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Texakoma Oil & Gas Corporation
c/o **A. R. Kendrick**
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Administrative Order NSL-4527

Dear Mr. Kendrick:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application dated October 5, 2000 on behalf of the operator, Texakoma Oil & Gas Corporation ("Texakoma"); (ii) the records of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe ("Division"); and (iii) your telephone conversation with Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Engineer/Chief Hearing Officer on Tuesday, November 21, 2000: all concerning Texakoma's request for an off-pattern non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for the proposed Texakoma - La Plata "17" Well No. 1 to be drilled 1244 feet from the North line and 1744 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 17, Township 31 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico. The W/2 of Section 17 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of: (i) Rule 8 of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended; (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.

It is our understanding that a well drilled into the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool at the proposed off-pattern non-standard coal gas well location will be at a slightly more favorable geologic position within the gas productive coal seam interval than a well drilled at a location considered to be standard for this 320-acre W/2 dedication.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of these special pool rules and Division Rule 104.F (2), the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
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