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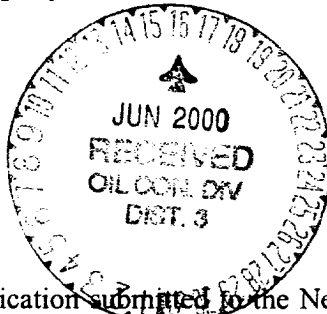
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Administrative Order NSL-4465

Dear Ms. Cole:

Reference is made to your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on May 23, 2000 for an exception to the well location requirements provided within the *Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Dakota Pool*, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-10987, as amended. The N/2 of Section 11, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico is to be dedicated to the proposed well in order to form a standard 320.00-acre, more or less, lay-down gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Dakota Pool.

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F and 605.B.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2), the following described well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location in Section 11 is hereby approved:

Howell "J" Well No. 5
540' FNL & 735' FWL (Unit D) 11-30N-8W
(API No. 30-045-30067).

Further, the aforementioned well and spacing unit will be subject to all existing rules, regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to prorated gas pools in Northwest, New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery
Director

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