



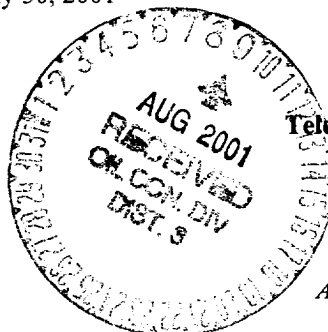
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Administrative Order NSL-4616

Dear Ms. Cole:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application that was submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on June 21, 2001 (*Division application reference No. pKRV0-117755015*); and (ii) the Division's records in Aztec and Santa Fe: all concerning Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company's ("Burlington") request 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-B, dated June 30, 2000, as amended by Division Order No. R-10987-B (1), dated August 10, 2000. The N/2 of Section 17, Township 30 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico is to be dedicated to Burlington's proposed well in order to form a standard 320-acre lay-down gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Dakota Pool (71599).

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 17 is hereby approved:

Pierce Well No. 1-B
1480' FNL & 2295' FEL (Unit G)
(API No. 30-045-30433).

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