Conoco) NSL 4/13/98

Mid-Continent Region Exploration/Production

March 17, 1998

Mr. Michael Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Application for Unorthodox Coal Location Newsom # 17 E API # 30-045-24722 Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive, Suite 100W Midland, TX 79705-4500 (915) 686-5400



Dear Mr. Stogner,

Conoco's Newsom #17E is located in Section 20, T-26-N, R-8-W San Juan County, New Mexico. In addition to standard 790' set-back requirements, orthodox locations for 320 acre spaced, Basin Fruitland Coal requires that locations be situated in the NE/4 and/or SW/4 of any given Section. The Newsom # 17E meets set-back requirements but is situated in the SE/4 of Section 20; an orthodox east half location would be in the NE/4.

In order to prevent economic waste by allowing access to Basin Fruitland Coal reserves in an existing wellbore, and to help mitigate mechanical risk in a newer wellbore (1981 completion); Conoco, respectfully requests that a SE/4, unorthodox location be approved for completion in the Basin Fruitland Coal Pool. Note that Fruitland Coal is untested in direct offset 320's. Additionally, NMOCD Administrative Order DHC-1652 (see attached) has been issued to allow downhole commingling of production from the Basin Dakota and Fruitland Coal Pools. The BLM has approved both Conoco's notice of intent to recomplete and its request to downhole commingle (see attached).

The offset operator plat shows that Burlington Resources, R. C. Resources, and Amoco are the offset operators that could be affected by this unorthodox location. Please find enclosed evidence that they have been notified of this application.

An unorthodox location order is requested based on the reasons given in the preceding paragraphs. If there are further questions concerning this application please call me at (915) 686-5798.

Sincerely,

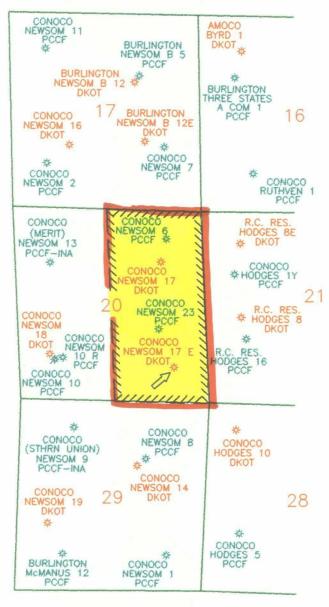
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Regulatory Agent/ Conoco, Inc.

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

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AMENDED REPORT

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Newsom #17E API # 30-045-24722 Section 20, T-26-N, R-8-W San Juan County, NM

RE: Non-Orthodox location Request

## **Offset Operators:**

**Burlington Resources** PO Box 4289 Farmington, NM 87499

Amoco PO Box 800 Denver, CO 80201

R C Resources 8340 MeadowRd STE 230 Dallas, TX 75231

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#### **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Farmington District Office 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A Farmington, New Mexico 87401

IN REPLY REFER TO:
NMSF 078433 (WF)
3162.7-3 (07400)

September 12, 1997

Mr. Jerry W. Hoover Senior Conservation Coordinator Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive, Ste. 100W Midland, TX 79705-4500

RE: Downhole Commingling

No. 17E Newsom 860' FSL & 910' FEL Sec. 20, T. 26 N., R. 8 W. San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your application to downhole commingling the Basin Fruitland Coal and Basin Dakota formations in the referenced well has been reviewed. Allocation will be determined by projecting the production for the Dakota formation and taking the difference to determine the allocated production for the Fruitland formation.. Approval to downhole commingling is hereby granted using the subtraction method.

If you have further questions regarding this correspondence, contact Brian W. Davis at (505) 599-6367.

Sincerely,

Duane W. Spencer

Team Leader, Petroleum Management

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Form 3 160-5 (June 1990)

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DHC-1652

Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive Suite 100W Midland, Texas 79705-4500

Attention: Ms. Ann E. Ritchie

Newsom No. 17E API No. 30-045-24722 Unit P, Section 20, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico. Basin-Dakota (Prorated Gas - 71599) and Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas - 71629) Pools

#### Dear Ms. Ritchie:

Reference is made to your recent application for an exception to Rule 303.A. of the Division Rules and Regulations to permit the above described well to commingle production from the subject pools in the wellbore.

It appearing that the subject well qualifies for approval for such exception pursuant to the provisions of Rule 303.C., and that reservoir damage or waste will not result from such downhole commingling, and correlative rights will not be violated thereby, you are hereby authorized to commingle the production as described above and any Division Order which authorized the dual completion and required separation of the zones is hereby placed in abeyance.

The maximum amount of gas which may be produced daily from the well shall be determined by Division Rules and Regulations or by the gas allowable for each respective prorated pool as printed in the Division's San Juan Basin Gas Proration Schedule.

Production from the subject well shall be allocated as follows:

Gas production from the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool shall be determined utilizing the mid-year average production forecast submitted by the applicant as an attachment to the downhole commingling application. Gas production from the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool shall be determined by subtracting Basin-Dakota Gas Pool production from the well's total monthly gas production.

The allocation method established herein may be altered at some time subsequent to initiating downhole commingling operations upon request by the operator and for good cause shown.

Administrative Order DHC-1652 Conoco Inc. September 9, 1997 Page 2

REMARKS: The operator shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Division upon implementation of the commingling process.

Pursuant to Rule 303.H., the commingling authority granted herein may be rescinded by the Division Director if, in his opinion, conservation is not being best served by such commingling.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 9th day of September, 1997.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

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