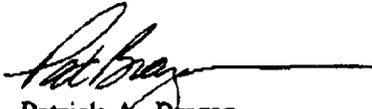


Mr. William J. Lemay, Chairman  
Oil Conservation Commission  
September 24, 1997

- The NMOCD will retain discretion to judge each application for extension on its merits, and approve only those which meet the proper criteria.

For these reasons, Conoco Inc. strongly supports the application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company in this matter. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Respectfully,



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**DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 1997**

**9:00 A.M. - 2040 SOUTH PACHECO - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**  
**The Land Commissioner's designee for this hearing will be Jami Bailey**

**CASE 11705:** (Continued from August 14, 1997, Commission Hearing)

**Application of the Oil Conservation Division to amend Order R-8170, as amended, "General Rules for the Prorated Pools of New Mexico."** Applicant seeks to amend Order No. R-8170, as amended, to simplify the testing and proration rules as applied to the prorated pools of Northwest New Mexico.

**CASE 11856:** Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company to amend New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Rule 1105.C to expand and extend the confidentiality provisions of said rule. Applicant requests that the Division amend its Rule 1105.C by adopting the following: Operators and other parties appearing before the Division submitting data and information, including but not limited to the data submitted pursuant to Rule 1105.A, that they believe to be exempt from disclosure shall at the time of submittal clearly mark it "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION" and physically separate it from other portions of the submitted data. Data so marked shall be kept confidential by the Division. Such information obtained from an operator or party that constitutes trade secrets and/or proprietary and other confidential information/data, including but not limited to geological, geophysical or financial information, shall be withheld by the Division from public disclosure and shall not be made available for public inspection or made public or disclosed without the written consent of the operator for a period of not less than 90 days. Upon written request, the Director, without notice or hearing, may approve up to three (3) additional 90-day periods of confidentiality or may set the matter for hearing.

**THE FOLLOWING CASES ARE AWAITING FINAL COMMISSION ACTION:**

**CASE 11829:** The Oil Conservation Division is calling a hearing on its own motion to consider proposed October, 1997 -- March, 1998 gas allowables for the prorated gas pools in New Mexico. Allowable assignment factors are being distributed with an OCD Memorandum dated July 25, 1997. If requests for changes are not received at the August 14, 1997 hearing, these factors will be used to assign allowables for the October -- March period.