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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

- Engineering Bureau -

ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION COVERSHEET

THIS COVERSHEET IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Application Acronyms: [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [NSL-Non-Standard Location] [DD-Directional Drilling] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication] [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling] [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement] [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion] [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase] [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response] TYPE OF APPLICATION - Check Those Which Apply for A [1] Location - Spacing Unit - Directional Drilling FEB 2 5 1997 \square NSP □ NSL םמם Check One Only for [B] and [C] DERVATION DIVISION Commingling - Storage - Measurement \square CTB ☑ DHC ☐ PLC ☐ PC **OLS** □ OLM [C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery □ WFX \square PMX ☐ IPI ☐ EOR ☐ PPR **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO: -** Check Those Which Apply, or \Box Does Not Apply [2] ☐ Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners ☐ Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner [C] Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice [D]Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office

[3] INFORMATION / DATA SUBMITTED IS COMPLETE - Statement of Understanding

☐ Waivers are Attached

I hereby certify that I, or personnel under my supervision, have read and complied with all applicable Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division. Further, I assert that the attached application for administrative approval is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and where applicable, verify that all interest (WI, RI, ORRI) is common. I understand that any omission of data, information or notification is cause to have the application package returned with no action taken.

☐ For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with supervisory capacity.

Peggy Bradfield	Branqued
Print or Type Name	Signature

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Regulatory/Compliance Administrator

Title

2-24-9 Date

BURLINGTON RESOURCES

SAN JUAN DIVISION

February 24, 1997

SENT FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. William LeMay
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe. New Mexico 87505

Re:

San Juan 27-5 Unit #96

1750'FNL, 1480'FWL Section 15, T-27-N, R-05-W, Rio Arriba County, NM

API #30-039-60123

Dear Mr. LeMay:

This is a request for administrative approval for downhole commingling the Blanco Mesa Verde and Basin Dakota pools in the subject well. This well was originally drilled as a Dakota; it is intended to add the Mesa Verde and commingle.

To comply with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division rules, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company is submitting the following for your approval of this commingling:

- 1. Form C107A Application for Downhole Commingling;
- C-102 plat for each zone showing its spacing unit and acreage dedication;
- 3. Production curve for Dakota and expected production curve for the Mesa Verde;
- 4. Notification list of offset operators Burlington is the operator of the unit;
- 5. Shut in wellhead pressure and calculated down hole pressure of surrounding wells;
- 6. Nine-section plats for the Mesa Verde and Dakota.

Notification of Mesa Verde and Dakota interest owners is covered under Order R-10694 dated November 12, 1996 attached.

We will consult with the Supervisor of the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to establish an allocation formula.

Please let me know if you require additional data.

Smanued

Sincerely,

Peggy Bradfield

Regulatory/Compliance Administrator

xc: Bureau of Land Management - hand delivered

DISTRICT I

P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980

DISTRICT II

811 South First St., Artesia, NM 88210-2835 DISTRICT III 1000 Rio Brazos Rd, Aztec, NM 87410-1693

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 S. Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6429

Form C-107-A New 3-12-96

APPROVAL PROCESS:

X Administrative ___Hearing

Rio Arriba

EXISTING WELLBORE _x_YES ___ NO

APPLICATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

PO Box 4289, Farmington, NM 87499 **Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company** Address

San Juan 27-5 Unit	96 F 1	5-27-5	Rio Arriba
Lease	Well No. Unit	Ltr Sec - Twp - Rge Spacing	County g Unit Lease Types: (check 1 or more)
OGRID NO14538 Property C	ode7455 API NO30-039-	60123Federalx , State	, (and/or) Fee
The following facts are submitted in support of downhole commingling:	Upper Zone	Intermediate Zone	Lower Zone
Pool Name and Pool Code	Blanco Mesaverde - 72319		Basin Dakota - 71599
2. Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforations)	will be supplied upon completion		will be supplied upon completion
3. Type of production (Oil or Gas)	gas		gas
4. Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift)	flowing		flowing
5. Bottomhole Pressure Oil Zones - Artificial Lift: Estimated Current	(Current) a. 1343 psi (see attachment)	a.	a. 1148 psi (see attachment)
Gas & Oil - Flowing: Measured Current All Gas Zones: Estimated or Measured Original	(Original) b. 1668 psi (see attachment)	b.	b. 3073 psi (see attachment)
6. Oil Gravity (°API) or Gas BTU Content	BTU 1180		BTU 1120
7. Producing or Shut-In?	shut in		producing
Production Marginal? (yes or no)	no		yes
If Shut-In and oil/gas/water rates of last production	Date: n/a	Date:	Date: n/a
Note: For new zones with no production history, applicant shall be required to attach production estimates and supporting data	Rates:	Rates:	Rates:
* If Producing, give data and oil/gas/water water of recent test (within 60 days)	Date: n/a Rates:	Date: Rates:	Date: n/a Rates:
8. Fixed Percentage Allocation Formula -% for each zone (total of %'s to equal 100%)	Oil: Gas: % will be supplied upon completion	Oil: Gas: %	Oil: Gas: %
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12. Are all produced fluids from all			
13. Will the value of production be d	decreased by commingling?	Yes _X_ No (If Yes, attach ex	planation)
 If this well is on, or communitize of Land Management has been n 	ed with, state or federal lands, e notified in writing of this applicat	ither the Commissioner of Public ionXYes No	Lands or the United States Bure
15. NMOCD Reference Cases for Ru	ile 303(D) Exceptions: ORDER	NO(S) Reference Order R-10	694 attached
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PO Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980 District II PO Drawer DD, Artesia. NM 88211-0719 District ill 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

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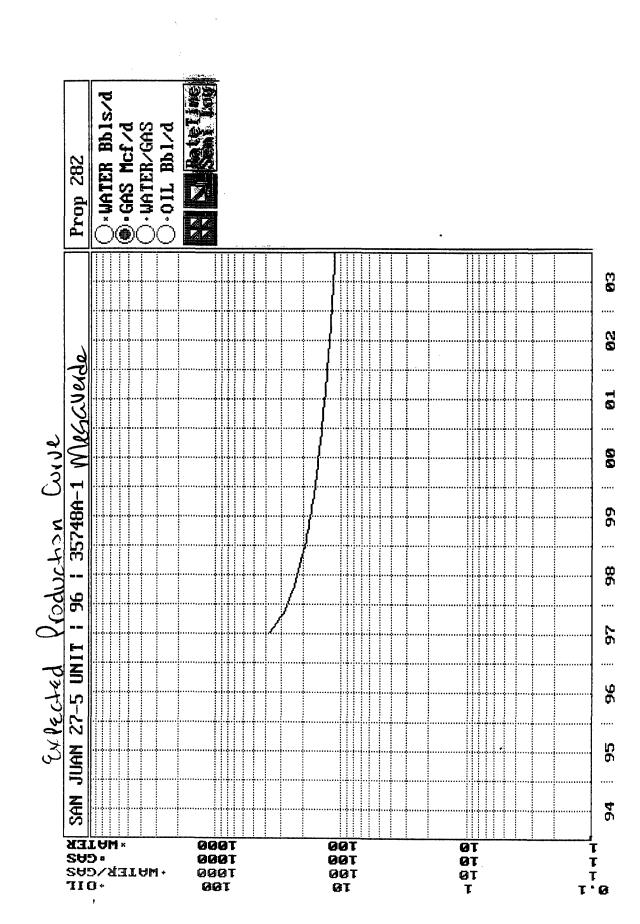
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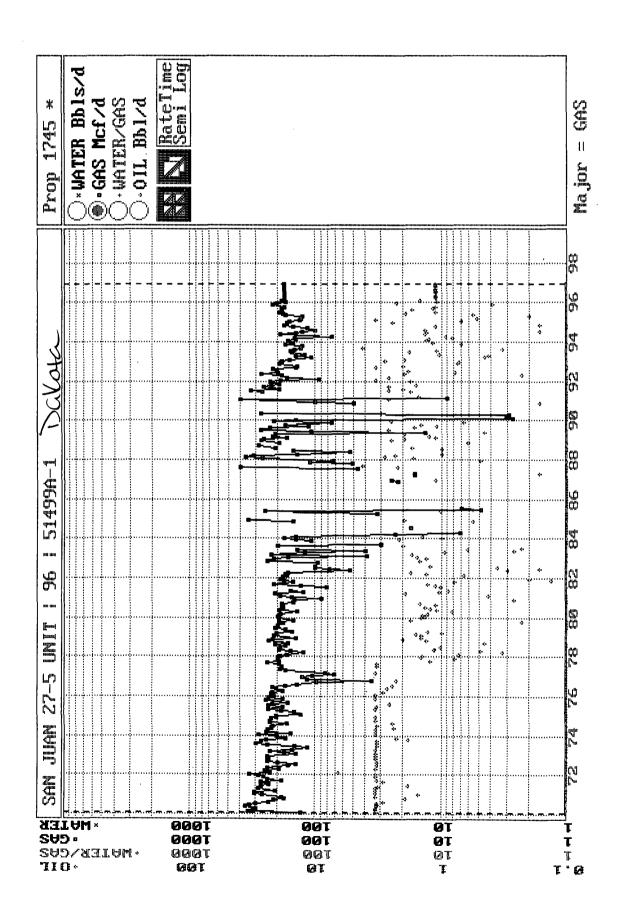
Form C-102 Revised February 21, 1994

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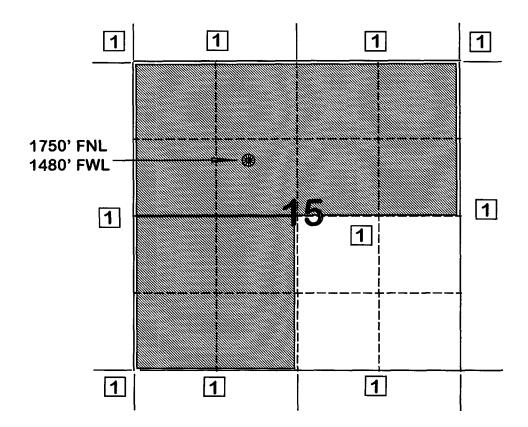




BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL AND GAS COMPANY

San Juan 27-5 'Jnit #96 OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT Mesaverde (W/2)/Dakota (N/2) Formations Commingle Well

Township 27 North, Range 5 West



1) Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company Successor to Meridian Oil Inc.

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SAN JUAN 27-5 UNIT #96 DAKOTA - ORIGINAL

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DIAMETER (IN)	2.375
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BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	1147.5

SAN JUAN 27-5 UNIT #96 DAKOTA - CURRENT

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FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	
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SAN JUAN 27-5 UNIT #96E MESAVERDE - ORIGINAL

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 11626 ORDER NO. R-10694

APPLICATION OF BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING "REFERENCE CASE" FOR ITS SAN JUAN 27-5 UNIT PURSUANT TO DIVISION RULE 303.E AND THE ADOPTION OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THEREFOR, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on October 17 and November 7, 1996, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiners David R. Catanach and Michael E. Stogner, respectively.

NOW, on this 12th day of November, 1996, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) The applicant, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company (Burlington), pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 303.E., seeks to establish a downhole commingling "reference case" to provide exceptions for (a) marginal economic criteria, (b) pressure criteria, (c) allocation formulas and (d) modification of notification rules on a unit-wide basis for downhole commingling of Dakota, Mesaverde, Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs gas production within existing or future drilled wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) Division Rule No. 303.E., amended by Order No. R-10470-A, currently states:

"If sufficient data exists on a lease, pool, formation, geographic area, etc., so as to render it unnecessary to repeatedly provide such data on Form C-107-A, an operator may except any of the various criteria required under Paragraph 303.D. of this rule by establishing a "reference case". The Division, upon its own motion, or by application from an operator, may establish "reference cases" either administratively or by hearing. Upon Division approval of such "reference cases" for specific criteria, subsequent applications to downhole commingle (Form C-107-A) will be required only to cite the Division order number which established such exceptions and shall not be required to submit data for those criteria."

- (4) The applicant is the current operator of the San Juan 27-5 Unit which encompasses some 23,043 acres in Township 27 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (5) Within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, the applicant currently operates one hundred and one (101) Basin-Dakota Gas Pool wells, one hundred and five (105) Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool wells, eighty-seven (87) South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs and Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool wells, and four (4) Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool wells.
 - (6) According to its evidence and testimony, Burlington seeks to:
 - a) establish a "reference case" for marginal economic criteria in the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations whereby these formations and/or pools may be identified as "marginal" on Form C-107-A's subsequently filed for wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit. The applicant further proposes that the data provided in the immediate case serve as supplemental data or confirmation that these formations and/or pools should be classified as "marginal";
 - b) establish a "reference case" for pressure criteria in the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations whereby the Division may utilize data provided in the immediate case to verify the pressure data provided on Form C-107-A's subsequently filed for wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit:

- c) establish a "reference case" whereby the Division utilizes the data presented in the immediate case to endorse or approve certain methods of allocating production whereby the applicant need not submit additional data or justification when proposing a certain method of allocating production on Form C-107-A's subsequently filed for wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit; and,
- d) establish a "reference case" or an administrative procedure for authorizing the downhole commingling of existing or future drilled wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit without additional notice to each affected interest owner as required by Division Rule No. 303.D.
- (7) In support of its request to except marginal economic criteria, the applicant presented geologic and engineering evidence and testimony which indicates that within the San Juan 27-5 Unit:
 - a) the structure and thickness of the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations are very consistent;
 - b) the average recoverable Dakota and Pictured Cliffs gas reserves underlying an undeveloped drill block are approximately 583 MMCFG and 426 MMCFG, respectively;
 - c) the average initial producing rate for a newly drilled or recompleted Dakota and Pictured Cliffs gas well is approximately 393 MCFGD and 63 MCFGD, respectively; and,
 - d) the estimated ultimate gas recoveries and initial producing rates from the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations are insufficient to justify drilling stand alone wells and/or dually completed wells to recover such gas reserves.
- (8) The evidence and testimony presented by the applicant indicates that the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations within the San Juan 27-5 Unit should be properly classified as "marginal".
- (9) In support of its request to except pressure criteria within the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, the applicant presented engineering evidence and testimony which indicates that:

- a) the average shut-in bottomhole pressure within the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations at the time of initial development were approximately 3,141 psi and 1,118 psi, respectively; and.
- b) the average current shut-in bottomhole pressure within the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations are approximately 1,032 psi and 441 psi, respectively.
- (10) There is sufficient pressure data available within the San Juan 27-5 Unit so as to except pressure criteria as proposed by the applicant.
- (11) The applicant testified that various allocation methods will be utilized for downhole commingled wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit depending on the circumstances. Some of the methods and circumstances are described as follows:
 - a) the subtraction method will likely be utilized in those instances involving the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and in those instances where a zone with a well established decline rate is commingled with a newly completed zone;
 - b) a fixed allocation formula will be utilized in those instances where production history for both zones is available, or in those instances where newly completed zones are tested and stabilized flow rates obtained.
- (12) The allocation methods proposed by the applicant are routinely utilized by industry and approved by the Division and therefore the proposal to except allocation formulas should be approved.
- (13) In support of its request to establish a "reference case" or administrative procedure for providing notice within the San Juan 27-5 Unit the applicant presented evidence and testimony which indicates that:
 - a) the interest ownership between two zones within a given wellbore in the San Juan 27-5 Unit is generally not common;
 - b) pursuant to Division Rule No. 303.D., applicant is currently required to notify all interest owners within the San Juan 27-5 Unit every time a Form C-107-A is submitted to the Division. There is a considerable number of such interest owners within the unit:

- c) providing notice to each interest owner within the San Juan 27-5 Unit of subsequent downhole comminglings is unnecessary and is an excessive burden on the applicant;
- d) the downhole commingling of wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit Area will benefit working, royalty, and overriding royalty interest owners. In addition, the downhole commingling of wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit should not violate the correlative rights of any interest owner:
- e) no interest owner appeared at the hearing in opposition to the establishment of a "reference case" or administrative procedure for notice.
- (14) An administrative procedure should be established within the San Juan 27-5 Unit for obtaining approval for subsequent downhole commingled wells without notice to Unit interest owners, provided however that, all other provisions contained within Division Rule No. 303.C. are complied with.
- (15) Approval of the proposed "reference cases" for marginal economic criteria, pressure criteria, allocation formulas and notice will lessen the burden on the applicant insofar as providing the data required pursuant to Division Rule No. 303.D. and Form C-107-A, will provide the applicant a streamlined method for obtaining downhole commingling approvals within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, and will not violate correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company to establish a "reference case" for (a) marginal economic criteria, (b) pressure criteria, (c) allocation formulas and (d) modification of notification rules on a unit-wide basis for downhole commingling of Dakota, Mesaverde, Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs gas production within existing or future drilled wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, San Juan County, New Mexico, is hereby approved.

- (2) Upon filing of Division Form No. C-107-A's for wells subsequently downhole commingled within the San Juan 27-5 Unit Area, the applicant shall not be required to submit supporting data to justify the classification of the Pictured Cliffs and Dakota formations as "marginal", supporting data to verify the Pictured Cliffs and Dakota pressure information provided, and support or justification for utilizing a given method or formula for allocation of production, provided however, in the event any of the data described above appearing on Form C-107-A appears to be beyond the data range provided in this case, the Division may require the submittal of additional supporting data.
- (3) In order to obtain Division authorization to downhole commingle wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, the applicant shall file a Form C-107-A with the Santa Fe and Aztec Offices of the Division. Such application shall contain all the information required under Rule No. 303.C. of the Division Rules and Regulations, provided however that the applicant shall not be required to provide notice to all interest owners within the San Juan 27-5 Unit of such proposed commingling.
- (4) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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WILLIAM I/ LeMAY

Director