OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

November 19, 1964

B1 Paso Natural Gas Company Box 990 **F**armington, New Mexico

Attn: Mr. William Cutier

Re: Plugging and Abandonment, El Paso Natural Gas Company #2 Barnes, L-22-32N-11W

Dear Mr. Cutler:

Following is a review of the drilling history, workover operations and plugging operations on the above well as reflected by information filed by your company.

The well was completed 11-15-53 as a producing gas well in the Blanco Mesaverde Pool. The well was drilled to a total depth of 5569 feet, with 7" casing cemented at 4885 feet with 500 sacks regular cement. Temperature survey indicated the top of the cement behind the 7" casing to be at 3175 feet. Formations were reported as follows: Ojo Alamo, 1940; Kirtland, 2201; Fruitland, 2759; Pictured Cliffe, 3178; Lewis, 3240; Cliff House, 4944; Menefee, 5092; Point Lookout, 5454.

After producing eleven years production information indicated casing failure and a workover was attempted. Four and one-half inch casing was run to 5636 feet and stage cemented, 400 eacks on the first stage and 100 eacks through a stage tool at 3214 feet. Temperature survey indicated the top of the cement between the 4½" and 7" casing to be at 1830. Taxing collapse then occurred at 4943 and the decision was made to abandon the well. This was done by squeeze cementing 50 eacks at 4943, filling the 4½" casing with water and spotting a 10-eack plug in the top of the 4½" casing.

It would appear from these facts that the present condition of the well is approximately as follows: The $4\frac{1}{2}$ " casing is open from 4943 to near the surface, no cement is present in the $4\frac{1}{2}$ -7" casing annulus from a depth of 1830 feet to the surface, no cement can be proven to be present behind the 7" casing from a depth of 3175 feet to the surface. Following destruction of the casing in this well by corresion, which is a common occurrence in this area, it would be possible for the entire section from 4943 to the surface to eventually be in pressure communication.

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We are, therefore, directing that the well be re-plugged in such a manner that a minimum of 50 sacks of cement is squeezed into the annulus behind the 7" casing at some depth between 2201 and 2759 feet, and a 100-foot cement plug is left in the 4½" casing. In the event the 4½" casing is pulled, the 100 foot cement plug may be placed in the 7" casing. This should effectively separate the Pictured Cliffs, Fruitland and Parmington Formations from Tertiary water bearing sands in the hole and prevent any future commingling of gas and water. We do not feel that the present condition of the well indicates the need for immediate action. If your company desires to delay action until weather and road conditions improve prior to beginning operations, we have no objection. I would suggest the work be done within six months or as soon thereafter as weather conditions permit.

Yours very truly

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

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