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(orig. sent to
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for review)

Mr. A. L. Porter
Secretary-Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Land Office Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Enclosed please find the original and two copies of Texaco, Inc.'s application for administrative approval for an unorthodox location on their proposed gas well in the Basin Dakota Field, San Juan County, New Mexico.

You may remember that Texaco earlier applied for administrative approval on this well which was granted. Unfortunately, the proposed location was only 17 feet away from a previously abandoned well. Texaco and the U.S.G.S. felt that it would not be safe to drill so close to an abandoned well site.

I have discussed this application with Mr. Durrett and he is familiar with our problems.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Kelly

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TEXACO, INC.
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL ALLOWING AN UNORTHODOX
LOCATION FOR A PROPOSED GAS WELL, BASIN DAKOTA
FIELD, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

APPLICATION

Comes now the Applicant, Texaco, Inc., a Delaware corporation,
duly authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico and respectfully
presents this application to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico
and in support of this application shows the following:

1. Texaco, Inc. is the mineral lessee of that certain property
located in the N₂ of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M.,
San Juan County, New Mexico, containing 320 acres. Texaco plans to begin in
the near future drilling a gas well whose objective horizon is the Dakota
gas pool.

2. Due to extremely rough terrain, it will be impossible for the
applicant to drill said well at the orthodox location, to wit: 790 feet from
the boundary line of the proration unit and no nearer than 130 feet to a
Governmental quarter quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary line.
The closest location to said orthodox location where the terrain permits
drilling is 1,122 feet from the north line and 220 feet from the east line
of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M, San Juan County,
New Mexico.

3. Applicant shows the Commission that prior to this application,
Applicant had applied for administrative approval for another unorthodox
location which approval was granted under Administrative Order NSL-343 on
February 22, 1965. The first accepted location was only 17 feet from a
previously abandoned well and Applicant was informed by the United States
Geological Survey that Applicant must leave adequate space for the owner to
plug and abandon the earlier drilled well.

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4. Attached to this application and in support thereof are two plates showing the rough terrain, the orthodox location and the proposed location sought by Applicant.

5. The following named are offset operators of the proposed well and Applicant stipulates that it has sent to each of the named offset operators a copy of this application.

D. W. Falls
P. O. Box 2060
Farmington, New Mexico

National Drilling Co., Inc.
Chicago, Illinois

Pan American Oil Corp.
P. O. Box 480
Farmington, New Mexico

Aztec Oil & Gas
Mercantile Securities Building
Dallas, Texas

Great National Corporation
1126 Mercantile Securities Building
Dallas, Texas

Benson-Montin-Greer
158 Petroleum Center Building
Farmington, New Mexico

Albert Greer
158 Petroleum Center Building
Farmington, New Mexico

Southern Union Production Company
P. O. Box 808
Farmington, New Mexico

WHEREFORE Applicant prays that if no objection is filed with this Commission to the unorthodox location within twenty days that this Commission give administrative approval to the unorthodox location.

GILBERT, WHITE & GILBERT

By S/W.B. Kelly
Attorneys for Texaco, Inc.

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[Signature]*

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AZTEC OIL & GAS COMPANY

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DALLAS 1, TEXAS

LAND DEPARTMENT
KENNETH A. SWANSON, MANAGER

March 29, 1965

Mr. A. L. Porter, Secretary-Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 1871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

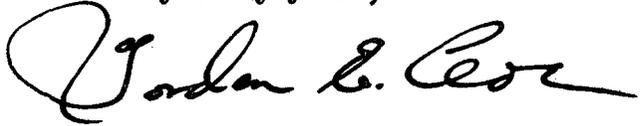
RE: Application of Texaco, Inc. for
Administrative Approval Allowing
An Unorthodox Location for a
Proposed Gas Well, Basin Dakota Field
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Aztec Oil & Gas Company has been furnished a copy of Texaco's captioned application for an unorthodox location for a proposed Dakota gas well at 1,122 feet from the north line and 220 feet from the east line of Section 15, T-28-N, R-13-W, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico

Aztec has no objection to the approval by the Commission of the captioned application and hereby waives its right to notice and hearing.

Very truly yours,



Gordon E. Coe

GEC/sc

cc: Gilbert, White and Gilbert
Attorneys at Law
Bishop Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico

*Letter
Jim Durrett*

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BOX 871
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

DATE 3-31-65

- Re: Proposed NSP _____
- Proposed NWU _____
- Proposed NSL ✓ _____
- Proposed NFO _____
- Proposed DC _____

Gentlemen:

I have examined the application dated 3-30-65

for the Lexaco Inc Navajo 1122/N 220/E 15-28N-3W
 Operator Lease and Well No. S-T-R

and my recommendations are as follows:

Topography verified - approved

Yours very truly,

Ernest C. Crawford