



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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*Administrative Order NSL-4668*

Dear Mr. Cox:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application dated November 6, 2001 (*application reference No. pKRV0-131357240*); and (ii) the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's ("Division") records in Aztec and Santa Fe: all concerning XTO Energy, Inc.'s ("XTO") request for an unorthodox gas well location within the Undesignated Gallegos-Gallup Associated Pool (26980) for the existing Berger Well No. 2-E (API No. 30-045-24752), located 1560 feet from the South line and 1710 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 23, Township 26 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

According to the Division's well records the above-described Berger Well No. 2-E was initially drilled in 1981 by Tenneco Oil Company and completed in the Basin-Dakota Pool as an initial well within a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit comprising the W/2 of Section 23 at a standard gas well location therein.

It is our understanding that XTO intends to abandon the Dakota interval within this wellbore and recomplete up-hole into the Gallup formation in an attempt to establish commercial gas production.

Further, the W/2 of Section 23 is also to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit for the Gallegos-Gallup Associated Pool.

The location of this well is considered to be unorthodox pursuant to **Rule 2 (b)** of the "General Rules and Regulations for the Associated Oil and Gas Pools of Northwest New Mexico and Southeast New Mexico/Special Rules and Regulations for the Gallegos-Gallup Associated Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-5353, as amended.

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, and the applicable provisions of the rules governing the Gallegos-Gallup

Associated Pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of: (i) **Rule 2 (c)** of the special rules for the Gallegos-Gallup Associated Pool; and (ii) Division Rule 104.F (2), as revised, the above-described unorthodox Gallup gas well location for the Berger Well No. 2-E is hereby approved.

The above-described well and 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit will be subject to all existing rules, regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to the Associated Oil and Gas Pools and to the Gallegos-Gallup Associated Pool; however, once the Gallup interval in this well is successfully completed and should the completion be classified an "oil well", the operator shall seek an amendment to this order pursuant to **Rules 2 (b) and (c)** of these special rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori Wrotenbery" followed by a stylized flourish or initials.

Lori Wrotenbery  
Director

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