

# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

April 13, 1998



Conoco, Inc. 10 Desta Drive - Suite 100W Midland, Texas 79705-4500 Attention: Kay Maddox OIL CON. DIV. DIST. 3

Administrative Order NSL-3999

Dear Ms. Maddox:

Reference is made to your application dated March 17, 1998 and to the records of the Division in Santa Fe concerning Conoco, Inc.'s request for an unorthodox gas well location in the Blanco-Mesaverde, Basin-Dakota, and Otero-Chacra Pools for the existing Jicarilla "K" Well No. 17 (30-039-20433) located 1450 feet from the South line and 2140 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 12, Township 25 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

The S/2 of said Section 12, being a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Pools and the SW/4 of said Section 12 being a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Otero-Chacra Pool, are to be dedicated to said well.

It is our understanding that Conoco, Inc. intends to downhole commingle the Blanco-Mesaverde, Basin-Dakota, and Otero-Chacra Pools in said well under authority of Division Administrative Order DHC-1613, dated August 15, 1997.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 2(d) of the "General Rules for the Prorated Gas Pools of New Mexico/Special Rules and Regulations for the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool/Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Dakota Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, and Division General Rule 104.F(2) the above-described unorthodox gas well location for the Jicarilla "K" Well No. 17 is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery

Director

LW/MES/kv

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

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U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington

W. Thomas Kellahin, Counsel - Santa Fe

Jimmy D. Carlile, Conoco, Inc. - Midland, Texas

File: DHC-1613

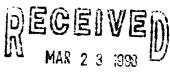


Mid-Continent Region Exploration/Production Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive, Suite 100W Midland, TX 79705-4500 (915) 686-5400

March 17, 1998

Mr. Michael Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Application for Non-Standard Location Jicarilla K #17 API # 30-039-20433



OIL COM. DIV.

Dear Mr. Stogner,

The Conoco, Inc. Jicarilla K #17 is located 1450' FSL & 2140' FWL of Section 12, T-25-N, R-5-W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. This location is non-standard towards the interior center-line of Section 12 by some 290' (standard set-back would be at least 790' from the center-line, or 1850' FWL). Note that Conoco's Jicarilla K lease covers all of Sections 1,2,11, and 12, T-25-N, R-5-W.

A search of Conoco's well files and records at NMOCD yielded no positive indications that the original operator (Southern Union) ever applied for a non-standard location order for the Basin Dakota or Otero Chacra Pools. Additionally, while Conoco filed for approval to downhole commingle the Chacra, Dakota & Mesaverde (attached copy of Administrative Order DHC - 1613) and filed notice of intent to recomplete with the BLM (approved 6-24-97, copy attached); Conoco failed to apply for a non-standard location order for the Jicarilla K #17.

For unknown reasons, Southern Union did not stake the K #17 at a standard location near the Jicarilla K #9 Pictured Cliffs well (located 990' FSL & 990' FWL of Section 12). Regardless of reasoning, Southern Union drilled the K #17 in a canyon cutting Wild Horse Mesa (see attached topo), as far west as possible, at the foot of a steep topographic rise. No other restrictions to location selection (cultural or infrastructure related) are apparent.

Conoco, Inc. was premature in performing the Mesaverde recompletion without obtaining approval for the pre-existing, non-standard location, and regrets this oversight. Please note that the location is non-standard towards the interior center line of a 640 acre tribal lease with identical working, net and royalty interests in both the east and west halves of the Section. Utilizing the existing wellbore to access Mesaverde reserves will prevent economic waste by allowing access to reserves that would not otherwise be economic. Conoco, Inc. respectfully requests a non-standard location order be granted for the existing Jicarilla K #17 new Blanco Mesaverde pool completion, and for the pre-existing completions in the Basin Dakota and Otero Chacra pools.



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The offset operator plat shows that Amoco is the only offset operator that could be affected by this non-standard location. Please find enclosed evidence that they have been notified of this application.

A non-standard location order is requested based on the reasons given in the preceding paragraphs. If there are further questions concerning this application please call me at (915) 686-5798.

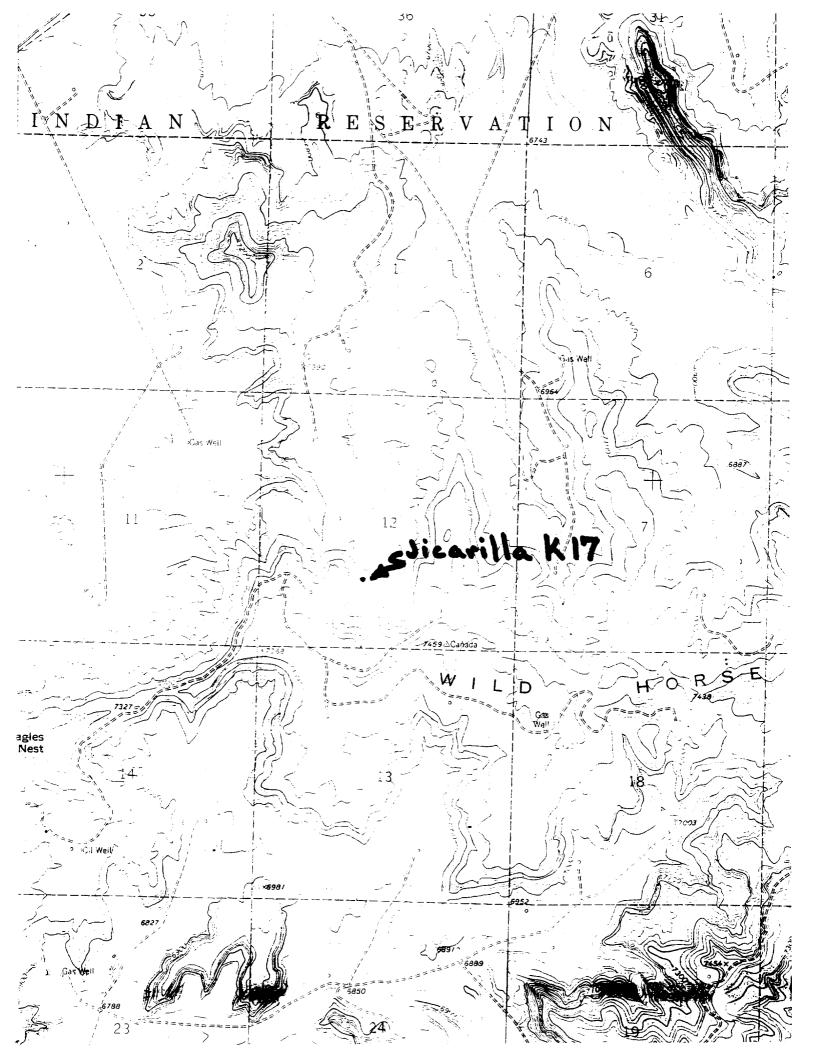
Sincerely,

Kay Maddox

Regulatory Agent/ Conoco, Inc.

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec



District I PO Box 1980, Hobbs. NM 88241-1980 State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

District II PO Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211-0719 District III 1000 Rio Brazos Rd. Aztec, NM 87410

District IV PO Box 2088, Santa Fe. NM 87504-2088

API Number

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
PO Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

Revised February 21, 1994 instructions on back Submit to Appropriate District Office

3 Pool Name

State Lease - 4 Copies Fee Lease - 3 Copies

# WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

2 Pool Code

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# WELL LOCATION AND ACERAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY B. R. VANDERSLICE

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AREA SUPERINTENDENT

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OCTOBER 7, 1971

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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	DATE: 3/18/98	CONOCO JICARILLA K 17 Chacra/Mesaverde/Dakota Producers Non Standard Location For Otero Chacra Blanco Mesaverde, & Basin Dakota			
NOTE:	DRAWN BY: GLG				
No record could be found of original operator filing for NSL for Basin Dakota or Otero	CHECKED BY:				
Chacra. Conoco now filing for both, along with Blanco Mesaverde. DHC approved per	APPROVED BY:	STATE COUNTY WELL	DRAWING		
Administrative Order DHC-1613.	SCALE: 1" = 2640'	30 \ 039 \ 20433	JIC_K17		
	STATE PLANE COORDINATES REFERRED TO NAD27 - N.M. WEST STATE PLANE COORDINATES ZONE - 3003	CONOCO INC. OFFICE 10 DESTA DRIVE WEST MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705			

Jicarilla K #17 API # 30-039-20433 Section 12, T-25-N, R-5-W Rio Arriba County, NM

RE: Non-standard location Request

### **Offset Operator:**

Amoco PO Box 800 Denver, CO 80201

Burlington Resources Po Box 4289 Farmin gton, Nm 87499

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### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DHC-1613

Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive Suite 100W Midland, Texas 79705-4500

Attention: Mr. Jerry W. Hoover

Jicarilla "K" No. 17
API No. 30-039-20433
Unit K, Section 12, Township 25 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
Blanco-Mesaverde (Prorated Gas - 72319)
Basin-Dakota (Prorated Gas - 71599) and
Otero-Chacra (Gas - 82329) Gas Pools

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to your recent application for an exception to Rule 303.A. of the Division Rules and Regulations to permit the above described well to commingle production from the subject pools in the wellbore.

It appearing that the subject well qualifies for approval for such exception pursuant to the provisions of Rule 303.C., and that reservoir damage or waste will not result from such downhole commingling, and correlative rights will not be violated thereby, you are hereby authorized to commingle the production as described above and any Division Order which authorized the dual completion and required separation of the zones is hereby placed in abeyance.

The maximum amount of gas which may be produced daily from the well shall be determined by Division Rules and Regulations or by the gas allowable for each respective prorated pool as printed in the Division's San Juan Basin Gas Proration Schedule.

Production from the subject well shall be allocated as follows:

Total gas production from the Basin-Dakota and Otero-Chacra Gas Pools shall be determined utilizing the mid-year average production forecast submitted by the applicant as an attachment to the downhole commingling application. Gas production from the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool shall be determined by subtracting Basin-Dakota and Otero-Chacra Gas Pool production from the well's total monthly gas production. The allocation of production to the Basin-Dakota and Otero-Chacra Gas Pools shall be in accordance with the following formula:

POOL	OIL %	GAS %
Basin-Dakota Gas Pool	100%	73%
Otero-Chacra Gas Pool	0%	27%

The allocation method established herein may be altered at some time subsequent to initiating downhole commingling operations upon request by the operator and for good cause shown.

REMARKS: The operator shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Division upon implementation of the commingling process.

Pursuant to Rule 303.H., the commingling authority granted herein may be rescinded by the Division Director if, in his opinion, conservation is not being best served by such commingling.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 15th day of August, 1997.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LAEMAY

Director

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WJL/DRC

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

Bureau of Land Management-Farmington

Form 3 160-5 UNITED STATES FORM APPROVED (June 1990) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Budget Bureau No. 1004-0135 Expires: March 3 1 ,1993 **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT** 5. Lease Designation and Serial No **CONT 145** SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS 6 If Indian, Allonee or Tribe Name Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to deepen or reentry to a different reservoir. Use "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT—" for such proposals Jicarilla 7 If Unit or CA, Agreement Designation SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE I. Type of Well Oil Well 8. Well Name and No. 2. Name of Operator Jicarilla K No. 17 CONOCO INC 9 API Well No 3. Address and Telephone No 30-039-20433 10 DESTA DR. STE. 100W, MIDLAND, TX. 79705-4500 (915) 686-5424 10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area 4 Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T. R. M. or Survey Description) Blanco Mesaverde 11. County or Parish, State 1450' FSL & 2140' FWL Sec. 12, T-25N, R-5W Rio Arriba, NM CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(s) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA TYPE OF SUBMISSION TYPE OF ACTION Notice of Intent Abandonment Change of Plans

Completion or Recompletion Report and Log form.)

13. Describe Proposed or Completed Operations (Clearly state all pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work. If well is directionally drilled, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths for all markers and zones pertinent to this work.)\*

Recompletion

Plugging Back

Casing Repair

Altering Casing

New Construction

Water Shut-Off

Non-Routine Fracrunng

Conversion to Injection

It is proposed to recomplete this well to the Blanco Mesaverde and downhole with the Chacra & Dakota by the following procedure:

- 1. Perforate Mesaverde at 5461'-5677' with 23 holes.
- 2. Treat perforations with 600 gals 15% HCl

or representations as to any matter within its junadiction

- 3. Install 2-7/8" frac liner from 4140'-4240' to straddle Chacra completion.
- 4. Slick water frac new Mesaverde perforations.
- 5. POOH with 2-7/8" frac liner

An application to downhole commingle the Chacra, Mesaverde, and Dakota has been filed. When DHC approval has been received, the above work will be done and all three zones downhole commingled.

14. I hereby ceruify that the foregoing is true and correct  Jerry W. Hoover		
	Date	6/12/97
Approved by Conditions of approval if any	Date	JUL 2 4 1997