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*Administrative Order NSL-4886*

Dear Ms. Cole:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on April 30, 2003 (*administrative application reference No. pKRV0-312127210*); and (ii) the Division's records in Aztec and Santa Fe: all concerning Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company's ("Burlington") request to drill its proposed San Juan "29-7" Unit Well No. 189 (API No. 30-039-27313) at an unorthodox Pictured Cliffs gas well location 770 feet from the North line and 320 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The NW/4 of Section 14 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing unit for the Undesignated Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool (72359).

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case 12119 on August 12, 1999.

The geologic interpretation submitted with this application indicates that a well drilled at the proposed unorthodox gas well location will be at a more favorable geologic position within the potentially gas productive interval of the Pictured Cliffs formation than a well drilled at a location considered to be standard within the subject 160-acre gas spacing unit.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2), the above-described unorthodox gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenberg  
Director

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