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November 10, 2000

**HAND DELIVERED**

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
2040 South Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

*Case 12553*

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OIL CONSERVATION DIV.

Re: Farmington A Well No. 100  
Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company  
for an Unorthodox Coal Gas Well Location,  
San Juan County, New Mexico

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OIL CONSERVATION DIV.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, please find enclosed our referenced application which we request be set on the Examiner's docket now scheduled for hearing in on December 7, 2000. Also enclosed is our proposed advertisement of this case for the NMOCD docket.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company  
Attn: Alan Alexander

Proposed notification/advertisement for OCD docket

Case 12553: Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company for an unorthodox coal-gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its proposed Farmington A Well No. 100 at an unorthodox coal-gas well location ("off-pattern") 660 feet from the south line and 705 feet from the east line of Section 1, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, to be dedicated to a standard 320-acre gas spacing unit consisting of the S/2 of this section for any and all coal-gas production within the limits of the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. This well is located within the City of Farmington, New Mexico.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX COAL GAS  
WELL LOCATION, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**CASE NO. 12553**

**APPLICATION**

Comes now BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY, ("Burlington") by and through its attorneys, Kellahin and Kellahin, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for approval of an unorthodox well location ("OFF-PATTERN") in the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool for its proposed Farmington A Well No. 100 to be drilled at an unorthodox well location 660 feet from the south line and 705 feet from the east line of Section 1, T29N, R13W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, and to be dedicated to a 320 acre spacing unit consisting of the S/2 of Section 1, and in support states:

- (1) Burlington is the proposed operator of this well.
- (2) Burlington seeks to drill its Farmington A Well No. 100 in the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the south line and 705 feet from the east line (Unit P) of Section 1, T29N, R13W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) The proposed location is standard as to the footage requirements but is unorthodox in that it is "off-pattern" for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool because it is located in the SE/4 of the section rather than either the NE/4 or the SW/4 of the section.

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(4) The proposed "off pattern" location is topographically necessary because most of Section 1 is within the City of Farmington and there are no existing wellbore which can be used for a coal gas well.

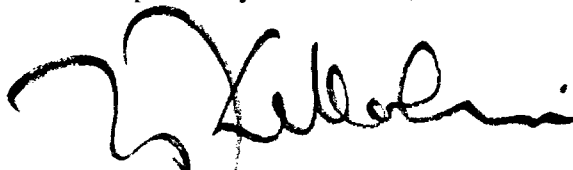
(5) No correlative rights will be impaired by approving this application.

(6) Burlington requests that this matter be docketed for hearing on the Division Examiner docket now scheduled for December 7, 2000.

(7) In accordance with Division notice rules, copies of this application will be sent to all of the persons affected by this application as set forth on Exhibit "A" attached.

WHEREFORE, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company requests that this matter be set for hearing on December 7, 2000 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Thomas Kellahin', with a stylized, flowing script.

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