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Re: Application of Williams Production Company for an exception to Rule 7(d) of the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool to authorize the simultaneous dedication of the south half of Section 8, Township 31 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, to two coal gas well located in the same quarter section, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Enclosed in triplicate is an Application of Williams Production Company in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of a legal advertisement. Williams Production Company respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the October 7, 2004 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

#### **Enclosures**

cc: Oil Conservation Division District III 1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec, New Mexico 87410

> M. Vern Hansen, CPL Williams Production Company Post Office Box 3102 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101

#### Holland & Hart LLP

# STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES. OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WILLIAMS PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN EXCEPTION TO RULE 7(d) OF THE SPECIAL POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE BASIN-FRUITLAND COAL GAS POOL TO AUTHORIZE THE SIMULIFANEOUS DEDICATION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, NMPM, TO TWO COAL GAS WELLS LOCATED IN THE SAME QUARTER SECTION, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. <u>/33 47</u>

# **APPLICATION**

WILLIAMS PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Williams"), by its undersigned attorneys, Holland & Hart, LLP, seeks an exception to Rule 7(d)(2) of the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, to authorize the simultaneous dedication of the S/2 of Section 8, Township 31 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico to two coal gas wells located in the same quarter section. In support of its application, Williams Production Company states:

- 1. Williams is the operator of the S/2 of said Section 8, Township 31 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, on which is located the Rosa Unit Well No. 379 that, pursuant to Rule 9(A) of the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, has been drilled as an intentionally deviated horizontal wellbore on a project area comprised of the S/2 of this section. The surface location for the Well in 1710 feet from the South line and 1680 feet from the West line (Unit K) and the horizontal portion of the wellbore extends in a east southeast direction with a vertical section of approximately 2500 feet. The wellbore traverses both quarter sections in the S/2 of Section 8. This well is not effectively and efficiently draining the reserves under this spacing unit/project area.
- 2. Williams proposes to drill its Rosa Unit Well No. 379A as the optional infill well on this 320-acre spacing unit in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. This well will be drilled as a vertical well from a surface location 1130 feet from the South line and 1680 feet from the West line of Section 8. The surface locations for the Rosa Unit Well Nos. 379 and 379A will both be located in the SE/4 of Section 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are Williams' Forms C-102 for each well.
- 3. Williams seeks an exception to the provisions of Rule 7(d) of the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool to permit the INITIAL Fruitland Coal Well and the OPTIONAL INFILL WELL to located in the same quarter Section of said Section 8. Furthermore, the simultaneous dedication both wells to this 320-acre spacing unit in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool will

permit Williams to efficiently and effectively produce the produce the gas from this pool.

- 4. This well is located in the interior of the Rosa Unit Area and therefore there are no "affected persons" (Division-designated operators or owners of undrilled tracts) as defined in Division Rule 1207(a)(2) offsetting this S/2 spacing unit to whom notice of this application must be provided may be provided is required by Division rules. Since the well is located on federal land, the application has been provided by Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested to the Bureau of Land Management with copies of form 3160-3. A copy of this application has also been mailed to the Division's Aztec Office.
- 5. Approval of this application is in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Williams Production Company requests that this application be set for hearing on October 7, 2004 before a duly appointed Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order granting this application.

Respectfully submitted,

HOLLAND & HART, LLP

William F. Carr

ATTORNEYS FOR WILLIAMS PRODUCTION COMPANY

## PROPOSED LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT:

Case <u>1334?</u>

Application of Williams Production Company for an exception to Rule 7(d) of the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool to authorize the simultaneous dedication of the south half of Section 8, Township 31 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, to two coal gas well located in the same quarter section, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an exception to Rule 7(d) of the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, to authorize the simultaneous dedication of the S/2 of Section 8, Township 31 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico to the following four existing coal gas wells:

the existing Rosa Unit Well No. 379 that has been drilled as an intentionally deviated horizontal wellbore on a project area comprised of the S/2 of this section from a surface location 1710 feet from the South line and 1680 feet from the West line (Unit K) with the horizontal portion of the wellbore extending in an east southeast direction with a vertical section of approximately 2500 feet traversing both quarter sections in the S/2 of Section 8, and

the proposed Rosa Unit well No. 379A to be drilled as a vertical well as the optional infill well on this 320-acre spacing unit from a surface location 1130 feet from the South line and 1680 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 8.

The surface locations for the Rosa Unit Well Nos. 379 and 379A will both be located in the SE/4 of Section 8.

Said spacing unit is located approximately miles North of Espinoza, New Mexico.

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September 14, 2004

# <u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Bureau of Land Management 1235 LaPlata Highway, Suite A Farmington, New Mexico 87401-8731

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### Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that Williams Production Company has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking and exception to the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool authorizing it to simultaneously dedicate the S/2 of Section 8, Township 31 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, to two coal gas wells located in the same quarter section.

This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner on October 7, 2004. You are not required to attend this hearing, but you may appear and present testimony. This letter and application are being provided to you pursuant to Rule 7(d)(2)(i) of the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. Williams has previously filed with you Form 3160-3 for the proposed Rosa Unit Well No. 379A.

Very truly yours.

William F. Carr

Attorney for Williams Production Company

**Enclosures** 

cc:

Vern Hansen, CPL

Williams Production Company