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*Administrative Order NSL-4675*

Dear Mr. Cox:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application dated November 6, 2001 (*application reference No. pKRV0-131357421*); (ii) the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's ("Division") initial response by letter dated November 29, 2001 from Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer, requesting additional information; (iii) your letter of response dated December 12, 2001; and (iv) the Division's records in Aztec and Santa Fe: all concerning XTO Energy, Inc.'s ("XTO") request for an off-pattern non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for the existing Bolack "C" LS Well No. 7 (API No. 30-045-06143), located 1840 feet from the North line and 918 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 33, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (71629), San Juan County, New Mexico.

According to the Division's well records the Bolack "C" LS Well No. 7 was initially drilled in 1956 by El Paso Natural Gas Company and completed at a standard gas well location in the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool within a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the NW/4 of Section 33.

It is our understanding that XTO Energy, Inc. intends to abandon the Pictured Cliffs interval and recompleted this well up-hole into the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool. Pursuant to the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, the location of this well is considered to be unorthodox. Further, the W/2 of Section 33 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 8 of these special pool rules the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location for the Bolack "C" LS Well No. 7 is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery  
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec  
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington