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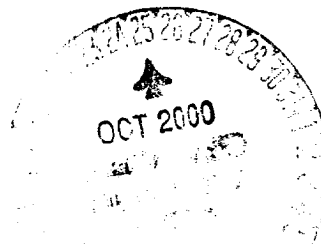
Oil Conservation Division

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company

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Attention: Peggy Cole



Administrative Order NSL-4516

Dear Ms. Cole:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on October 3, 2000; and (ii) the records of the Division in 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 for the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-10987-A, for a non-standard Blanco-Mesaverde infill gas well location in an existing standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit ("GPU") for the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool comprising the E/2 of Section 24, Township 31 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico. This GPU is currently dedicated to Burlington's (i) Ruple Well No. 1-X (API No. 30-045-10424), located 654 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 24; and (ii) Ruple Well No. 1-A (API No. 30-045-22105), located at a standard gas well location 985 feet from the North line and 1555 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 24.

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

The geologic interpretation submitted with this application indicates that the proposed unorthodox infill gas well location will be at a more favorable geologic position within the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool underlying the SE/4 of Section 24. Topographic conditions further restrict placement of the subject well.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2), the following described well to be drilled as the second infill well on this GPU at an unorthodox gas well location in Section 24 is hereby approved:

Ruple Well No. 1-C
1055' FSL & 575' FEL (Unit P). 24-31N-11W

Further, all three of the aforementioned Ruple Wells No. 1-X, 1-A, and 1-C and existing GPU will be subject to all existing rules, regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to prorated

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gas pools in Northwest, New Mexico and to the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Wrotenbery" followed by a stylized monogram or set of initials.

Lori Wrotenbery
Director
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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec ✓