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Case 12509

Attn: W. Thomas Kellahin

Re: Unorthodox Location: Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company
Davis Well No. 7F
180' FNL & 2465' FWL, Section 11, Township 31 North, Range 12 West
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

I have reviewed Burlington's proposal for an approval of an unorthodox location for the above mentioned well. The proposed location for this well will encroach upon state trust reserves in Section 2, of the above mentioned township and range. I understand that there are surface constraints that have necessitated this unorthodox location proposal. However, I am hopeful that all affected parties can come to amicable terms in this matter, while preventing a correlative rights issue. I recommend an alternative location be sought. A waiver of objection to this proposal by the Commissioner of Public Lands will not be recommended.

If you have any questions or care to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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