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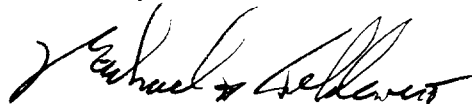
**Re: Case No. 12643, San Juan County, NM
Application of Richardson Production Company to Re-
open Order No. R-11577 for the purpose of
reconsidering the charge for risk involved in drilling
the subject well.**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery :

Richardson Production Company, the applicant in the above referenced matter, requests that Case No. 12643 be re-opened and placed on the docket for the May 31, 2001 Examiner hearing for the purpose of amending Order No. R-11577 to address the appropriate charge for the risk involved in the drilling the subject well.

A proposed advertisement is attached hereto.

Sincerely,



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cc: Michael Stogner, Hearing Examiner
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CASE 12643: (Re-opened and Re-advertised) Application of Richardson Production Company to Re-open Order No. R-11577 for the purpose of reconsidering the charge for risk involved in drilling a well in the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool and the Twin Mounds-Fruitland Sand - Pictured Cliffs Pool. Applicant seeks an amendment to Order No. R-11577 pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation in the following described spacing and proration units in Section 8, Township 29 North, Range 14 West: The S/2 which includes the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool and the SW/4 which includes the Twin Mounds Fruitland Sand-Pictured Cliffs Pool. Said units are presently dedicated to the ROPCO "8" Well No. 3 to be drilled at a standard location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of said Section 8 to a depth sufficient to test the Pictured Cliffs formation. To be considered will be the appropriate charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 2 miles northeast of Kirtland, New Mexico. **IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION THIS MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.**