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# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

# **OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

2040 S. Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6429

Form C-107-A Revised August 1999 **APPROVAL PROCESS:** Administrative \_\_\_Hearing **EXISTING WELLBORE** 

# APPLICATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING

\_\_\_ YES \_\_X\_ NO

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY PO BOX 4289, FARMINGTON, NM 87499			
Operator	Addr	ess	
SAN JUAN 27-5 UNIT		-27N-05W tr Sec - Twp - Rge	RIO ARRIBA
Lease	wei no.	-01	acing Unit Lease Types: (check 1 or more)
OGRID NO14538 Property	Code7454 API NO		eralX , State , (and/or) Fee
The following facts are submitted an support of downhole comminging:	<b>Upper</b> Zone	in Intermediate Cone	Lowerh Zone
Pool Name and     Pool Code	BLANCO MESAVERDE - 72319	·	BASIN DAKOTA - 71599
Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforations)	WILL BE SUPPLIED UPON COMPLETION	(A) Since	WILL BE SUPPLIED UPON COMPLETION
Type of production     (Oil or Gas)	GAS	الم والنا لا المناد	GAS
4. Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift)	FLOWING	ONT CONTROL DINGS	FLOWING
5. Bottomhole Pressure	a. (Current)	an Consto s	a. (Current)
Oil Zones - Artificial Lift: Estimated Current	488 psi (see attachment)	Ollin Bins	869 psi (see attachment)
Gas & Oil - Flowing:  Measured Current  All Gas Zones: Estimated Or Measured Original	b. (Oriiginal)		b. (Oriiginal)
Estimated of Measured Original	1061 psi (see attachment)		3177 psi (see attachment)
6. Oil Gravity (EAPI) or Gas BTU Content	BTU 1189		BTU 1179
7. Producing or Shut-In?	SHUT-IN		SHUT-IN
	NO		YES
Production Marginal? (yes or no)	Date: N/A	Date: N/A	Date: N/A
* If Shut-In, give date and oil/gas/ water rates of last production	Rates:	Rates:	Rates:
Note: For new zones with no production history, applicant shall be required to attach production estimates and supporting data	Date: N/A	Date: N/A	Date: N/A
* If Producing, give date andoil/gas/	Rates:	Rates:	Rates:
(within 60 days)			
8. Fixed Percentage Allocation Formula -% for each zone (total of %'s to equal 100%)	Oil: Gas: % WILL BE SUPPLIED UPON COMPLETION	ON: Gas: 9% WILL BE SUPPLIED UPON COMPLETION	Oil: Gas: % WILL BE SUPPLIED UPON COMPLETION
9. If allocation formula is based upon something other than current or past production, or is based upon some other method, submit attachments with supporting data and/or explaining method and providing rate projections or other required data.			
10. Are all working, overriding, and If not, have all working, overri	l royalty interests identical in a ding, and royalty interests bee	II commingled zones? n notified by certified mail?	Yes _X_No Yes _X_No
11. Will cross-flow occur?X_Yes No _ If yes, are fluids compatible, will the formations not be damaged, will any cross-flowed production be recovered, and will the allocation formula be reliableX_Yes No _ (If No, attach explanation)			
12. Are all produced fluids from all commingled zones compatible with each other?  _X_Yes No			
13. Will the value of production be decreased by commingling? YesX No (If Yes, attach explanation)			
14. If this well is on, or communitized with, state or federal lands, either the Commissioner of Public Lands or the United States Bureau of Land Management has been notified in writing of this applicationX_Yes No			
15. NMOCD Reference Cases for Rule 303(D) Exceptions: ORDER NO(S). <b>R-10694</b>			
* C-102 for each zone to be commingled showing its spacing unit and acreage dedication.  * Production curve for each zone for at least one year. (If not available, attach explanation.)  * For zones with no production history, estimated production rates and supporting data.  * Data to support allocation method or formula.  * Notification list of working, overriding, and royalty interests for uncommon interest cases.  * Any additional statements, data, or documents required to support commingling.			
I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
SIGNATURE Son of	lonigan TITL	E PRODUCTION ENGINEER	DATE: 12/10/99
TYPE OR PRINT NAME SEAN E. CORRIGAN TELEPHONE NO. 505-326-9700			

District I PO Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980

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 State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

Form C-102
Revised February 21, 1994
Instructions on back
Submit to Appropriate District Office
State Lease - 4 Copies
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

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

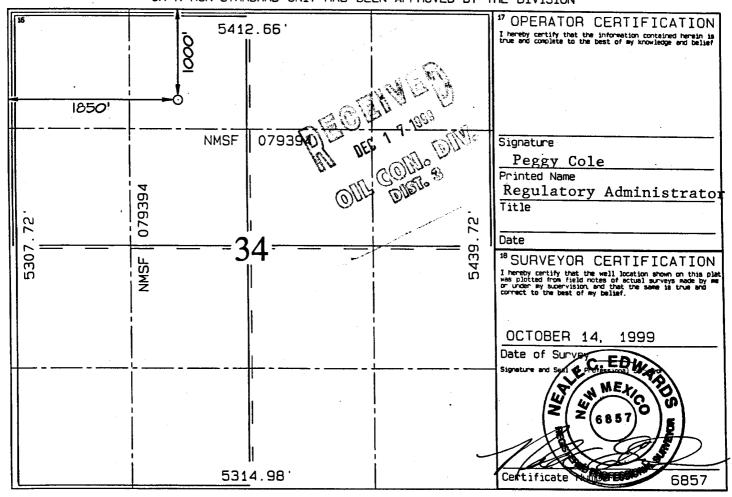
AMENDED	REPORT
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### WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

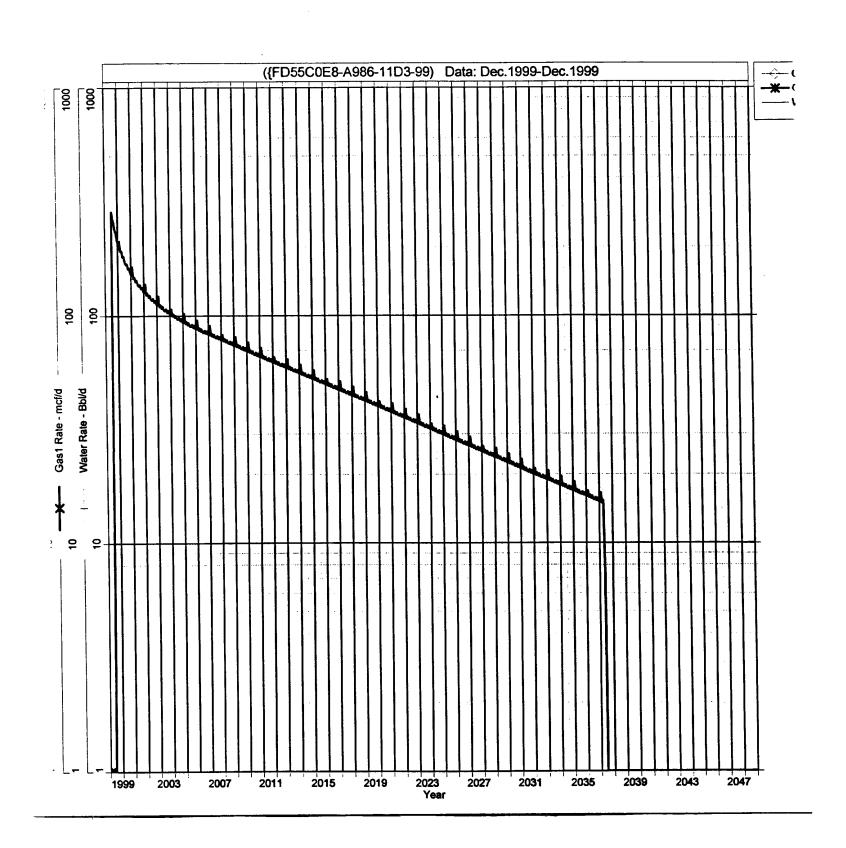
'API Number	*Pool Code	³Pool Name	
30-039-	72319/71599	72319/71599 Blanco Mesaverde/Basin	
'Property Code 7454		Property Name 'Well SAN JUAN 27-5 UNIT 14	
'OGRID No. 14538	DUDI THOTON DESCRIPTION OF STATE OF STA		'Elevation 6507

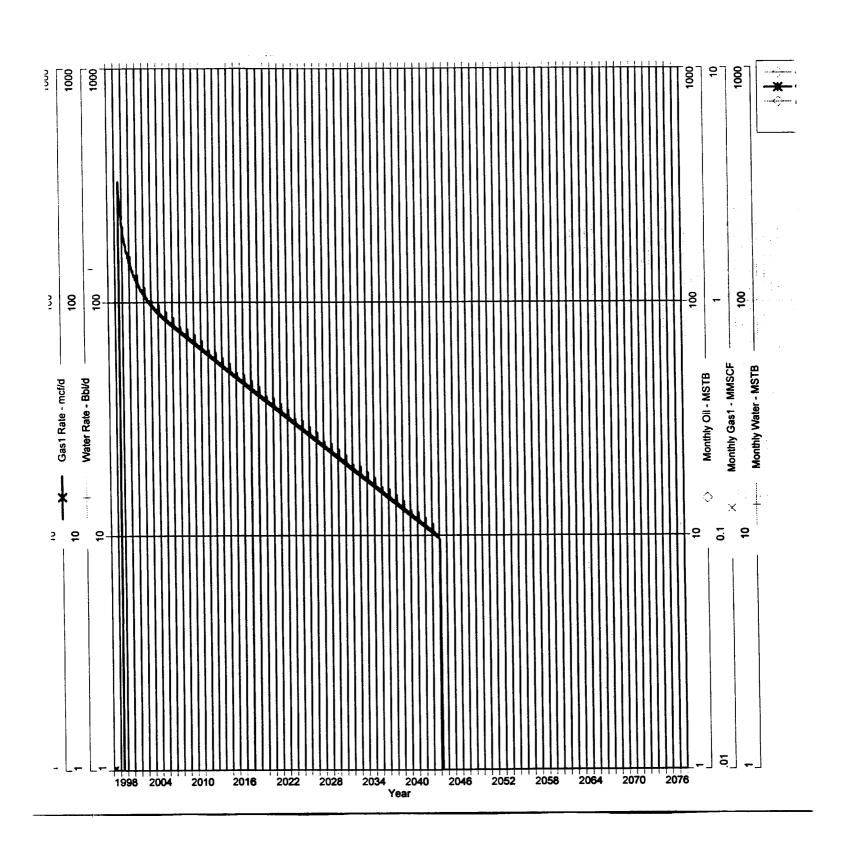
<sup>10</sup> Surface Location UL or lot no. Sect ion Lot Idn Feet from the North/South line Feet from the East/West line RIO C 34 27N 5W 1000 NORTH 1850 WEST ARRIBA <sup>11</sup>Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface UL or lot no. Section Township Lot Idn Feet from the North/South line Feet from the East/West line County <sup>15</sup> Order No. 13 Joint or Infill 34 Consolidation Code MV=W/320 DK-N/320

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



San Juan 27-5 Unit #143M Expected Production Curve Mesaverde Formation





## San Juan 27-5 Unit #143M

Bottom Hole Pressures Flowing and Static BHP Cullender and Smith Method Version 1.0 3/13/94

Mesaverde	Dakota	
MV-Current	DK-Current	
GAS GRAVITY  COND. OR MISC. (C/M)  %N2  0.48  %CO2  0.44  %H2S  0  DIAMETER (IN)  DEPTH (FT)  SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)  BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)  FLOWRATE (MCFPD)  SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)  BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)  487.6	GAS GRAVITY COND. OR MISC. (C/M)  %N2  %CO2  \$\text{\$M\$2\$}  DIAMETER (IN)  DEPTH (FT)  SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)  BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)  FLOWRATE (MCFPD)  SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)  BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)  60  869.1	
MV-Original	DK-Original	
GAS GRAVITY  COND. OR MISC. (C/M)  %N2  %CO2  %H2S  DIAMETER (IN)  DEPTH (FT)  SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)  BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)  SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)  BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)  0.679  C.  0.44  9.48  0.48  0.48  0.59  0.49	GAS GRAVITY COND. OR MISC. (C/M)  %N2 0.19 %CO2 1.03 %H2S 0 DIAMETER (IN) DEPTH (FT) SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F) BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F) 198 FLOWRATE (MCFPD) SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)  BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA) 3177.4	

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07/15/74	219321	958.0	
06/24/75	279625	897.0	
08/08/77	400577	879.0	
05/02/79	486643	834.0	
06/04/81	562430	754.0	
11/03/81	576290	847.0	
09/22/83	645599	911.0	
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10/11/88	816691	927.0	
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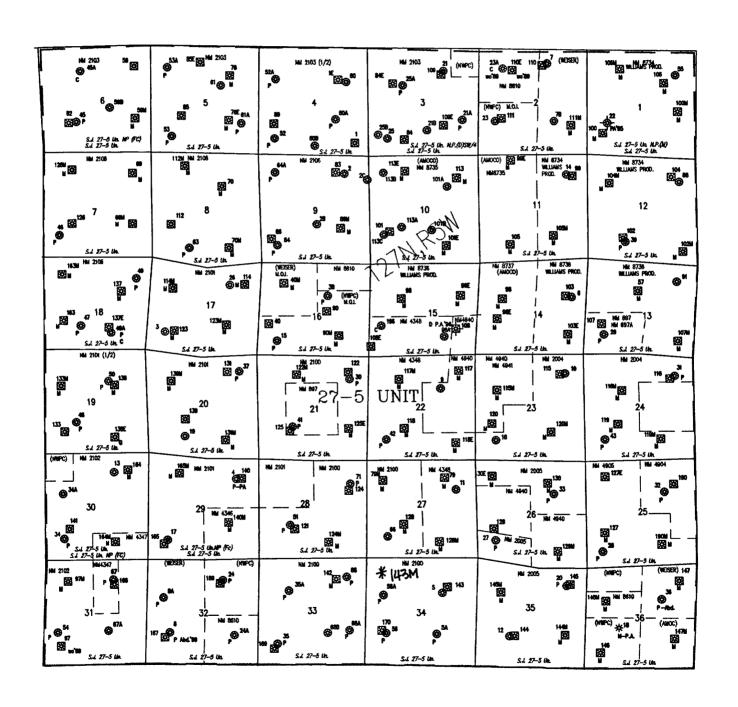
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06/01/93	464016	424.0	

San Juan 27-5 Unit #143M 27N - 5W - 34 Mesaverde / Dakota



# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY. MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 11626 ORDER NO. R-10694

APPLICATION OF BURLINGTON RESOURCES
OIL & GAS COMPANY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING "REFERENCE
CASE" FOR ITS SAN JUAN 27-5 UNIT PURSUANT
TO DIVISION RULE 303.E AND THE ADOPTION
OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THEREFOR.
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PIO ARRIBA

### ORDER OF THE DIVISION

### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on October 17 and November 7, 1996. at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiners David R. Catanach and Michael E. Stogner, respectively.

NOW, on this 12th day of November, 1996, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises.

#### FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) The applicant. Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company (Burlington), pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 303.E., seeks to establish a downtole comminging "reference case" to provide exceptions for (a) marginal economic criteria. (b) pressure criteria. (c) allocation formulas and (d) modification of notification rules on a unit-wide basis for downtole commingling of Dakota. Messaverde. Fruitiand Coal and Plentred Cliffs gas production within existing or future drilled wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) Division Rule No. 303.E., amended by Order No. R-10470-A, currently states:

"If surficient data exists on a lease, pool, formation, geographic area, em., so as to render it unnecessary to repeatedly provide such data on Form C-107-A, an operator may except any of the various criteria required under Paragraph 303.D, of this rule by establishing a "reference case". The Division, upon its own motion, or by application from an operator, may establish "reference cases" either administratively or by hearing. Upon Division approval of such "reference cases" for specific criteria, subsequent applications to downhole commingie (Form C-107-A) will be required only to cite the Division order number which established such exceptions and shall not be required to submit data for those criteria."

- (4) The applicant is the current operator of the San Juan 27-5 Unit which encompasses some 23.043 acres in Township 27 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (5) Within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, the applicant currently operates one hundred and one (101) Basin-Dakota Gas Pool weils, one hundred and five (105) Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool weils, eighty-seven (87) South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs and Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool weils, and four (4) Basin-Fruitiand Coal Gas Pool weils.
  - (6) According to its evidence and testimony, Eurlington seeks to:
  - establish a "reference case" for marginal economic criteria in the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations whereby these formations and/or pools may be identified as "marginal" on Form C-107-A's subsequently filed for wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit. The applicant further proposes that the data provided in the immediate case serve as supplemental data or confirmation that these formations and/or pools should be classified as "marginal";
  - b) establish a "reference case" for pressure criteria in the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations whereby the Division may utilize data provided in the immediate case to verify the pressure data provided on Form C-107-A's subsequently filed for wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit:

- establish a "reference case" whereby the Division unitizes the data presented in the immediate case to endorse or approve certain methods of allocating production whereby the applicant need not submit additional data or justification when proposing a certain method of allocating production on Form C-107-A's subsequently filed for wells within the San Juan 27-5 Units and.
- d) establish a "reference case" or an administrative procedure for authorizing the downhole commingting of existing or future drilled wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit without additional nonce to each affected interest owner as required by Division Rule No. 303.D.
- (7) In support of its request to except marginal economic criteria, the applicant presented geologic and engineering evidence and testimony which indicates that within the San Juan 27-5 Unit:
  - the structure and thickness of the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations are very consistent:
  - b) the average recoverable Dakota and Pictured Cliffs gas reserves underlying an undeveloped drill block are approximately 583 MMCFG and 426 MMCFG, respectively;
  - c) the average initial producing rate for a newly drilled or recompleted Dakota and Pictured Cliffs gas well is approximately 393 MCFGD and 63 MCFGD, respectively; and.
  - d) the estimated ultimate gas recoveries and initial producing rates from the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations are insufficient to justify drilling stand alone wells and/or dually completed wells to recover such gas reserves.
  - (8) The evidence and testimony presented by the applicant indicates that the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations within the San Juan 27-5 Unit should be properly classified as "marginal".
  - (9) In support of its request to except pressure criteria within the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, the applicant presented engineering evidence and testimony which indicates that:

- a) the average shur-in bottomhole pressure within the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations at the time of initial development were approximately 3.141 psi and 1.118 psi, respectively; and.
- b) the average current shut-in bottominole pressure within the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations are approximately 1.032 psi and 441 psi, respectively.
- (10) There is sufficient pressure data available within the San Juan 27-5 Unit so as to except pressure criteria as proposed by the applicant.
- (11) The applicant testified that various allocation methods will be unliked for downhole commingled wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit depending on the circumstances. Some of the methods and circumstances are described as follows:
  - the subtraction method will likely be utilized in those instances instolving the Hasin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and in those instances where a zone with a well established decline rate is comminged with a newly completed zone:
  - b) a fixed allocation formula will be utilized in those instances where production history for both zones is available, or in those instances where newly completed zones are tested and stabilized flow rates obtained.
  - (12) The allocation methods proposed by the applicant are routinely utilized by industry and approved by the Division and therefore the proposal to except allocation formulas should be approved.
  - (13) In support of its request to establish a "reference case" or administrative procedure for providing notice within the San Juan 27-5 Unit the applicant presented evidence and testimony which indicates that:
    - the interest ownership between two zones within a given weithore in the San Juan 27-5 Unit is generally not common:
    - b) pursuant to Division Rule No. 303.D.. applicant is currently required to notify all interest owners within the San Juan 27-5 Unit every time a Form C-107-A is submitted to the Division. There is a considerable number of such interest owners within the units

- c) providing notice to each interest owner within the San Juan 27-5
  Unit of subsequent downnois communitings is unnecessary and is
  an excessive burden on the applicant:
- d) the downhole commingting of weils within the San Juan 27-5 Unit Area will benefit working, royalty, and overriding royalty interest owners. In addition, the downhole commingting of wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit should not violate the correlative rights of any interest owner:
- e) no interest owner appeared at the hearing in opposition to the establishment of a "reference case" or administrative procedure for notice.
- (14) An administrative procedure should be established within the San Juan 27-5 Unit for obtaining approval for subsequent downhole commingled wells without notice to Unit interest owners, provided however that, all other provisions commined within Division Rule No. 303.C. are compiled with.
- (15) Approval of the proposed "reference cases" for marginal economic criteria. pressure criteria, allocation formulas and notice will lessen the burden on the applicant insofar as providing the data required pursuant to Division Rule No. 303.D. and Form C-107-A, will provide the applicant a streamlined method for obtaining downtole comminging approvals within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, and will not violate correlative rights.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The application of Euriington Resources Oil & Gas Company to establish a "reference case" for (a) marginal economic criteria. (b) pressure criteria. (c) allocation formulas and (d) modification of notification rules on a unit-wide basis for downhold commingling of Dakota. Mesaverie. Fruitiand Coal and Pictured Cliffs gas production within existing or future drilled wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit. San Juan County New Mexico. is hereby approved.

- (2) Upon filing of Division Form No. C-107-A's for wells subsequently downhole commungled within the San Juan 27-5 Unit Area, the applicant shall not be required to submit supporting data to justify the classification of the Pictures Cliffs and Dakota formations as "marginal", supporting data to verify the Pictures Cliffs and Dakota pressure information provided, and support or justification for utilizing a given method or formula for allocation of production, provided however, in the event any of the data described above appearing on Form C-107-A appears to be beyond the data range provided in this case, the Division may require the submittal of additional supporting data.
- (3) In order to obtain Division authorization to downhole commingle wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, the applicant shall file a Form C-107-A with the Santa Fe and Aznec Offices of the Division. Such application shall contain all the information required under Rule No. 303.C. of the Division Rules and Regulations, provided however that the applicant shall not be required to provide notice to all Interest owners within the San Juan 27-5 Unit of such proposed commingling.
- (4) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe. New Mexico. on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM I LEMAY

Director