OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

April 11, 1968

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Mr. Jerome P. McHugh 930 Petroleum Club Building Denver, Colorado 80202

Administrative Order NSL-416

Dear Mr. McHugh:

Reference is made to your application for approval of an unorthodox well location for a Basin-Dakota test well to be located 530 feet from the North line and 580 feet from the Bast line of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, HMPM, Basin-Dakota Gas Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

By authority granted me under the provisions of Order No. R-1670-C, as amended, the above-described unorthodox well location is hereby approved.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

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March 28, 1968

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Secretary, Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 1148 Santa Fe, New Mexico

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MARK CHARLE

Re: Request for Administrative Approval of Unorthodox Location for Basin Dakota Test located in NE NE Sec. 7-T30N-R8W San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

This application is to request Administrative approval of the following unorthodox location for the Basin Dakota Formation:

530' from North Line and 580' from East Line of Section 7-T3ON-R8W, San Juan County, New Mexico. The dedicated proration unit will be the E/2 of Section 7.

A regular location in the NE/4 falls in an inaccessible position on the side of a cliff leaving us the alternative of moving down into the box canyon in the northeast corner of Section 7 or moving south on top of the mesa. We prefer to move to the box canyon to be close to existing roads and to realize a lower ground elevation. Approval of this requested unorthodox location will enable us to save approximately 300' of drilling, intermediate casing string, production casing, tubing, and logging and perforating charges, in addition to a savings in road and location costs. The danger of losing circulation under the surface casing will also be eliminated. It is estimated that the requested location will be several thousand dollars less cost than a location on top of the mesa.

In addition, the requested location will be easier to operate, as our switcher will not have to drive up a steep hill during periods of inclement weather.



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Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Page -2-March 28, 1968

Your Administrative Approval of this unorthodox location caused by topographic conditions is respectfully requested.

Attached herewith is a plat showing offset ownership and schematic topography. Also enclosed are copies of Certified Mail receipts showing that all offset operators have been notified.

Very truly yours,

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Jerome P. McHugh

cc: Mr. C. W. Nance Tenneco Oil Company Box 1714 Durango, Colorado

> Mr. Bill Music El Paso Natural Gas Company Petroleum Club Plaza Building Box 990 Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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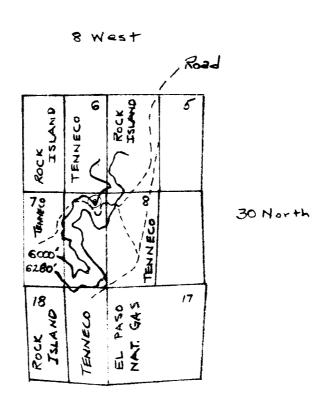
Thanks,

George

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Application of Jerome P. McHugh for administrative approval of unorthodox Basin Dakota location in E/2 Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, San Juan County, New Mexico. This plat shows location in NE/4 NE/4 Section 7 with approximate topography showing cliff configuration in the Drilling Unit as well as offset operators.