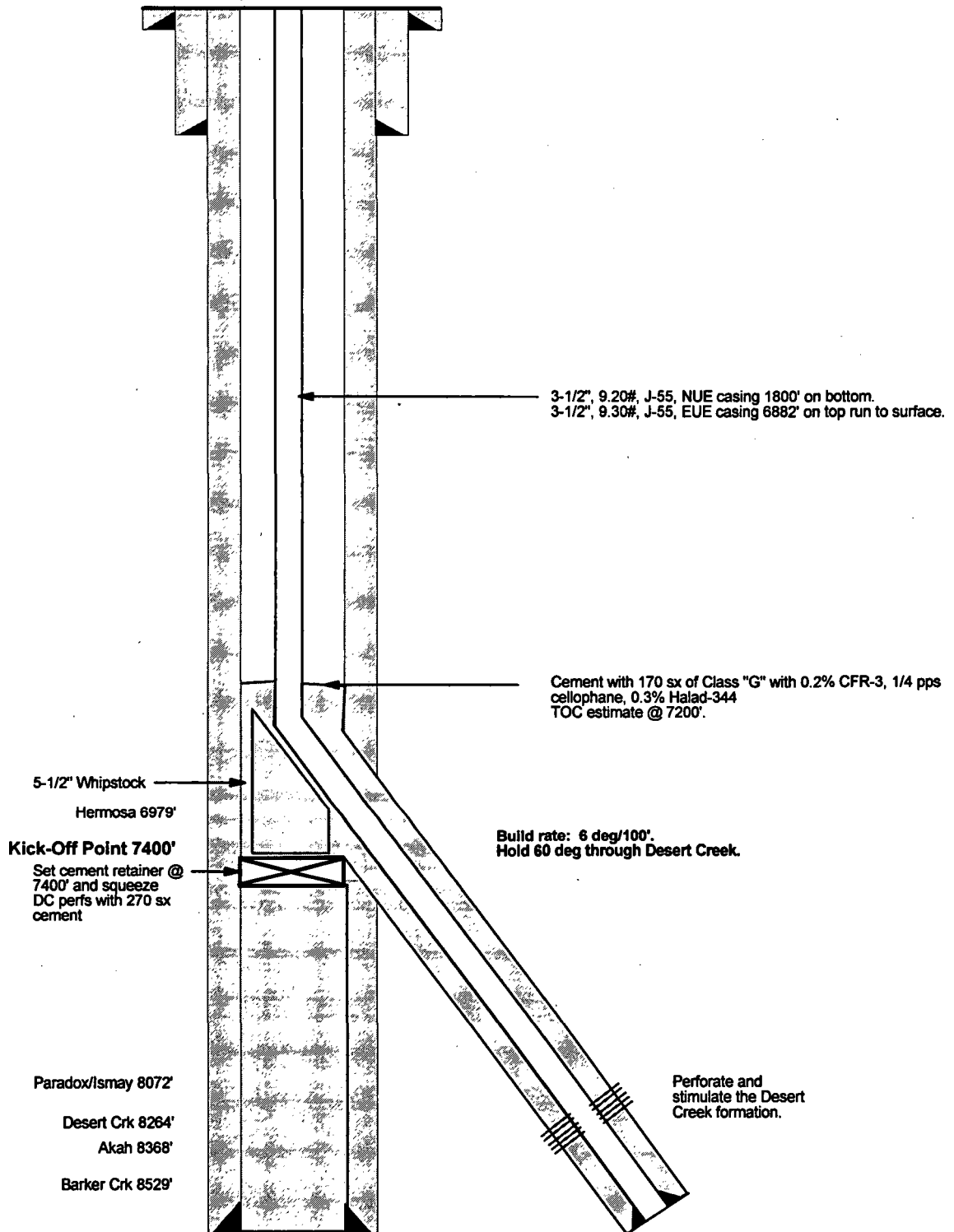
PBTD @ 8626'
Total Depth 8716'

Ute Com #23

Proposed Schematic Drilled 7/95

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Sec 19, T32N-R14W
San Juan County, NM

Barker Dome, Desert Creek



PBTD @ 8626'
Total Depth 8716'

New TD:
TVD @ 8368'
TMD @ 8682'