

## NEW INEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Lori Wrotenbery Director Oil Conservation Division

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Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. P.O. Box 3109 Midland, Texas 79702 Attention: A. Phil Ryan, Commission Coordinator

Administrative Order NSL-4520

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application dated October 25, 2000; and (ii) the records of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe: all concerning Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc.'s ("Texaco") request for an unorthodox oil well location in both the Justis-Blinebry and Justis-Tubb Drinkard Pools for its proposed G. L. Erwin "B" Federal NCT-2 Well No. 11. This well is to be drilled 1590 feet from the South line and 1830 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 35, Township 24 South. Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. It is our understanding that this well is to be dually completed in both zones.

The existing standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the Justis-Blinebry Pool comprising the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 35, which is currently dedicated to Texaco's G. L. Erwin "B" Federal NCT-2 Well No. 2 (API No. 30-025-11363), located at a standard oil well location 1980 feet from the South and East lines of Section 35, and this same 40-acre tract, to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the Justis-Tubb Drinkard Pool, are to be dedicated to this well.

Furthermore, the SE/4 of Section 35 is a single federal lease (U. S. Government Lease No. LC-057509) in which Texaco is the operator; therefore, there are no effected offsets to the subject 40-acre tract other than Texaco.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F. revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2), the above-described unorthodox gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

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Lori Wrotenbery Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs / U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad

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