

# El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas

April 9, 1958

DIRECT REPLY TO:  
P. O. BOX 997  
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO



Mr. A. L. Porter  
Secretary and Director  
Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

This is a request for administrative approval for an unorthodox well location in the Blanco Mesa Verde Pool.

The well, El Paso Natural Gas Company San Juan 32-9 Unit No. 57, is located 2070 feet from the North line and 800 feet from the East line of Section 2, Township 31 North, Range 9 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico.

The E/2 of Section 2 is dedicated to this well. The relief in the NE/4 is extremely rugged; that is, a canyon runs southeasterly from the northwest corner to the center of the NE/4, thence southwesterly to the southwest corner of the NE/4. The walls sloping up from the canyon bed are steep and rocky, making it almost impossible to construct a well location on them. A small bench on the East side of the canyon, and not far from the top of the mesa, does provide enough room to build a well location; also a road to the location may be built at a cost not too prohibitive.

It is therefore, planned to construct an unorthodox location on this bench as the only alternative to the prohibitive cost of building an orthodox location in the NE/4 and a road leading to it.

The NESE/4 of Section 2 is held by El Paso Natural Gas Company. The NWSE/4 of Section 2 is held by Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation; however, since no part of the Pacific Northwest lease falls within a 660 foot radius of the proposed well location, consent for an unorthodox location has not been sought from them.

I am enclosing two copies of the certified well location plat and two copies of the intention to drill.

Yours very truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED E. S. OBERLY  
E. S. Oberly,  
Division Petroleum Engineer

ESO:dgb

cc: Sam Smith

O.C.C. (Emery Arnold)

U.S.G.S. (Phil McGrath)

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Form C-101  
Revised (12/1/55)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DRILL

Notice must be given to the District Office of the Oil Conservation Commission and approval obtained before drilling or recompletion begins. If changes in the proposed plan are considered advisable, a copy of this notice showing such changes will be returned to the sender. Submit this notice in QUINTUPLICATE. One copy will be returned following approval. See additional instructions in Rules and Regulations of the Commission. If State Land submit 6 Copies Attach Form C- 128 in triplicate to first 3 copies of form C-101

Farmington, New Mexico

April 9, 1958

(Place)

(Date)

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that it is our intention to commence the Drilling of a well to be known as  
El Paso Natural Gas Company

(Company or Operator)

San Juan 32-9 Unit, Well No. 57, in H. The well is  
(Lease) (Unit)  
located 2070 feet from the North line and 800 feet from the  
East line of Section 2, T. 31N, R. 9W, NMPM.

(GIVE LOCATION FROM SECTION LINE) Blanco Pool, San Juan County

If State Land the Oil and Gas Lease is No. E-3150-1

If patented land the owner is

Address

We propose to drill well with drilling equipment as follows: Rotary tools, using gas circulation to drill from the Lewis thru the Mesa Verde form.

The status of plugging bond is Statewide

Drilling Contractor San Juan Drilling Company

We intend to complete this well in the Mesa Verde  
formation at an approximate depth of 5910 feet.

CASING PROGRAM

We propose to use the following strings of Casing and to cement them as indicated:

Size of Hole	Size of Casing	Weight per Foot	New or Second Hand	Depth	Sacks Cement
15"	10 3/4"	32.75	New	170'	150
9 7/8"	7 5/8"	26.40	New	3570'	250
6 3/4"	5 1/2"	15.50	New	3520-5910'	300

If changes in the above plans become advisable we will notify you immediately.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (If recompletion give full details of proposed plan of work.) Possible productive zones in the Mesa Verde will be perforated and fractured.

The E/2 of Section 2 is dedicated to this well.

E/2: E-3150-1 (S/2NE/4); E-5843 (NENE/4, SENE/4); E-5381-2 (NWNE/4, NWSE/4, S/2 SE/4).

Approved, 19.....  
Except as follows:

Sincerely yours,

El Paso Natural Gas Company

(Company or Operator)

By Original Signed D. C. Johnston

Position Petroleum Engineer

Send Communications regarding well to

Name E. S. Oberly

Address Box 997, Farmington, New Mexico

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By

## NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat

Section A.

Date **MARCH 21, 1958**

Operator **EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY** Lease **SAN JUAN 32-9 UNIT** **E-3150-1**  
 Well No. **57** Unit Letter **H** Section **2** Township **31-N** Range **9-W** NMPM  
 Located **2070** Feet From **NORTH** Line, **800** Feet From **EAST** Line  
 County **SAN JUAN** G. L. Elevation **6476** Dedicated Acreage **320.98** Acres  
 Name of Producing Formation **MESA VERDE** Pool **BLANCO MESA VERDE**

1. Is the Operator the only owner in the dedicated acreage outlined on the plat below?

Yes ☐ No ☒2. If the answer to question one is "no", have the interests of all the owners been consolidated by communitization agreement or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐ If answer is "yes", Type of Consolidation,

Unit Agreement

3. If the answer to question two is "no", list all the owners with their respective interests below:

Owner

Land Description

## Section B.

This is to certify that the information in Section A above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

El Paso Natural Gas Company  
 (Operator)

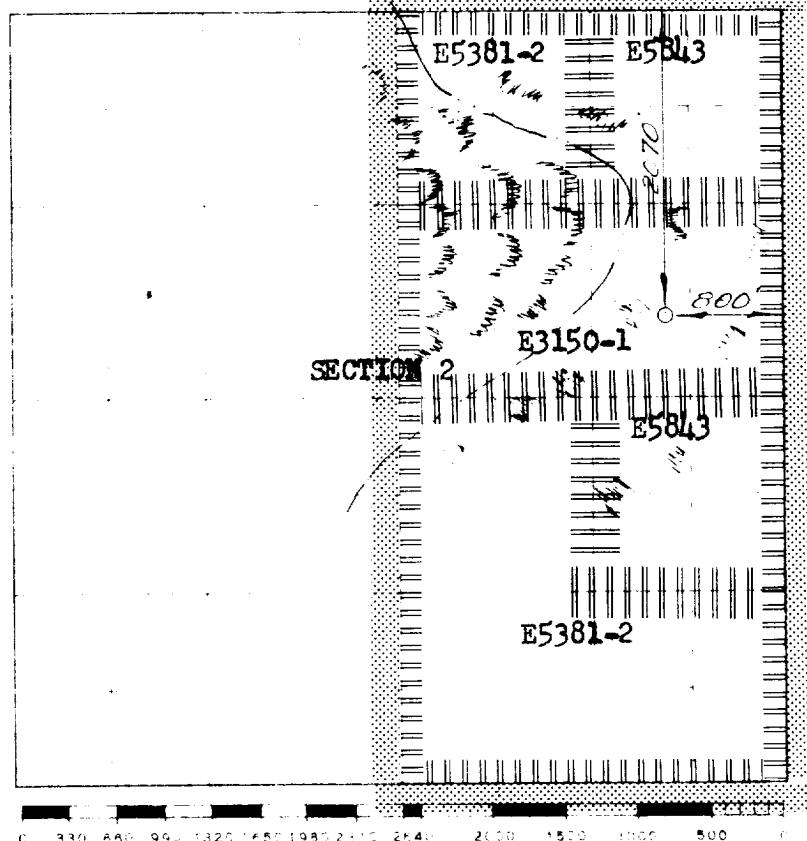
**Original Signed D. C. Johnston**  
 (Representative)

Box 997

(Address)

Farmington, New Mexico

Note: All distances must be from true boundaries of section.



Scale 4 inches equal 1 mile

This is to certify that the above plat was prepared from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Seal)

Date Surveyed **JANUARY 8, 1958**

*David C. Zilman*  
 Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor

Farmington, New Mexico