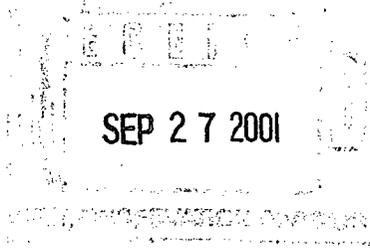




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Re: Application by Richardson Operating Company
Special "Infill Well" Area for Fruitland Coal Gas Pool
San Juan County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Calpine Natural Gas Company has reviewed the application of Richardson Operating Company for the establishment of a special Fruitland Coal Gas "infill well" area covering certain lands in T29N and T30N, R14W and R15W, San Juan County, New Mexico, and that Calpine fully supports the application and requests NMOCD approval.

Very truly yours,

CALPINE NATURAL GAS COMPANY

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