

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:**

***CASE NO. 12220  
Order No. R-11230***

**APPLICATION OF CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COMPANY FOR AN  
UNORTHODOX COAL GAS WELL LOCATION, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO.**

**ORDER OF THE DIVISION**

**BY THE DIVISION:**

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on August 5, 1999, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999, the Division Director, having considered the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner,

**FINDS THAT:**

(1) Due public notice has been given and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.

(2) The applicant, Cross Timbers Operating Company (Cross Timbers), seeks approval to drill its Brown Well No. 3 (API No. 30-045-29900) at an off-pattern coal gas well location 1775 feet from the South line and 1090 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 29, Township 30 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico. The S/2 of Section 29 is to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for this pool.

(3) The record in this case indicates that the application by Cross Timbers was originally filed for administrative approval and was subsequently set for hearing before a Division Examiner due to an objection filed by Hallwood Petroleum.

(4) The record further indicates that:

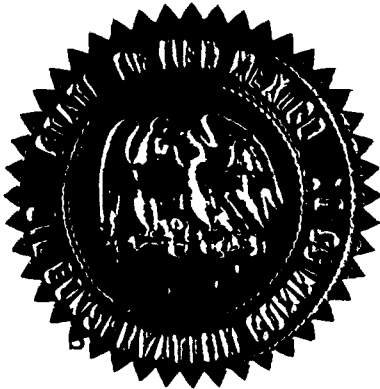
- a) Cross Timbers has amended its well location to 1705 feet from the South line and 1285 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 29, and, as a result, Hallwood Petroleum has withdrawn its objection to the unorthodox gas well location; and

- b) the proposed unorthodox gas well location has been approved by Division Order No. NSL-4338 dated August 3, 1999.
- (5) The applicant requests that Case No. 12220 be dismissed.
- (6) The applicant's request for dismissal should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

- (1) Pursuant to the request of Cross Timbers Operating Company, Case No. 12220 is hereby dismissed.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



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**Via Fax and U.S. Mail**


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Re: Case ~~1220~~<sup>1220</sup>; Application of Cross Timbers Operating Company

Dear Mr. Ashley:

Please continue the above case to the August 5, 1999 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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cc: William F. Carr (via fax)