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Enclosed is a geologic cross-section interpretation which indicated that a well drilled at the proposed unorthodox gas well location will be at a more favorable geologic position within the Ross Draw Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool than a well drill at a location considered to be standard within the NW/4 of said Section 23.

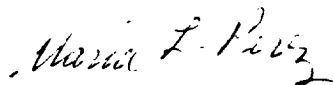
The applicable drilling window or "producing area" within the Ross Draw Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool for said wellbore shall include that area within the subject 320-acre spacing and proration unit comprising the N/2 of said Section 23 that is:

- (a) no closer than 660' feet to the North & South boundary of said 320-acre unit;
- (b) no closer than 1650' feet from the from the East and West lines of said section 23.

A list is attached with the names and addresses of the affected offsets which were notified by certified-return receipt mail on 2-4-98. Currently we are attempting to contact the affected offsets to see if signed waivers can be obtained to speed up the notification period. A plat is also enclosed showing the diagonal and adjoining spacing units. The affected offsets also have an interest in this well. We request administrative approval based on this geologic data .

Burlington Resources will comply with all provision of Division General Rule 111 applicable in this matter.

Sincerely,



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**cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia**  
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