



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Attention: **Cherry Hlava**  
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***Administrative Order NSP-1894 (NSL)***

Dear Ms. Hlava:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your initial application (***administrative application reference No. pMES0-529359477***) of September 12, 2005 for an unorthodox Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for BP America Production Company's ("BP") proposed Riddle "C" LS Well No. 5 (**API No. 30-045-33336**) to be drilled 2110 feet from the South line and 925 feet from the West line (Lot 14/Unit K) of Irregular Section 30, Township 31 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (**71629**), San Juan County, New Mexico; (ii) the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's ("Division") response by letter from Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Engineer in Santa Fe, on October 20, 2005 **denying** this application; (iii) your e-mail correspondence with Mr. Stogner on October 25, 2005 concerning this application; (iv) your re-submittal of this application on October 27, 2005 to include a provision to establish a non-standard 299.10-acre coal gas spacing unit consisting of the following acreage; and (v) the Division's records in Aztec and Santa Fe, including the files in Division Cases No. 236 and 10072:

**SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**  
**TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM**  
**Irregular Section 30: Lots 14 through 16 (SW/4 equivalent)**  
**Irregular Section 31: Lots 7 through 10 and 15 through 18 (W/2 equivalent).**

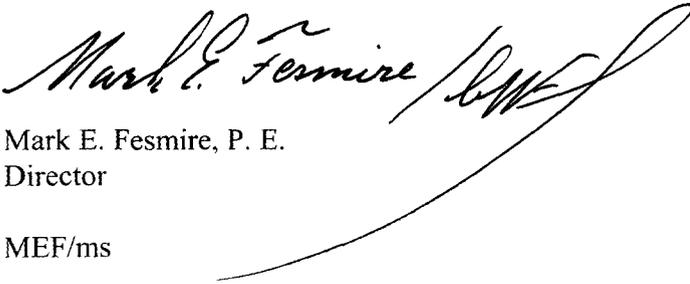
Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of: (i) Rules 6 and 7 (b) of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended; and (ii) Division Rules 104.F, 104.D (2), and 1210.A (2) [formerly Division Rule 1207.A (2), see Division Order No. R-12327-A, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 13482 on September 15, 2005].

The above-described acreage conforms to an existing non-standard gas spacing and proration unit in the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool (**72319**) approved under the authority of Division Order No. R-35, issued in Case No. 236 on December 1, 1950, and serves to complement the previously established 309.09-acre non-standard coal gas spacing unit comprising the W/2 equivalent of Irregular Section 19 and the NW/4 equivalent of Irregular Section 30, Township 31 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, approved by Division Order No. R-9308, issued in Case No. 10072 on September 27, 1990.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rules 6 and 8 of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool*," the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location for BP's proposed Riddle "C" LS Well No. 5 and non-standard 299.10-acre coal gas spacing unit are hereby approved.

Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division deems necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark E. Fesmire" followed by a stylized flourish.

Mark E. Fesmire, P. E.  
Director

MEF/ms

cc: U. S. Bureau of Land Management – Farmington  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Aztec  
File: Case No. 236  
Case No. 10072