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Conoco, Inc.
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Attention: Kay Maddox

Administrative Order NSL-4002

Dear Ms. Maddox:

Reference is made to your application dated March 17, 1998 for an off-pattern non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for your existing Hodges Well No. 11-E (API No. 30-045-26177), located 830 feet from the North line and 1510 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 27, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico. According to the well records on file with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe, the Hodges Well No. 11-E was initially drilled in 1985 by Southern Union Exploration Company and completed at a standard infill gas well location in the Basin-Dakota Pool within a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the W/2 of said Section 27.

It is our understanding that the Dakota interval is to be abandoned and said well will be plugged back and recompleted up-hole into the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool. This location, pursuant to the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, is considered to be unorthodox. Further, the W/2 of said Section 27 is to be dedicated to said well in order to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 8 of said special pool rules, the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location for the Hodges Well No. 11-E 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