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Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.
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Administrative Order NSL-4330

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Reference is made to your applications dated June 24 and 25, 1999, on behalf of the operator, Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., for its proposed Vaquero "36" State Com. Well No. 1 to be drilled at an unorthodox Morrow gas well location 990 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

The S/2 of Section 36, being a standard 320-acre lay-down gas spacing and proration unit for the Undesignated North Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, is to be dedicated to this well.

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 Morrow formation than a well drilled at a location considered to be standard within the SW/4 of Section 36.

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") Rule 104.F.

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 Wrotenbery
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs
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