



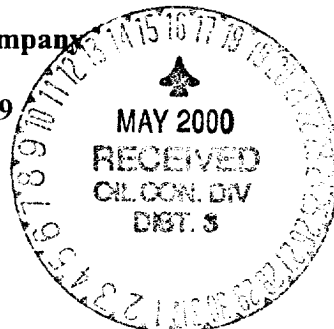
**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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May 12, 2000

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Administrative Order NSL-4447

Dear Ms. Cole:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on May 12, 2000; and (ii) the Division's records in Santa Fe: all concerning Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company's ("Burlington") request for an off-pattern non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for the existing Newsom "B" Well No. 7 (API No. 30-045-05940), located 1780 feet from the North line and 790 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 8, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

According to the Division's well records the Newsom "B" Well No. 7 was initially drilled in 1963 by Southern Union Production Company and completed at a standard gas well location in the Basin-Dakota Pool within a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit comprising the W/2 of Section 8.

It is our understanding that Burlington intends to abandon the Dakota interval in this well at this time and to recomplete up-hole into the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool. Pursuant to the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, the location of this well is considered to be unorthodox. Further, the N/2 of Section 8 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre lay-down gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 8 of these special pool rules the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location for the Newsom "B" Well No. 7 is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec /
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington