

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Attention:

Joni Clark

**Regulatory Specialist** 

Administrative Order NSL-5029

Dear Ms. Clark:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on March 10, 2004 (administrative application reference No. pMES0-407873777); and (iii) the Division's records in Aztec and Santa Fe: all concerning Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company ("Burlington") request for an exception to the well location requirements [Rule 7 (a) (1)] provided within the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, for a non-standard infill gas well location within an existing 320-acre stand-up gas spacing unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (71629) comprising the E/2 of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of: (i) Rule 7 (b) of the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool"; (ii) Division Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999; and (iii) Rule 1207.A (2), revised by Division Order No. R-11205, issued by the Commission in Case No. 12177 on June 17, 1999.

This unit is currently dedicated to Burlington's Stanolind Gas Com. Well No. 300 (API No. 30-045-27064), located at a standard coal gas well location 790 feet from the North line and 1605 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 16.

By the authority granted me under the applicable provisions of the special pool rules governing the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool and Division Rule 104.F (2), the following described unorthodox infill gas well location to be drilled within the above-described 320-acre stand-up coal gas spacing unit is hereby approved:

## Stanolind Gas Com. Well No. 300-S 365' FSL & 560' FEL (Unit P) (API No. 30-045-31328).

Further, Burlington is hereby authorized to simultaneously dedicate production attributed to the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool from its existing Stanolind Gas Com. Well No. 300 with the proposed Stanolind Gas Com. Well No. 300-S.

Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner Engineer/Hearing Officer

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Aztec

New Mexico State Land Office – Santa Fe

U. S. Bureau of Reclamation - Durango, Colorado