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April 20, 2007

ConocoPhillips P. O. Box 4289 Farmington, NM 87499-4289

Attention: Ms. Dawn Howell

Re:

Huerfanito Unit

San Juan County, New Mexico Fruitland Coal Participating Area

E/2 Sec. 26-27N-9W

Eighth Expansion – Effective 4/1/2006

Dear Ms. Howell:

We are in receipt of your letter of April 3, 2007 together with your application for approval of the Eighth expansion to the Fruitland Coal participating area for the Huerfanito Unit, San Juan County, New Mexico.

The Bureau of Land Management approved the above referenced expansion by their letter of April 11, 2007.

The Commissioner of Public Lands concurs with the Bureau of Land Management and has this date approved the above-referenced Fruitland Coal participating area expansion.

Our approval is subject to like approval by the Bureau of Land Management and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

JAMI BAILEY, Director

Oil, Gas and Minerals Division

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