

BURLINGTON RESOURCES

SAN JUAN DIVISION

September 26, 2001

Mr. Michael Stogner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Whitley #7E
1470'FNL, 1470'FWL, Section 9, T-27-N, R-9-W, San Juan County
API #30-045-26463

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Thank you for your email request for additional information concerning our application for an off-pattern location for the above well. At this time we are requesting this application be withdrawn.

The Whitley #7E well had been inactive for some time and was subject to a Bureau of Land Management demand to return this well to production or plug and abandon. Burlington Resources originally intended to save this wellbore by recompleting it in the Basin Fruitland Coal formation; however, we were successful in returning this well to production in the Mesaverde formation.

We will look at both the Whitley #2 and #7 for their viability as Fruitland Coal recompletion candidates; and may come back to you again at a future time for a Fruitland Coal recompletion in the Whitley #7E pending possible future approval of the increased density for the Fruitland Coal.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Peggy Cole
Regulatory Supervisor

Xc: Bureau of Land Management
NMOCD - Aztec District Office

