BLACKWOOD & NICHOLS CO. P. O. BOX 1237 MAY DURANGO, COLORADO 81301 (303) 247-0728 CONSERVATION COMM. Santa Fe May 19, 1978 Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Secretary-Director Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 Dear Mr. Ramey:

As operator of the Northeast Blanco Unit, we are requesting administrative approval for a non-standard well location to be completed in the Mesaverde Formation.

We intend to drill the Northeast Blanco Unit Well No. 44A, an infill well, located 270' F/SL - 535' F/EL, P-4-30N-7W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

The offset spacing units subject to this application are all within the bounds of the Northeast Blanco Unit and will not present a drainage problem to any offset operator.

Due to extreme topographical conditions and with recommendations from the Division of Conservation Archaeology, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation, we believe this well site is now in the only logical location.

Very truly yours,

BLACKWOOD & NICHOLS CO., LTD.

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District Manager

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cc: A. R. Kendricks Aztec, New Mexico 87410

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Map Source: U.S.G.S. 7.5' Pine River Quadrangle NM

Description: The access road will begin at an existing graded road and run southeast down a moderate slope 5% to the well pad. The well pad has an open exposure in sandy soil with vegetation consisting principally of sagebrush with scatterings of prickly pear cactus and various grasses. A small erosional cut runs east-west through the pad.

Cultural Resources: No artifacts were noted.

Recommendation: Archaeological clearance is recommended.

Northeast Blanco Unit #44-A

Land Jurisdiction: Bureau of Land Management (minerals Bureau of Reclamation (surface)

Legal Description: 270' F/SL 510' F/EL Section 4 T30N R7W N.M.P.M. Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

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Area Surveyed: 300' x 259' (pad) approx. 2500' x 20' (road)

Description: The access road begins at an existing graded road and runs easterly for approximately 100' up a moderate incline 6-10% then cuts north then northeast and drops down over ledges ranging from 15 to 20% slope to reach the well pad. The well pad lies on a surface of 7-8% slope with westerly exposure drained by small erosional arroyos. Vegetation in the area includes prickly pear cactus, sagebrush, pinon, and juniper in sandy soil with frequent sandstone outcrops and boulders.

Cultural Resources: Approximately 500' east-northeast of the well pad is a forked pole hogan approximately 2 x 3 meters in size, with several upright supports still standing. Associated with this structure are two sandstone mano fragments, several white chert flakes, and two sherds of utility ware. A slab lined hearth approximately .6 meter in diameter was found approximately 1000' from the beginning of the access road in the proposed roadbed, but it was agreed to move the roadbed 50' northward. Exposure of the hearth was to the southeast. Site forms for DCA-78-40 (hogan) and DCA-78-41 (hearth) are attached.

Recommendation: Since the hogan is not on the proposed well pad, and the roadbed was moved to clear the hearth, archaeological clearance is recommended. Mr. Hill from Allen Construction is aware of the locations of both archaeological sites and will supervise the initial grading of the access road and well pad so as to avoid inadvertent disturbance.

