



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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**Ricks Exploration, Inc.**  
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***Administrative Order NSL-4682***

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application on behalf of the operator, Ricks Exploration, Inc. ("Ricks"), dated December 20, 2001 (*administrative application reference No. pKRV0-136545050*); and (ii) the records of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe: all concerning Ricks' request for approval of its existing Greenwood Pre-Grayburg Unit Well No. 14 (**API No. 30-015-31615**), recently drilled last summer to a depth of 13,958 feet at an unorthodox Ordovician gas well location 2050 feet from the South line and 1310 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The E/2 of Section 18, being a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit for any possible wildcat Ordovician gas production, is to be dedicated to this well.

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.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2), the above-described unorthodox wildcat Ordovician gas well location for Ricks' Greenwood Pre-Grayburg Unit Well No. 14 is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery  
Director

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