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Energen Resources Corporation
2198 Bloomfield Highway
Farmington, New Mexico 87401
Attention: Richard Corcoran

Administrative Order NSL-4789

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on September 13, 2002 (**application reference No. pKRV0-225653323**); and (ii) the Division's records in Santa Fe and Aztec: all concerning Energen Resources Corporation's ("Energen") request for an off-pattern non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for its existing Burroughs State Well No. 1 (**API No. 30-045-20945**), located 840 feet from the North line and 1500 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 36, Township 26 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (**71629**), San Juan County, New Mexico.

According to the Division's well records the Burroughs State Well No. 1 was initially drilled in 1971 by Odessa Natural Corporation and completed at a standard gas well location in the Basin-Dakota Pool within a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit comprising the W/2 of Section 36. The records indicate this well last produced in November, 1992 and has been shut-in since that time.

It is our understanding that Energen intends to abandon the Dakota 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 36 is also to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing 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 Burroughs State Well No. 1 is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
New Mexico State Land Office - Santa Fe