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December 10, 1971

State of New Mexico (2) Oil Conservation Commission P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary-Director

Gentlemen:

Application for Administrative Approval Unorthodox Location - AXI Apache "J" No. 25 Rio Arriba County, New Mexico File: DO-410-CF

Continental Oil Company requests administrative approval to drill the subject well at an unorthodox location under Rule No. 104, Section "D", Subsection II, Paragraph "F" of the Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Cil Conservation Commission.

The following is the proposed drilling plan for the well:

AXI Apache "J" No. 25 660' FNL, 660' FEL Section 7, T25N, R5W Proposed TD: 5300' 8 5/8" Casing @ 200' (est.) 5 1/2" casing @ TD Completion Formations: Otero Chacra

Undesignated Mesaverde

As indicated by the attached plat, the orthodox location of 790' FNL, 790' FEL would fall on the Southern Union Gas Pipeline System for the area. An orthodox location cannot be made by moving the well west into the NW NE of Section 7 because of the pipeline. It is not desired to move the well location into the SE NE or SW NE of Section 7 because of the effects on spacing for future development of the lease. Present data indicate that drilling the well within the NE NE of Section 7 will encounter the best formation development.

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Offset operators to the AXI Apache "J" lease have been notified of this application, as indicated by copies of this letter, by certified mail.

Very truly yours,

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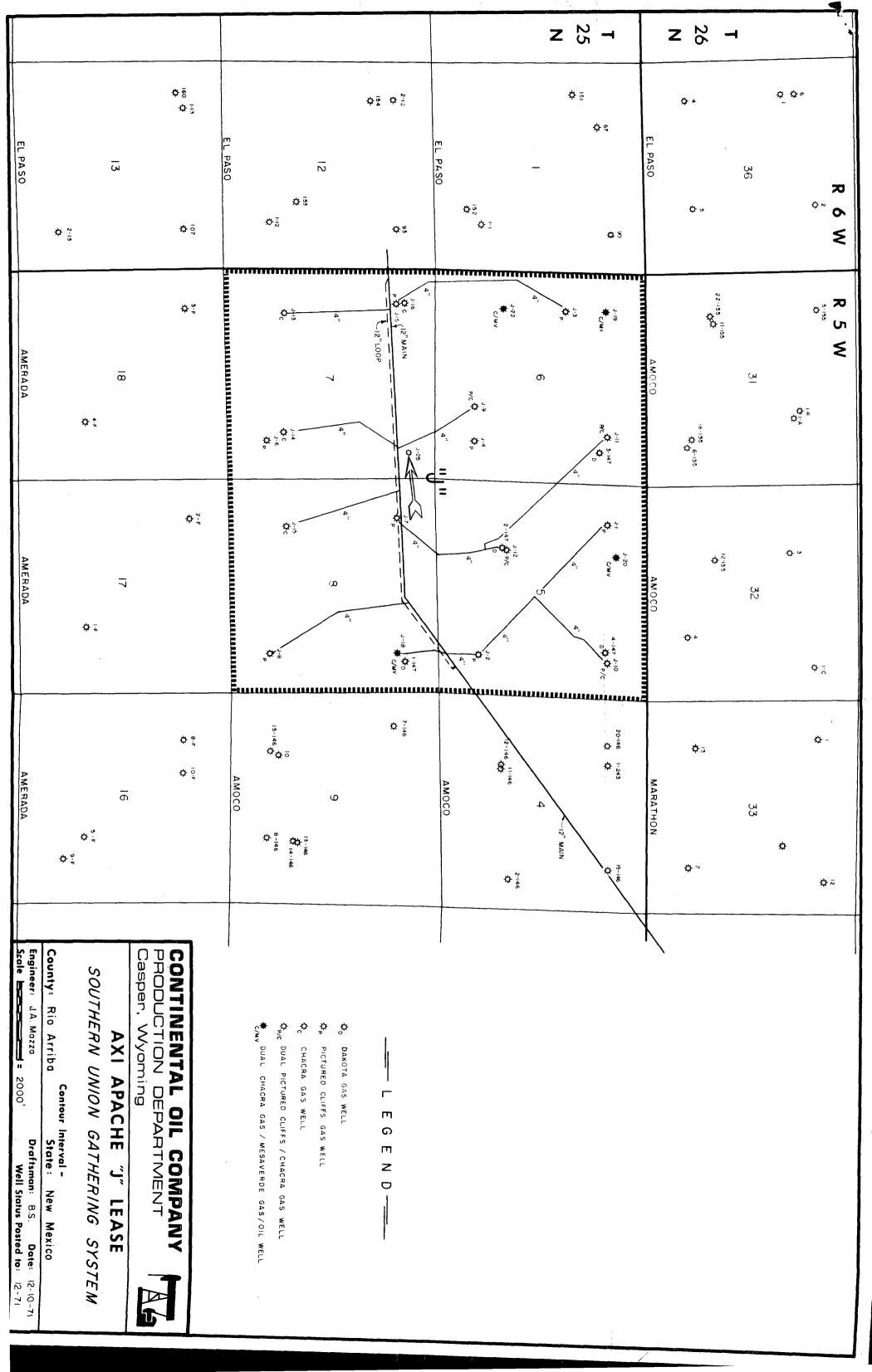
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Attention Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary-Director

RE: Application for Administrative Approval

Unorthodox Location - AXI Apache "J" No. 25

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that Marathon Oil Company has no objection to the granting of Continental Oil Company's request for administrative approval to drill the above well at the unorthodox location described in Continental Oil Company's letter application dated December 10, 1971.

Yours very truly

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cc: Mr. W. C. Blackburn Continental Oil Company RECOMBERATION COMM.