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Administrative Order NSL-4523

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application on behalf of the operator, Pogo Producing Company ("Pogo") dated October 27, 2000; (ii) the records of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe; and (iii) your telephone inquiry to Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Engineer/Chief Hearing Officer on Thursday, November 9, 2000 as to the status of this application: all concerning Pogo's request for its proposed WBR Federal Well No. 5 to be drilled at an unorthodox Morrow gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 13, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Undesignated Bootleg Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

The S/2 of Section 13 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre lay-down gas spacing and proration unit for this pool.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999.

The geologic interpretation submitted with this application indicates that a well drilled at the proposed unorthodox gas well location will be at a more favorable geologic position within the Morrow formation than a well drilled at a location considered to be standard within the proposed unit.

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

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad