## New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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June 16, 2009

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, LP Attn: Ms. Crystal Tafoya 3401 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street Farmington, NM 87402

Administrative Order NSL-6045

Re: San Juan 27-4 Unit Well No. 33A API No. 30-39-30731 165 feet FNL and 2240 feet FEL Unit B, Section 11-27N-4W Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Tafoya:

Reference is made to the following:

- (a) your application (administrative application reference No. pKAA09-16140548) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on June 10, 2009, and
  - (b) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, L.P. [OGRID 14538] (Burlington) has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox gas well location, as described above in the caption of this letter. The E/2 of Section 11 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre spacing unit in the Blanco Mesaverde Gas Pool (73219). Spacing in this pool is governed by Rules I.A and I.C of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, as amended by Order No. R-10987-A(1), effective December 2, 2002, which generally provide for 320-acres units, with wells located at least 660 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is less than 660 feet from the northern unit boundary.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 and 4.12.A(2).

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for topographic reasons.



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It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary because applicant is the owner of the offsetting unit.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 5.9.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.

Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec United States Bureau of Land Management - Farmington