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RE: Case No. 12797, Order No. R-11759
RPC 17-3 Well (Fruitland Coal formation)
S/2 Section 17, Township 29 North, Range 14 West
RPC 17-3 Well (Pictured Cliff formation)
SW/4 Section 17, Township 29 North, Range 14 West
San Juan County, New Mexico

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with paragraph number (6) of Order No. R-11759, enclosed is an Authority for Expenditure outlining the estimated costs to drill the RPC 17-3 well to the Pictured Cliffs formation, with completion in the Pictured Cliffs formation and when downhole commingling is approved completion in the Fruitland Coal formation.

Also enclosed are copies of the letters sent to the non-consenting working interest owners.

Should you have any questions concerning the enclosure I can be contacted at the letterhead address, by telephone at (303) 830-8000 or by e-mail at rvanblaricom@richardsonoil.com.

Very truly yours,

Rebecca E. Van Blaricom

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Enclosure