

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and / NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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November 21, 2003

30-045-32194

Governor
Joanna Prukop
Cabinet Secretary

XTO Energy, Inc. 810 Houston Street

Fort Worth, Texas 76102-6298

Attention:

Tim Welch

Senior Landman

Re:

Administrative application dated November 17, 2003 for an unorthodox infill gas well location in both the Blanco-Mesaverde (72319) and Basin-Dakota (71599) Pools for XTO Energy, Inc.'s proposed Aztec Com. "4" Well No. 2 to be drilled 540 feet from the South line and 2020 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Welch:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the above-described administrative application on November 20, 2003. It has been assigned NMOCD administrative application reference No. pMES0-332535109. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the Division.

The proposed Aztec Com. "4" Well No. 2 will be an infill gas well in both the Blanco-Mesaverde (72319) and Basin-Dakota (71599) Pools within XTO's existing 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit ("GPU") comprising the W/2 of Section 16. In my review of the Division's records I found where this GPU's existing Aztec Com. "4" Well No. 1 (API No. 30-045-30272), located 2370 feet from the North line and 2045 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 16, a dually completed well in both intervals, was approved in the Basin-Dakota Pool as an unorthodox location by Division Administrative Order NSL-4475, dated July 3, 2000 (see copy attached). I however cannot find where this location was approved in the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool.

Please provide me a copy of the Division's order which specifically approves the Aztec Com. "4" Well No. 1 as an unorthodox Blanco-Mesaverde gas well within the W/2 of Section 16.

Without this approval the immediate application for an infill Blanco-Mesaverde gas well is hereby ruled incomplete as of November 21, 2003. Please submit the above stated information by Monday, December 1, 2003.

In accordance with the Division's Engineering Bureau's policy the Division cannot proceed with your application until the required information is submitted. Upon receipt, the Division will continue to process your application. The additional information can be faxed to (505) 476-3462, mailed to the Division in Santa Fe, or e-mailed to me at "mstogner@state.nm.us." If the necessary information is not submitted, your application will be returned to you. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery Director

Oil Conservation Division

Michael E. Stogner Hearing Officer/Engineer

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec