

**AZTEC OIL & GAS COMPANY**

920 MERCANTILE SECURITIES BLDG.

DALLAS 1, TEXAS

JUN 17 1961

June 16, 1961

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

Re: Application of Aztec Oil & Gas Com-  
pany for Administrative Approval  
of an Exception to Rule 2(b) of Order  
R-1670-C Approving an Unorthodox  
Drilling Location in the Basin  
Dakota Gas Pool

Dear Mr. Porter:

Pursuant to Rule 2(b) of Order R-1670-C, Aztec Oil & Gas Company hereby submits, in triplicate, its application for administrative approval of an exception to the well location regulation set forth in Order R-1670-C and requests administrative approval of an unorthodox drilling location in the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 18, T-29-N, R-13-W, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico.

In support of this application, Applicant respectfully states and shows the following:

1. The proposed unorthodox drilling location has been staked six hundred and sixty feet (660') from the east line and one thousand nine hundred and eighty feet (1980') from the south line of Section 18. This unorthodox location is necessitated by topographical conditions, and Tenneco Oil Company, Texaco, Inc., and Sunray Mid-continent Oil Company, the only operators offsetting leases or leases within the section, as indicated on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, has been furnished a copy of this application by registered mail along with a request that they waive notice and hearing.

2. Applicant intends to drill a well on the unorthodox drilling location, if approved, to be known as the Harris #1-D and to complete it as a gas well producing in the Basin Dakota Pool.

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To Aztec  
Due July 9

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Secretary-Director of the Commission, by administrative approval, grant exception as above provided without notice and hearing, approving the unorthodox drilling location set forth above.

Yours very truly,

AZTEC OIL & GAS COMPANY

By Kenneth A. Swanson  
Kenneth A. Swanson  
Attorney

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Tenneco Oil Company  
P. O. Box 1714  
Durango, Colorado

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your information and approval is one copy of  
Aztec's captioned application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation  
Commission.

In order to expedite approval of this application, we would  
appreciate your forwarding your consent in the form of a waiver  
directly to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, furnishing  
us a copy of such approval.

Yours very truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
KENNETH A. SWANSON

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Enclosure

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Texaco, Inc.  
P. O. Box 810  
Farmington, New Mexico

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Sunray Mid-Continent  
229 Truman, N. E.  
Box 8085  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Dakota Gas Pool

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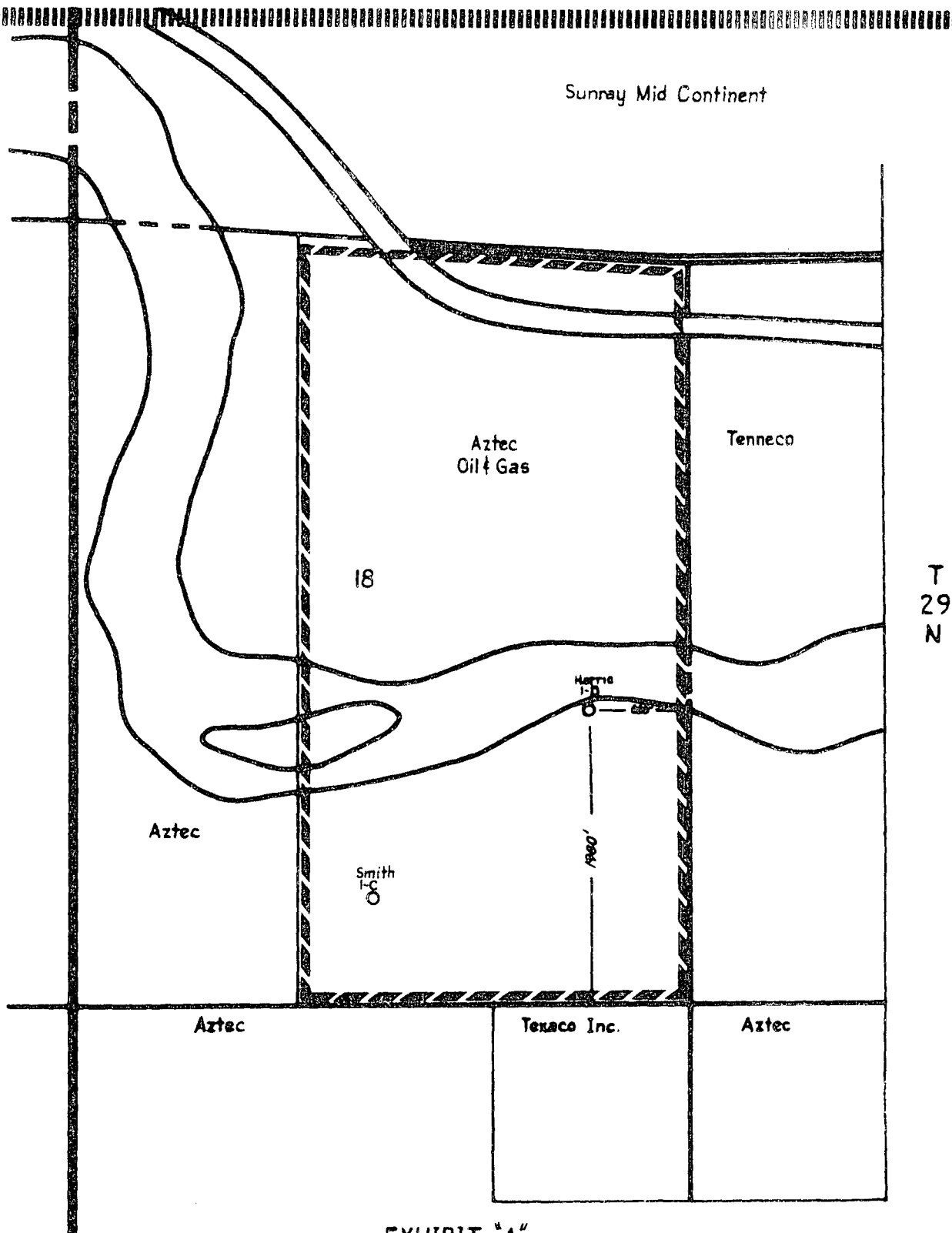
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### EXHIBIT "A"

Aztec application for unorthodox  
Location for Harris #1-D well  
Section 18: E½, T-29-N, R-13-W  
San Juan County, New Mexico

R-13-W

Scale 1 in. = 1000 ft.

# AZTEC OIL & GAS COMPANY

920 MERCANTILE SECURITIES BLDG.

DALLAS 1, TEXAS

LAND DEPARTMENT

H. L. SNIDER, JR., MANAGER

KENNETH A. SWANSON, ATTORNEY

June 21, 1961

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

Re: Amendment of Application of Aztec  
Oil & Gas Company for Administrative  
Approval of an Exception to Rule  
2(b) of Order R-1670-C Approving  
an Unorthodox Drilling Location in  
the Basin Dakota Gas Pool

Dear Mr. Porter:

On June 16, 1961, Aztec Oil & Gas Company filed its Application for Administrative Approval of an unorthodox drilling location six hundred and sixty feet (660') from the east line and one thousand nine hundred and eighty feet (1980') from the south line of Section 18, T-29-N, R-13-W, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico, for its Harris #1-D well.

As grounds for the approval of the unorthodox drilling location, Applicant cited topographical conditions.

It has been determined that such grounds are not supported by the facts, and Applicant respectfully requests that such Application be amended accordingly.

Applicant has previously incurred considerable expense in constructing a location, as described above, for the drilling of a Gallup well. Recent drilling in the area has indicated that the Gallup formation may not be productive at this location, and Applicant wishes to utilize such location for the drilling of the Harris #1-D well, planned as a test well in the Basin Dakota Gas Pool.

*Amendment*

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.

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June 21, 1961

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Applicant may hereby be allowed to modify and amend its Application, as herein provided, and that administrative approval be granted as requested in its Application of June 16, 1961.

Yours very truly,

AZTEC OIL & GAS COMPANY

By Kenneth A. Swanson  
Kenneth A. Swanson  
Attorney

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cc: Tenneco Oil Company  
Texaco, Inc.  
Sunray Mid-Continent Oil Company



TEXACO  
INC.

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS



DOMESTIC PRODUCING DEPARTMENT  
MIDLAND DIVISION

P. O. BOX 3109  
MIDLAND, TEXAS

June 21, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Porter:

TEXACO Inc., as an offset operator, has been notified of the application of Aztec Oil and Gas Company for administrative approval of an exception to Rule 2 of Order R-1670-C to drill their Harris No. 1-D in the Basin Dakota Gas Pool. It is understood that the well has been staked and will be drilled at a location 660' from the east line and 1980' from the south line of Section 18, T-29-N, R-13-W, San Juan County, New Mexico.

This is to advise that TEXACO has no objection to this application and hereby waives all protests to the granting of a permit for this unorthodox drilling location.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. M. Bischoff".

R. M. Bischoff  
Assistant to  
Division Manager

JERjr.-MM



TENNECO OIL COMPANY • P. O. BOX 1714 • 835 SECOND AVENUE • DURANGO, COLORADO

June 20, 1961

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for  
reviewed  
Aztec  
application*

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that Tenneco Oil Company has no objection to the application of Aztec Oil and Gas Company for administrative approval for an unorthodox drilling location in the Basin Dakota pool as set out in their letter of June 16, 1961. This well is to be located 660 feet FEL, 1980 feet FSL, Section 18, T. 29 N., R. 13 W.

Very truly yours,

TENNECO OIL COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. B. Plumb", written over a horizontal line.

L. B. Plumb

District Production Superintendent

LBP:bjo

cc: Aztec Oil & Gas Company  
W. T. Wells, Jr., Tenneco Oil Company



# Sunray Mid-Continent Oil Company

Western Division

P. O. Box 2692

Denver 1, Colorado

July 13, 1961

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

Subject: Amendment of Application of Aztec Oil and Gas Co.  
for Administrative Approval of an Exception to  
(b) of order R-1670-C, Approving an Unorthodox  
Drilling Location in the Basin Dakota Gas Pool

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Dear Mr. Porter:

Under the date of June 21, 1961, Aztec Oil and Gas Company of Dallas, Texas, has filed an amendment related to the subject of this letter. Sunray Mid-Continent Oil Company respectfully advises the members of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission that they do not object to such an amendment and unorthodox location.

Yours truly,

  
A. W. Wadman

AWW/jh

cc: Mr. I. W. Pilkington  
Mr. E. H. Ramsey  
Mr. E. W. Pease