DIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

August 28, 1964

El Paso Natural Gas Company Box 990 Farmington, New Mexico

Attn: Mr. William Cutler

Dear Siri

On August 25, 1964, conversations were held between Mr. Ed Cole and Mr. Lew Galloway of your company and Mr. Al Kendrick and myself regarding workover operations on your #6 Neil well in A-3}-32N-11V, I believe at the time you were gone on vacation. At that time we notified Mr. Cole and Mr. Galloway that we would require that the well be worked over in such a way as to separate gas and water producing strata which at the present time are obviously in communication with each other behind the production casing. Inspection of the well site has also convinced us that has and water present in the casing annulus is not being confined, as gas and water are coming to the surface a short distance from the well location. Mr. Cole requested that we more specifically state exactly what would be required to properly remedy the situation.

We feel that there is no gas occurring naturally above the base of the Ojo Ažamo Sandstone, although water occurs in various tertiary sands above the Ojo Alamo. The gas present would have to be the result either of a casing failure or the result of gas in the Farmington Sandstone, Fruitland Formation or Pictured Cliffs Formation. We informed Mr. Cole that if a complete separation of these formations from the Ojo Alamo and higher formations were effected by means of a block squeeze at or near the base of the Ojo Alamo Sandstone the trouble should be corrected, gs gas from the lower formations would no longer be commingling with water sands up the hole. If you would prefer to perforate lower, at the Fruitland and Pictured Cliffs formations, and cement back to the Ojo Alamo we would have no objection to this procedure. We will not require that cement be placed across the Ojo Alamo Sandstone or shallower formations. It is our position that if the gas flow outside the production casing, whatever its source, be successfully stopped and confined to the formation in which it occurs, the pressures now present on the surfact casing annulus will dissipate after a period of time. After the above work has been performed we would suggest that cement also be squeezed down the bradenhead as it appears that gas and water are probably channeling around the surface casing. We do nequire on bradenhead squeeze jobs, however, that all cement

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be cleared from the production casing-surface casing annulus after completion of the squeeze job.

If you wish to discuss any of the above matters prior to commencing remedial operations, please contact this office.

Yours very truly

Emery C. Arnold Supervisor, District #3

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