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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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August 8, 1956

Mr. J. V. Fritts
515 Sims Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Fritts:

I have been forwarded a copy of an application which you have made for an unorthodox location to be drilled in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8-23N-9W, San Juan County, New Mexico.

At present Rule 104 is being re-written for the San Juan Basin in such a manner that your location, being an oil prospect would no longer be unorthodox. The new rule as written will allow an oil wildcat to be located within 330 feet of the 40-acre boundaries.

We have, therefore, called the United States Geological Survey that your location as staked meets the requirements of the spacing rules.

Yours very truly

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

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cc: Mr. A.L. Porter
OCN, Santa Fe, N.M.

Mr. P.T. McGrath
U.S.G.S., Farmington, N.M.

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From
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J. V. FRITTS

515 SIMMS BUILDING

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

August 3, 1956

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
125 Mabry Hall, Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Clement:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of an application signed by George W. Riley, Inc., requesting approval of a proposed test to be drilled in SW 1/4 of Section 8, T-23N, R-2W, San Juan County, New Mexico. As we understand the matter, such application for exception must be made for any such wildcat well projected to an oil-producing horizon and not conforming to a gas well location.

We are not sure of the proper procedure in such matters, and will therefore appreciate it if you will contact the writer direct in the event this procedure is not correct, or if anything else is required in order to secure your approval of our proposed location.

A rig is available for immediate operation on this location, so we will be pleased to have your approval as soon as it can be granted.

Yours very truly,

J. V. Fritts
J. V. Fritts



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P. O. Box 626
Odeon, Texas

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
125 Mehry Hall, Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

We are today filing with Mr. P. T. McGrath, District Engineer, U. S. Geological Survey, Farmington, New Mexico, a Notice of Intention to Drill (Federal form 9-331B) accompanied by Well Location Plat (your form C-128), concerning the drilling of a test wildcat well located 1990 ft. from N. line and 1875 ft. from E. line of Sec. 8, T-23N, R-9W, San Juan County, New Mexico. The drill site is part of an Indian Allotted tract of land. We understand that the USGS will transmit to you sufficient copies of this Notice and Plat to meet your requirements.

This test is planned primarily to explore the oil possibilities of the Gallup Sandstone Formation, and has therefore been located on a forty-acre tract (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 8). As we understand your Rule 104, section (5), this constitutes an unorthodox location in that the well is located less than 990 feet from the outer boundary lines of the tract on which it is to be drilled.

On the grounds, therefore, that our proposed wildcat test is to be drilled to test a known oil-producing horizon we ask that you consider this letter as our application for an exception to your rule that wildcat wells in San Juan County shall be located 990 feet from the outer boundary lines of the drilling tract. We respectfully request that you approve the Notice of Intention to Drill (above described) for the wildcat test well as now located.

Due to the topographical conditions of the drilling site it was necessary to stake the location as shown on the plat, rather than an exact 1900 feet from both the north and east lines of Section 8.

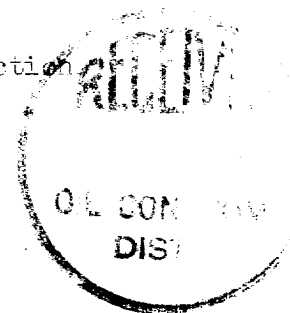
We own the oil and gas lease covering SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8-23N-9W.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE W. RILEY, INC.

By *George W. Riley*
President

cc: Mr. P. T. McGrath



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P. O. Box 826
Odessa, Texas

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

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This test is planned primarily to explore the oil possibilities of the Gallup Sandstone Formation, and has therefore been located on a forty-acre tract (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 8). As we understand your Rule 104, section (b), this constitutes an unorthodox location in that the well is located less than 990 feet from the outer boundary lines of the tract on which it is to be drilled.

On the grounds, therefore, that our proposed wildcat test is to be drilled to test a known oil-producing horizon we ask that you consider this letter as our application for an exception to your rule that wildcat wells in San Juan County shall be located 990 feet from the outer boundary lines of the drilling tract. We respectfully request that you approve the Notice of Intention to Drill (above described) for the wildcat test well as now located.

Due to the topographical conditions of the drilling site it was necessary to stake the location as shown on the plat, rather than an exact 1980 feet from both the north and east lines of Section 8.

We own the oil and gas lease covering all of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8-23N-9W.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE W. RILEY, INC.

By *George W. Riley*
President

cc: Mr. P. T. McGrath

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