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- Engineering Bureau -1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505

ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE

Application Acronyms:

[NSL-Non-Standard Location] [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication] [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling] [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement] [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion] [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase] [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response]

[1] **TYPE OF APPLICATION -** Check Those Which Apply for [A]

Check One Only for [B] or [C]

- [B]
 Commingling Storage Measurement

 DHC
 CTB
 PLC
 PC
 OLS
 OLM
- [C]
 Injection Disposal Pressure Increase Enhanced Oil Recovery

 WFX
 PMX
 SWD
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 EOR
 PPR
- [D] Other: Specify Horeszonstan WELL
- [2] **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO:** Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply [A] Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners
 - [B] X Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
 - [C] Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice
 - [D] Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office
 - [E] For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
 - [F] Waivers are Attached

[3] SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE.

[4] **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is **accurate** and **complete** to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that **no action** will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

WILLIAM F. CAPP	- Dillion St. Jay	ATTORNEY	1/20/04
Print or Type Name	Signature	Title	Date
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e-mail Address

William F. Carr wcarr@hollandhart.com

January 20, 2004

HAND DELIVERED

Lori Wrotenbery, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 1220 Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

> Re: Administrative application for an exception to the well location provisions of the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool for the Williams Production Company, L.L.C. proposed Cox Canyon Unit Well No. 204 to be drilled as a horizontal drainhole within a producing area considered to be unorthodox within a project area comprising the W/2 of Section 21, Township 32 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, being a standard 320-acre stand-up unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Pursuant to the provisions of Rules 8 and 9 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768 dated October 17, 1988, as amended, Williams Production Company, L.L.C. hereby files its application for an administrative exception to the requirements of Rule 7 as amended by Division Order Nos. R-8768-B, dated February 10, 2000, R-8768-C, dated October 15, 2002, and R-8768-F, dated July 17, 2003, for the drilling of its Cox Canyon Unit Well No. 204 as an intentionally deviated horizontal wellbore on a standard 320-acre coalbed methane gas spacing unit comprised of the W/2 of Section 21, Township 32 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be the Project Area for this horizontal well.

Rule 7 provides that wells in the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool shall be located no closer than 660 feet to any outer boundary of the spacing unit nor closer than 10 feet to any interior quarter or quarter-quarter section line. Rule 7(2) generally exempts wells drilled in federal exploratory units from these spacing requirements. However, the proposed Cox Canyon Unit Well No. 204 does not fall within this exemption for, although it is within a federal exploratory unit, to date there has been no commercial Fruitland Coal gas production in the unit and no Fruitland Coal (Gas) Participating area has been established. The proposed well therefore is governed by Rule 7(a)(2)(vi) which provides: "if the well is located within an exploratory unit area but in an existing or prospective spacing unit that is a non-participating spacing unit, it shall not be closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of its spacing unit." The well is projected to an unorthodox bottomhole location 10 feet from the West line of Section 21 -- the outer boundary of the Project Area -- and the unorthodox bottom hole location must therefore be approved pursuant to Rule 8.

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The surface location for the proposed Cox Canyon Unit Well No. 204 is at a standard location southwest quarter of Section 21 at a point 1920 feet from the South line and 1950 feet from the West line of said Section 21.

Williams proposes to drill a vertical well to a kick-off point at a true vertical depth of 2996.83 feet and build a curve at a rate of 0.70° per 100 feet until a 90° curve is achieved at a vertical depth of 4016.44 feet. The Fruitland Coal formation will be penetrated in the SW/4 of Section 21 at a point 2005 feet from the South line and 1460 feet from the West line of the section. Williams proposes to then drill a lateral in a west northwesterly direction along an azimuth of 280.084 degrees (True North) for a bottomhole displacement of approximately 1970.44 feet in a narrow target seam to a terminus in the NW/4, SW/4 of Section 21.

Attached to this application are the following documents:

- **Exhibit A.** A plat showing the proposed spacing unit, the unorthodox bottomhole location, projected horizontal wellbore and the proposed lateral end of the wellbore;
- **Exhibit B.** A plat identifying offsetting owners and showing the boundary of the Cox Canyon Unit;
- **Exhibit C.** A copy of Division Form C-102 identifying the proposed 320-acre standard gas spacing or proration unit to be dedicated to the well;
- **Exhibit D.** The Halliburton Proposal Report for the Cox Canyon Unit Well No. 204, dated January 6, 2004, which contains schematic drawings of the proposed well that fully describe the casing, tubing, perforated or openhole interval, kick-off point, and proposed trajectory of the directional drainhole;

As shown on Exhibit B, the spacing unit for the proposed horizontal well is the W/2 of Section 21 which is located within the Cox Canyon Unit, a voluntary exploratory unit operated by Williams Production Company, L.L.C. The proposed unorthodox bottomhole location for the Cox Canyon Unit Well No. 204 encroaches on offsetting Section 21 to the west which is only partially within the unit boundaries.

The working interest is identical in the unit and in the portion of Section 21 that is outside the unit boundary. However, since there is no exiting Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool spacing unit in Section 21, and since, regardless whether the section is developed with standup or lay-down units there will be differences in the royalty and over-riding royalty interests in the spacing units in Section 21, Williams has sent a copy of this application to all working, royalty and over-ridding interest owners in the unit and all interest working, royalty and overriding interest owners in the undrilled tracts in Section 21 by certified mail, return receipt requested. The offsetting acreage in Sections 28 and 29 is federal land and operated by BP America Production Co. Therefore, in accordance with Division Rule 1207(a) (2), Williams

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has advised each affected party that they have 20 days from the receipt of this application in which to file written objections with the Santa Fe and Aztec office of the Division. Therefore, the notice requirements of Division Rule Rule 9(B) of the Special Pool Rules for the Basin Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool have been met.

Your attention to this application is appreciated.

Very truly yours, Sulley!

William F. Carr Attorney for Williams Production Company

Enclosures

cc: Oil Conservation Division-Aztec M. Vern Hansen, CPL-Williams

Administrative Application for an Exception to the Well Location Provisions of the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool for the Williams Production Company, L.L.C. Proposed Cox Canyon Unit Well No. 204

Notice List

BP America Production CompanyAttn: Bryan AndersonP. O. Box 3092Houston, TX 77253-3092

Burlington Resources Attn: Land Department P. O. Box 4289 Farmington, NM 87499-4289

ConocoPhillips 600 N. Dairy Ashford, CH10228 Houston, TX 77079

Minerals Management Service Royalty Management Program P. O. Box 5810 Denver, Colorado 80217-5810

Roy T. & Helen S. Johnson Trust 091670 Michael F. Covey Trustee 4 Hickory Lane Chalfont, Pennsylvania 18914-2013

Elliott Industries P. O. Box 3300 Roswell, New Mexico 88202

H. K. RiddleH. K. Riddle Trust / Tamanaco OilP. O. Box 13326Albuquerque, New Mexico 87192

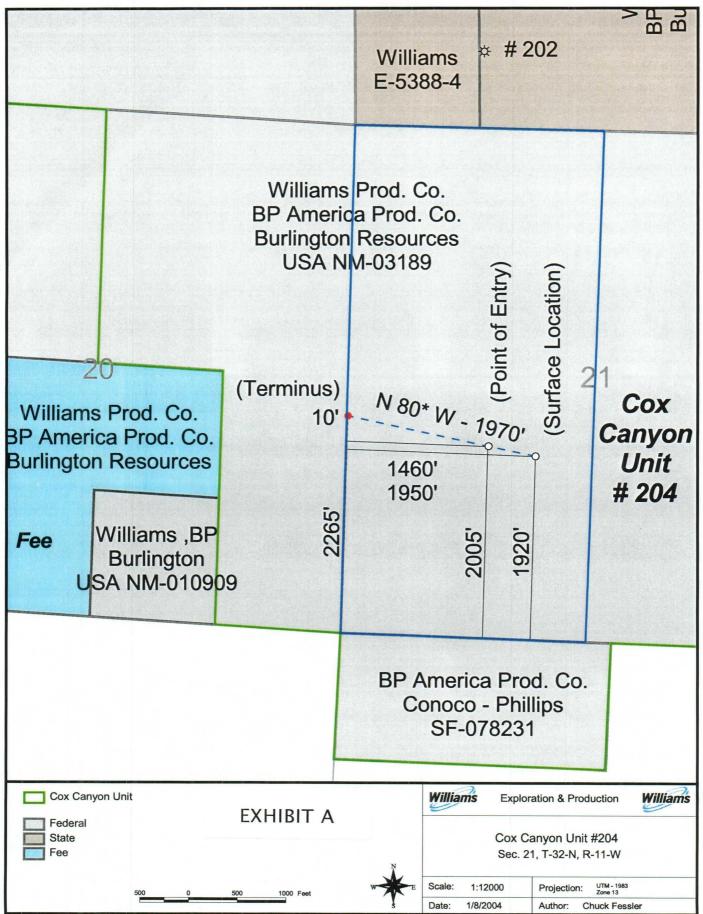
William H. Johns 74 Ken Road Dexter, New Mexico 88230

Elliott-Hall Company P. O. Box 1231 Ogden, Utah 84402

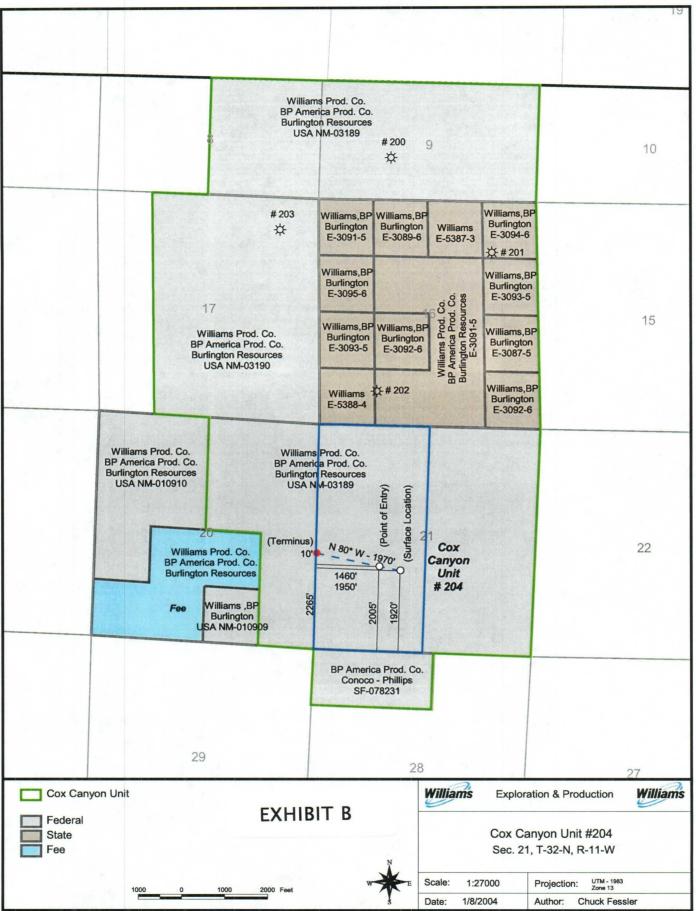
XTO Energy Inc. 136 S. LaSalle Street, Dept. 4849 Chicago. Illinois 60674-4849

Bureau of Land Management 1235 LaPlata Highway Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Commissioner of Public Lands State of New Mexico Stand Land Office Building Post Office Box 1148 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148



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Williams Production Company New Mexico San Juan County Cox Canyon Unit # 204 - Plan 01/06/04

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Proposal Report

6 January, 2004

Data Source: Information from Gary Sizemore

Proposal Ref: pro7214

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3130.75	16.070	280.084	3129.00	3.27 N	18.37 W	18.66	12.00	Fruitland Fm
3200.00	24.380	280.084	3193.92	7.45 N	41.92 W	42.58	12.00	
3300.00	36.380	280.084	3280.04	16.29 N	91.62 W	93.06	12.00	
3357.27	43.253	280.084	3324.00	22.71 N	127.71 W	129.71	12.00	Top of Coal Interval
3363.50	44.000	280.084	3328.50	23.46 N	131.94 W	134.01	12.00	Build Rate = 12.00°/100ft
3400.00	48.380	280.084	3353.77	28.07 N	157.86 W	160.34	12.00	
3500.00	60.380	280.084	3411.90	42.28 N	237.75 W	241.48	12.00	
3600.00	72.380	280.084	3451.90	58.29 N	327.80 W	332.94	12.00	
3700.00	84.380	280.084	3472.00	75.41 N	424.06 W	430.71	12.00	
3730.16	88.000	280.084	3474.00	80.68 N	453.68 W	460.80	12.00	Continue Build/Turn at 3730.16ft 7" Casing Top of Target Coal
3800.00	88.488	280.084	3476.14	92.90 N	522.41 W	530.61	0.70	top of faiget coal
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4016.44	90.000	280.084	3479.00	130.79 N	735.48 W	747.02	0.70	End of Build at 4016.44ft
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5100.00	90.000	280.084	3479.00	320.51 N	1802.30 W	1830.58	0.00	
5200.00	90.000	280.084	3479.00	338.02 N	1900.76 W	1930.58	0.00	
5239.86	90.000	280.084	3479.00	345.00 N	1940.00 W	1970.44	0.00	Total Depth at 5239.86ft Cox Canyon Unit # 204

Cox Canyon Unit # 204 Target, Current Target

All data is in Feet (US) unless otherwise stated. Directions and coordinates are relative to True North. Vertical depths are relative to RKB. Northings and Eastings are relative to Wellhead.

The Dogleg Severity is in Degrees per 100 feet.

Vertical Section is from Wellhead and calculated along an Azimuth of 280.084° (True).

Magnetic Declination at Surface is 10.917° (06-Jan-04)

Based upon Minimum Curvature type calculations, at a Measured Depth of 5239.86ft., The Bottom Hole Displacement is 1970.44ft., in the Direction of 280.084° (True).

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Comments

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Measured	asured Station Coordinates				
Depth	TVD	Northings	Eastings	Comment	
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2996.83	2996.83	0.00 N	0.00 E	Kick-Off at 2996.83ft	3'0
3363.50	3328.50	23.46 N	131.94 W	Build Rate = 12.00°/100ft	5240
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4016.44	3479.00	130.79 N	735.48 W	End of Build at 4016.44ft	224
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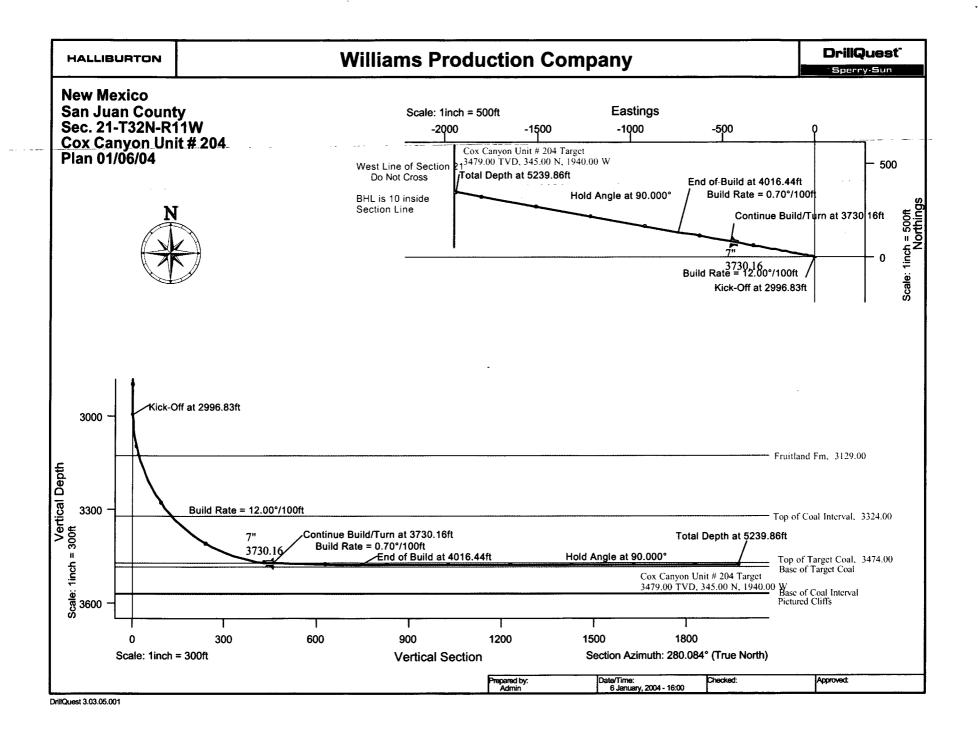
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Targets associated with this wellpath

	Target Entry Coordinates					
Target Name	TVD (ft)	Northings (ft)	Eastings (ft)	Target Shape	Target Type	
Cox Canyon Unit # 204 Target	3479.00	345.00 N	1940.00 W	Point	Current Target	



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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

TO AFFECTED INTEREST OWNERS

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As the owner of an interest that will be affected by the proposed horizontal well, you may object to this application. Objections must be filed in writing at the Division's Santa Fe office located and 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 and with the Division's Aztec office located at 1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, New Mexico 87410 within twenty days from the date this notice is received by you. If no timely objection is received by the Division Director, this application may be approved.

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As the owner of an interest that will be affected by the proposed horizontal well, you may object to this application. Objections must be filed in writing at the Division's Santa Fe office located and 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 and with the Division's Aztec office located at 1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, New Mexico 87410 within twenty days from the date this notice is received by you. If no timely objection is received by the Division Director, this application may be approved.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Stogner, Michael Monday, January 26, 2004 8:39 AM William F. Carr (E-mail) Williams Prod. Co. Cox Canyon Un. #204

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Micheal -You are correct. It is a typo. The references in the last two paragraphs of the application should read Section 20 -- not section 21. When you have a minute -- Please call.

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