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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

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.

According to paragraph number (6) of Order No. R11759 you have the right to pay the estimated well costs and become a working interest owner in the RPC 17-3 well.

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

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