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November 21, 2001

Via Facsimile

Mr. Richard Ezeanyim, Chief Engineer
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re: NMOCD Case 12745
*Application of Burlington Resources
Oil & Gas Company, L.P. and Conoco Inc.
to amend the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool Rules
San Juan Basin, New Mexico*

Dear Mr. Ezeanyim:

On behalf of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, L.P. and Conoco Inc., I am requesting that the Division give priority to the issuance of an order in the referenced case which was presented to Examiner Michael E. Stogner at a hearing held on October 18, 2001.

The application requests that the Division increase the well density and amend well location requirements for the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool. Burlington and Conoco operate more than 2,000 well in this pool. There are approximately 5,200 wells and 1.7 million acres in this pool with more than 64 operators.

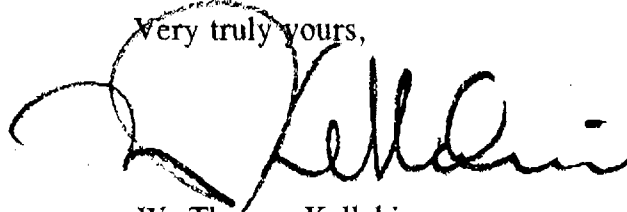
There is no opposition to this application. In fact, it has the support of all of the San Juan Basin operators who have cared to participate in the OCD-Aztec sponsored work group which reviewed the rules for this pool. It also has the support of the BLM and the OCD-Aztec. A collective group of operators in the San Juan Basin have been working on this project since February, 1999. It has been the subject of 3 pilot projects approved by the Division

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By increasing well density in this pool, there is a potential to substantially increase the ultimate recovery of gas from the pool. For example, forecasts estimate that of the 146 billion cubic feet of gas to be recovered by 117 potential 80-acre density wells, 122.9 Bcf of that gas will be incremental gas.

Because this application will affect thousands of wells in the San Juan Basin, we believe the issuance of an order in this case should take priority over other applications now pending before the Division.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Thomas Kellahin', written over a circular stamp or mark.

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Hearing Examiner
Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director

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Attn: Dave Wacker