

Case No.

496

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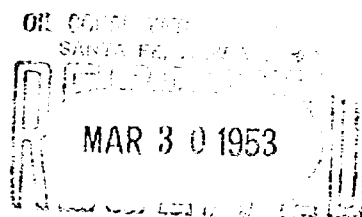
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CASE 496: J. Glenn Turner application for
exception to Order 799 (and R-110) in drill-
ing Mesaverde test on 230.24-acre tract.

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Santa Fe, New Mexico
March 17, 1953

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

CASE NO. 496



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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

March 17, 1953.

In the Matter of:

Application of J. Glenn Turner for an
exception to Order No. 799 (as amended by
Order R-110) of the Commission's Rules and
Regulations to permit the drilling of a Mesa-
verde test on a tract of 230.24 acres, more
or less, said lease embracing Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4,
and W/2 E/2, Sect. 36, Twp. 30 North, Range 6
West, Rio Arriba County.

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(Notice of publication read by Mr. Graham.)

MR. WEBB: William G. Webb, representing Mr. Turner. I
would like to have this witness sworn, please.

(Witness sworn.)

MR. WEBB: If it please the Commission, will you admit the
qualifications of Mr. Morrell?

MR. SBURRIER: He has been qualified before.

FOSTER MORRELL,

having first been duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By MR. WEBB:

Q I hand you our Exhibit No. 1. Will you describe the area
where the proposed well is to be located and the area in which it
is situated?

A The proposed well is to be located in the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 6 West, Rio Arriba County. The half section on which the well will be located is officially described as comprising Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the west half of the east half of Section 36, comprising 230.24.

Q It is this area situated within the boundaries of the Nye Unitization Agreement, which this Commission has at this date approved or is now pending before the United States Geological Survey?

A It is. It is within the San Juan 30 day, six unit area.

Q Has that agreement been approved and is it effective at the present time?

A It has been approved by an order of the Commission R-285 in Case 493, dated March 10, 1953 and will be shortly submitted to the Department of Interior for final approval.

Q At the present time, then, this Unit Agreement is not effective?

A That is correct.

Q Has this land been committed to such unit agreement?

A It has been.

Q Therefore, the approval of this application which is now pending before the Commission is of a temporary nature in order that the operator may go forward with the drilling of this well?

A That is correct.

Q MR. WEBB: I would direct the Commission's attention to Section 3 of their Order No. R-110 insofar as it amends Order No. 799, which provides, among other things, that an owner of any

that is smaller than any drilling unit established for the field shall not be deprived of the right to drill or produce from such tract, if same can be done without waste.

Q Mr. Morrell, in your opinion, would this location and the drilling there of the Mesaverde Test Well tend to protect the conservation of natural resource gas in the State of New Mexico?

A Yes, sir, it would.

Q Would such prevent waste in your opinion?

A Yes, sir, it would.

MR. WEBB: For the purpose of the record, the entire section is State Public School lands and the southwest quarter, which is owned by Mr. Turner, and northwest quarter of ^{such} section owned by Phillips Petroleum Company. Are there any questions?

MR. SPURRIER: Are there any further questions of the witness?

MR. GRAHAM: How much short is it of the spacing pattern, Mr. Morrell?

A It represents approximately 72 percent of a greater half section.

MR. WEBB: In your opinion, Mr. Morrell, is it possible to pool or communitize this tract with other contiguous tracts to make up a full spacing unit?

A No, that is not, because the lands to the east are contained in an additional agreement, the San Juan 30 days, which has been approved and is effective.

Q And in effect, this tract is bounded by unit agreements on the east and south, is that correct?

A That is correct.

MR. SPURRIER: Any other questions? Are there any objections from the off-set lease holders or operators?

MR. GRAHAM: In the event of proration, would you accept the provisions of our present rules?

A I would judge so. So far as proration is concerned, this is in a unitized area which the State will undoubtedly prorate on a unit basis.

MR. SPURRIER: You will accept 230-320's?

A That would be essentially the allocation.

MR. SPURRIER: Any further questions? If not the witness may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

MR. SPURRIER: Do you offer this as an Exhibit?

MR. WEBB: Yes, sir.

MR. SPURRIER: Without objection it will be received.
We will take the case under advisement and move on to the next case.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO) SS.

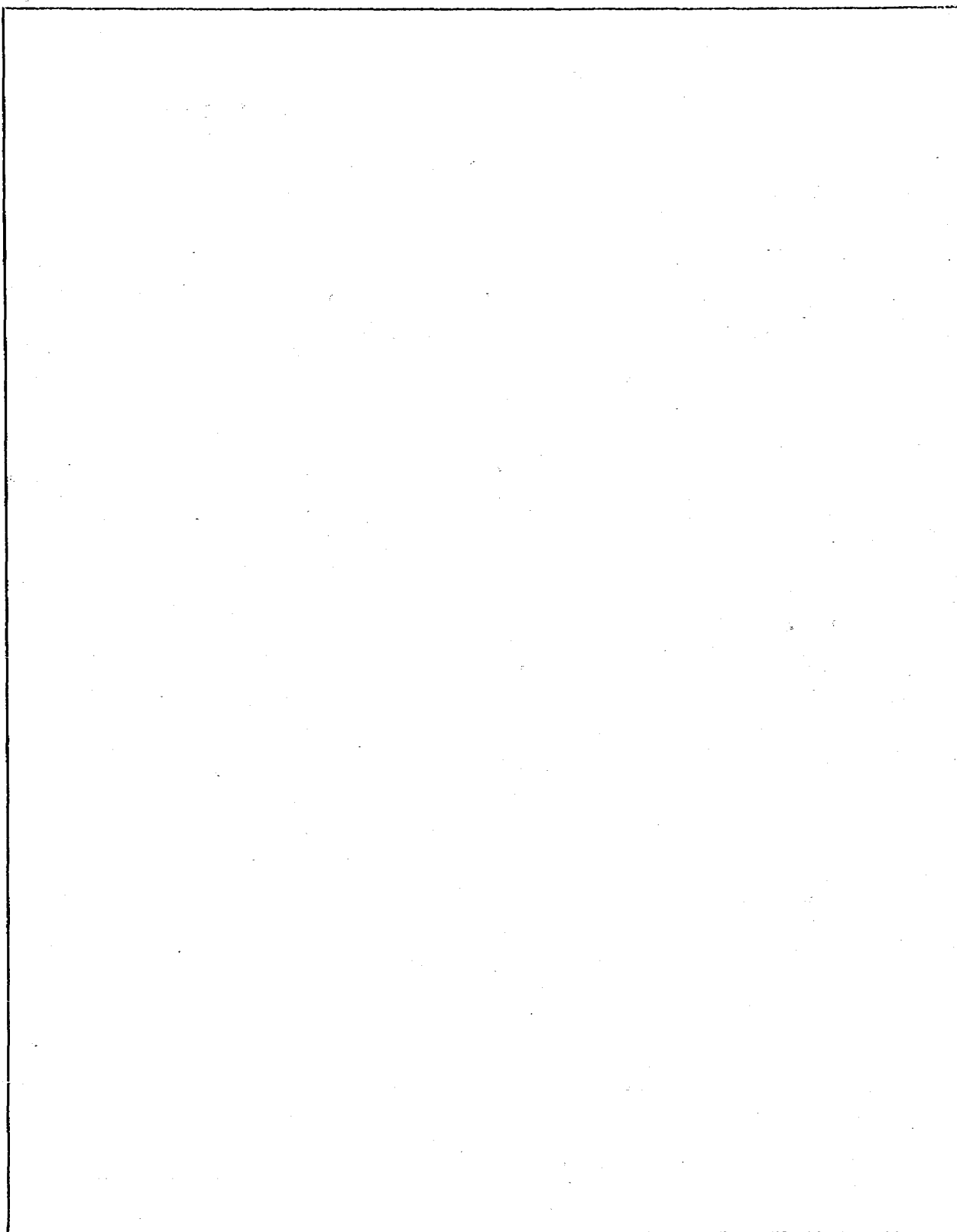
I, ADA DEARNLEY, Court Reporter, hereby certify that the above and foregoing transcript of proceedings in Case No. 496, taken before the Oil Conversation on March 17, 1953, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a true and correct record.

Dated in Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 24th day of March, 1953.

Ada Dearnley
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
June 19, 1955.

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 871
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

February 9, 1953

Mr. William G. Webb
Turner, Atwood, White, McLane & Francis
1711 Mercantile Bank Building
DALLAS 1 - TEXAS

Dear Mr. Webb:

We have received your application in behalf of J. Glenn Turner
as operator for an exception to Commission Order No. 799 (as
amended by Order R-110).

A hearing is necessary in this matter, and we will schedule it
for the regular hearing of March 17, unless otherwise advised
by you.

Yours very truly,

W. B. Macey
Chief Engineer

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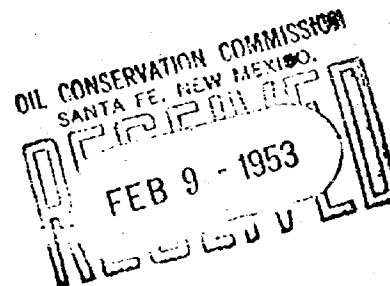
March
Case 496
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February 6, 1953

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Oil Conservation Commission
of the State of New Mexico
State Land Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed herewith original and two copies of the Application of Mr. J. Glenn Turner for an exception to Order No. 799 as amended by Order No. R-110 of the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico.

If you will kindly advise us as to whether or not a formal hearing is necessary in this matter or whether it can be handled without such a hearing we will greatly appreciate the courtesy.

Yours very truly,

TURNER, WHITE, ATWOOD, McLANE
AND FRANCIS

By William G. Webb
William G. Webb

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF J. GLENN TURNER FOR AN EXCEP-
TION TO ORDER NO. 799 AS AMENDED
BY ORDER NO. R-110 OF THE OIL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 496

ORDER NO. _____

APPLICATION

Comes now J. GLENN TURNER and would respectfully show
the Commission as follows:

I.

That due to an irregularity in the Public Land Surveys
of the State of New Mexico, Section 36, Township 30 North, Range
6 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, embraces a
total area of only 550.24 acres, more or less.

II.

That Applicant proposes to drill a well of sufficient
depth to test the Mesaverde Series upon State of New Mexico Oil
and Gas Lease No. E-347-13, insofar as said lease embraces Lots
1, 2, 3, and 4, W/2 E/2, Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 6
West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and containing
230.24 acres more or less.

III.

That Applicant is also the owner of the aforementioned
State of New Mexico Oil and Gas Lease, insofar as it covers the
SW/4 of said Section 36, and he further proposes to communitize
such quarter section with the NW/4 of said Section 36, owned by
Phillips Petroleum Company, in order to form a 320 acre drilling
block.

IV.

That unless Applicant is permitted to drill a well on
the E/2 of Section 36 on a unit embracing less than 320 acres
he will be deprived of his right to produce gas from the under-
lying pool.

V.

That the correlative rights of adjoining lessees will not be impaired or infringed, and that the order herein prayed for will promote the development and conservation of the natural resources of the State of New Mexico and prevent waste.

VI.

Applicant attaches hereto and makes a part hereof a plat of the areas involved showing all adjoining leases and wells drilled or to be drilled thereon.

VII.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Applicant earnestly prays that the requisite notice issue and that the Application be set down for hearing and approval at the convenience of the Commission.

TURNER, WHITE, ATWOOD, MCLANE
AND FRANCIS

By

William C. Atwood

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

March 20, 1953

Mr. William G. Webb
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Dear Mr. Webb:

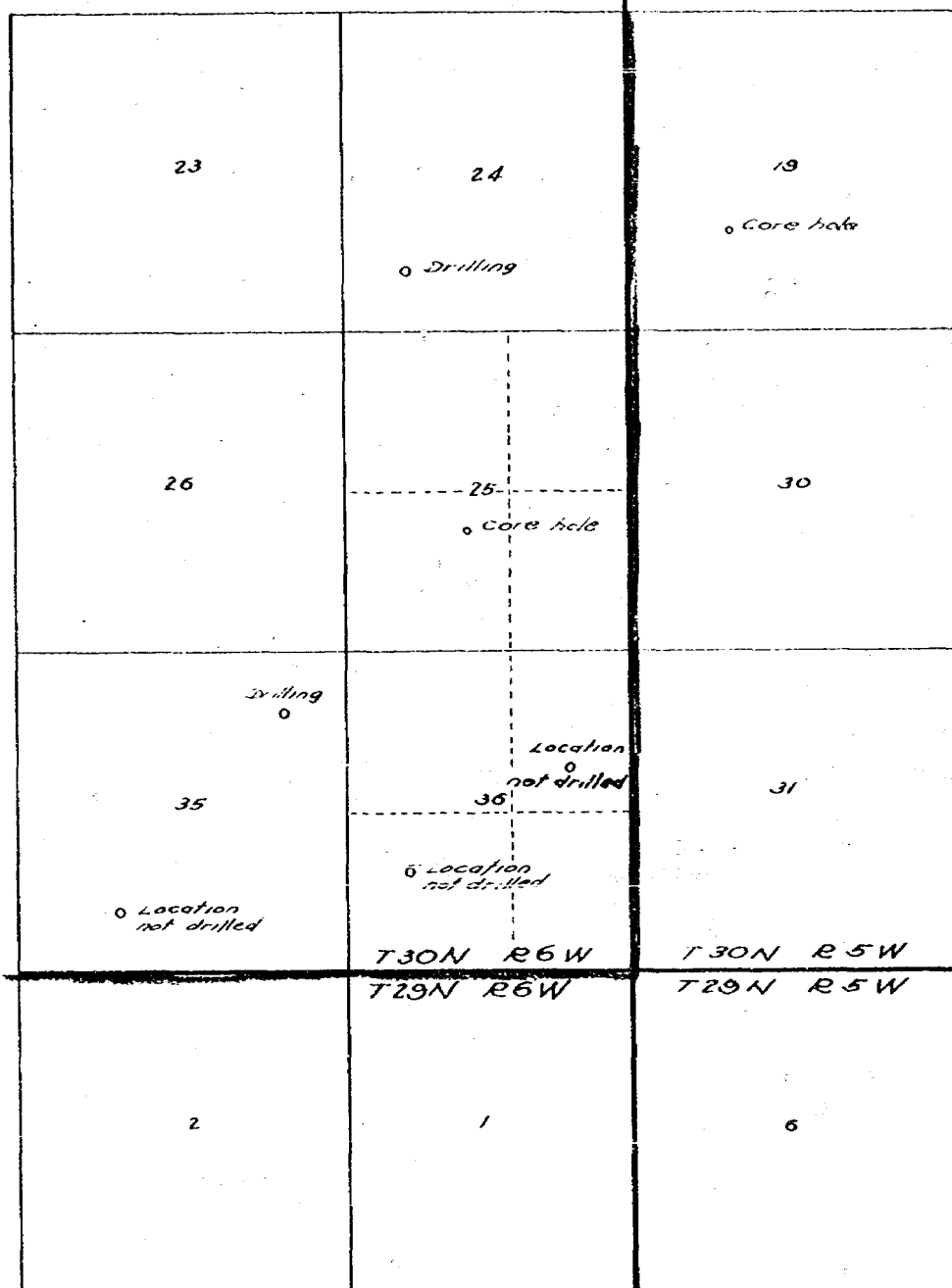
We send herewith two signed copies of Commission Order
R-287 issued under date of March 18 in Case 496.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Macey
Chief Engineer

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AREA
 SEC. 25, 549.56 acres
 SEC. 36, 550.24 acres

Plat prepared for J. Glenn Turner showing,
 presently, all drilling wells, producing wells, core
 holes and undrilled staked locations in all sections
 immediately bordering sections 25, 36, T. 30 N,
 R. 6 W., N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba Co., New Mexico.

Scale 1" = 3000'

Jan. 17, 1953

Charles J. Thakker

Registered Professional Engineer
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Ex 1
 Case 496

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 496
Order No. R-287

THE APPLICATION OF J. GLENN TURNER
FOR AN ORDER GRANTING AN EXCEPTION
TO ORDER NO. 799, (AS AMENDED BY ORDER
NO. R-110), TO PERMIT THE DRILLING OF A
WELL TO TEST THE MESAVERDE FORMATION
ON A DRILLING UNIT OF 230.24 ACRES, MORE
OR LESS, SAID DRILLING UNIT EMBRACING
LOTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4, AND W/2 E/2, SECTION
36, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST,
NMPM, RIO ARriba COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on March 17, 1953, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 18th day of MARCH, 1953, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the records and the testimony adduced, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That applicant is the owner of an oil and gas lease covering the following described land in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico:

Township 30 North, Range 6 West, NMPM
Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the W/2 E/2
of Section 36.

containing 230.24 acres of land, more or less.

(3) That under the provisions of Order No. 799, as amended by Order No. R-110, the Commission provided that all wells drilled in the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool shall be located on a designated drilling unit of 320 acres, said drilling unit being in the form of a rectangle and being the north half, south half, east half or west half of a section.

(4) That the east half of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, is an abnormal half-section due to an adjustment in governmental land surveys.

(5) That there is no opportunity afforded the applicant to communitize other acreage in the area with the above described acreage.

(6) That approval of this unorthodox drilling unit is in the interest of conservation, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of J. Glenn Turner for approval of an unorthodox drilling unit be, and the same hereby is approved.

(2) That the unorthodox drilling unit shall comprise the following described acreage in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, in the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool:

Township 30 North, Range 6 West, NMPM
Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the W/2 E/2 of
Section 36.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman


E. S. WALKER, Member


R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary

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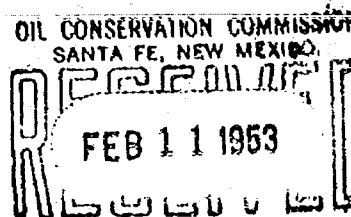
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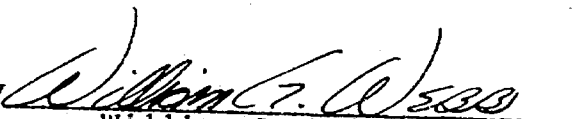
Gentlemen:

By transmittal letter dated February 6, 1953, we filed for the Commission's consideration the Application of Mr. J. Glenn Turner for an exception to Order No. 799, as amended by Order No. R-110 of the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico. In paragraph 6 of such Application, the Applicant made reference to a plat of the areas involved in such Application showing all adjoining leases and wells to be drilled thereon. Through an oversight on our part such plats were not attached to such Application and we are forwarding three copies of same herewith. If you will be so kind as to attach such plats to the Applications mentioned above we will greatly appreciate the courtesy.

Yours very truly,

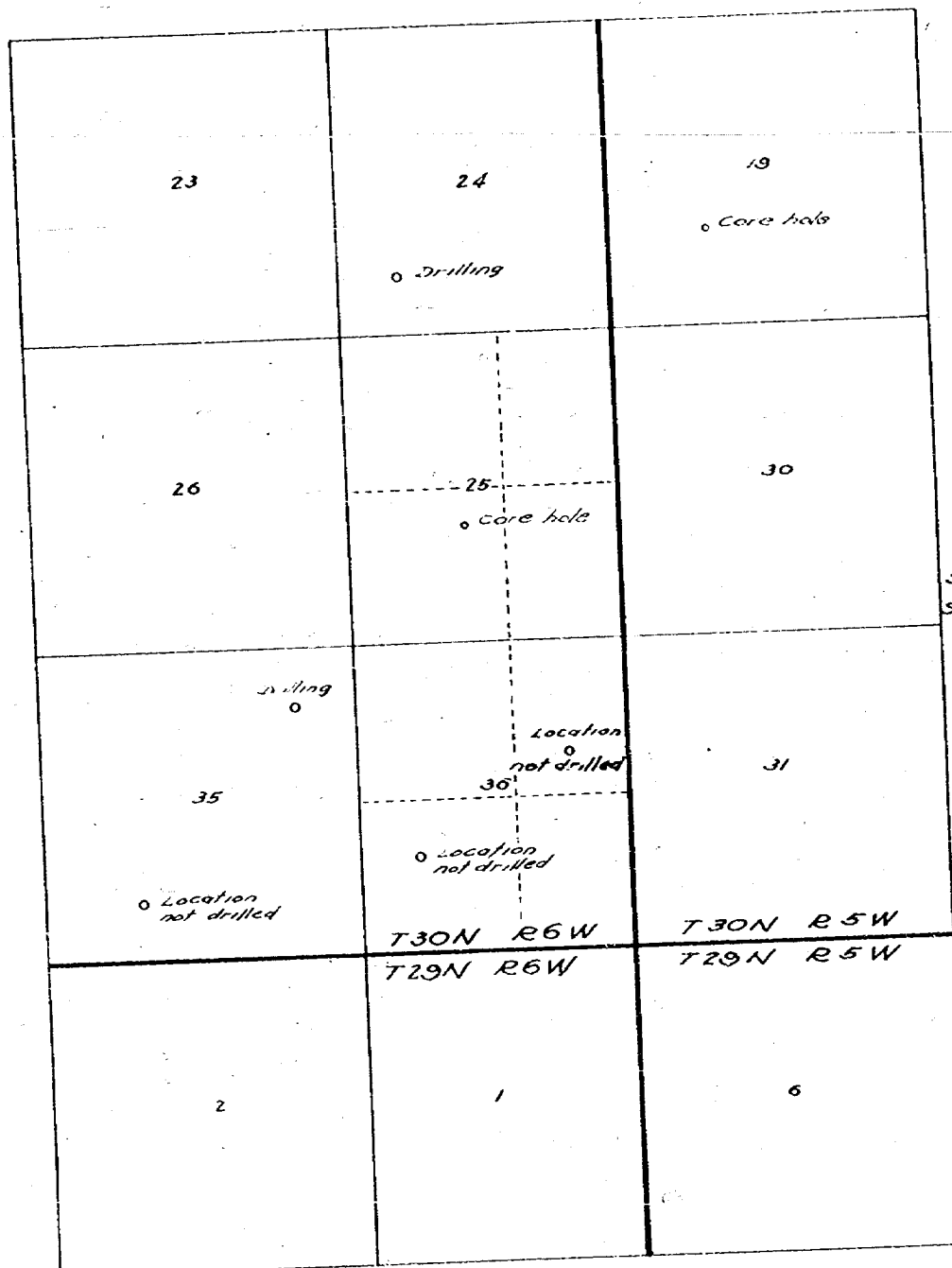
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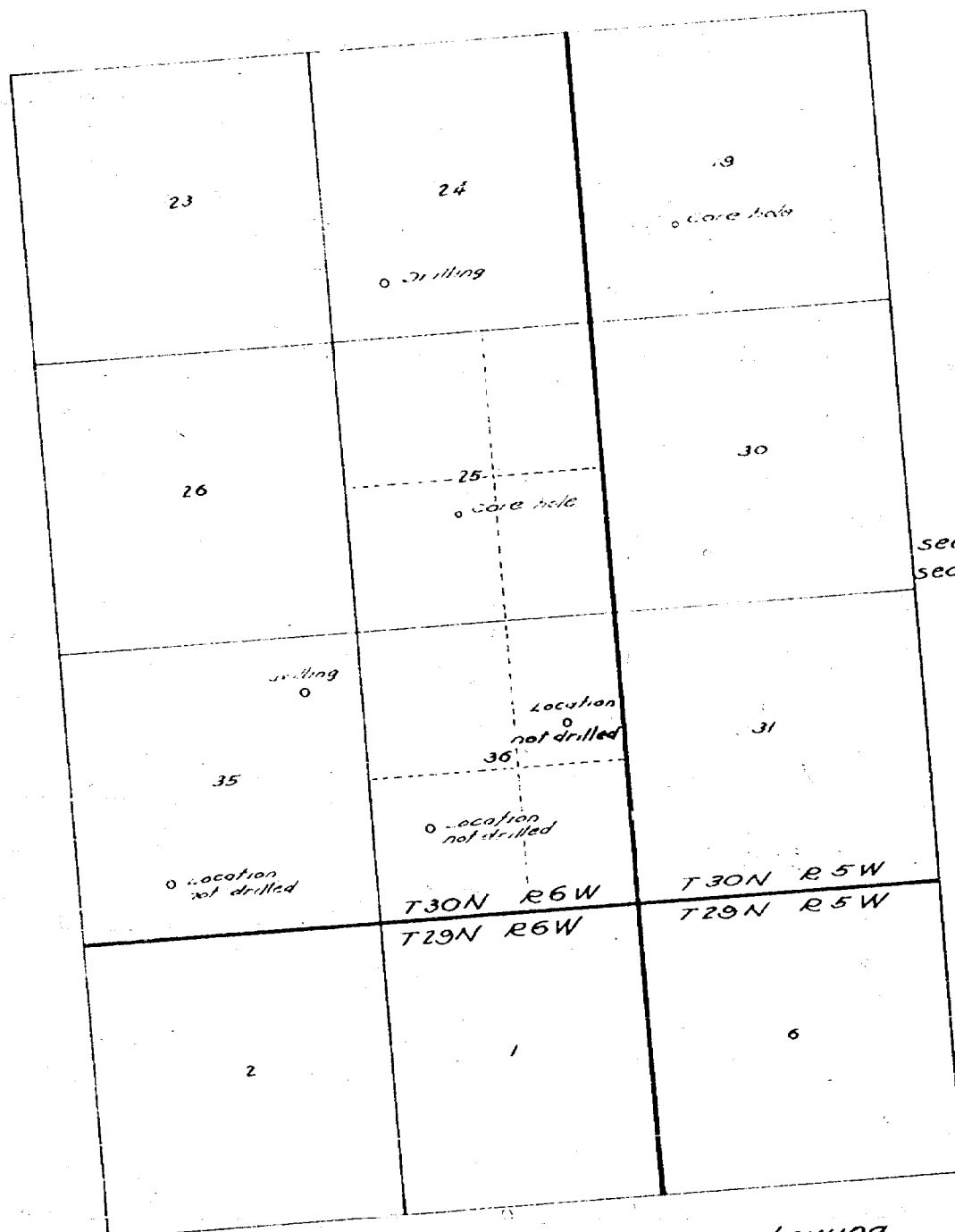
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23	24 ○ Drilling	19 ○ Core hole
26	25 ○ Core hole	30
35 ○ Drilling ○ Location not drilled	36 ○ Location not drilled ○ Location not drilled	31
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