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Attention: Joni Clark
Regulatory Specialist

Administrative Order NSL-2493-A

Dear Ms. Clark:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on February 9, 2004 (***administrative application reference No. pMES0-405049690***); (ii) your telefax to Ms. Florene Davidson on Monday morning, February 9, 2004 with supplemental information to this application; and (iii) the Division's records in Aztec and Santa Fe, including the file on Division Administrative Order NSL-2493: all concerning Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company ("Burlington") request for an exception to the well location requirements [Rule 7 (a) (1)] provided within the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, for a non-standard infill gas well location within an existing 320-acre lay-down gas spacing unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (**71629**) comprising the N/2 of Section 11, Township 30 North, Range 8 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*"; (ii) Division Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999; and (iii) Rule 1207.A (2), revised by Division Order No. R-11205, issued by the Commission in Case No. 12177 on June 17, 1999.

This unit is currently dedicated to Burlington's Howell Com. "J" Well No. 301 (**API No. 30-045-26896**), located at an unorthodox coal gas well location (approved by Division Administrative Order NSL-2493, dated April 18, 1988) 595 feet from the North line and 1085 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 11.

By the authority granted me under the applicable provisions of the special pool rules governing the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool and Division Rule 104.F (2), the following described unorthodox infill gas well location to be drilled within the above-described 320-acre lay-down coal gas spacing unit is hereby approved:

Howell Com. "J" Well No. 301-S
475' FNL & 815' FWL (Unit D)
(API No. 30-045-32016).

Further, Burlington is hereby authorized to simultaneously dedicate production attributed to the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool from its existing Howell Com. "J" Well No. 301 with the proposed Howell Com. "J" Well No. 301-S.

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

Sincerely,



Lori Wrotenbery
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Aztec
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington
File: NSL-2493