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April 29, 1987

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Mr. David Catanach N.M. Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-2088

Re: Unorthodox Location Starr #3M 2280' FNL & 1180' FWL Section 5, T26N-R8W San Juan County, NM

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Union Texas Petroleum wishes to advise that the following operators have been notified of our request to drill an unorthodox location for this Basin Dakota-Blanco Mesaverde test:

Tenneco Oil Company Meridian Oil, Inc. Southern Union Exploration

A copy of the letters to the offset operators is attached. I am sorry for any inconvenience that may have been caused. If I may be of any further assistance, please advise.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Frank Permit Coordinator

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375 U.S. Highway 64 Farmington, New Mexico 87401 Telephone (505) 325-3587

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Southern Union Exploration 334 US Highway 64 Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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Meridian Oil, Inc. P. O. Box 4289 Farmington, NM 87499

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Tenneco Oil Company
P. O. Box 3249
Englewood, Colorado 80155

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO



ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 S. PACHECO SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87505 (505) 827-7131

August 16, 1995

Meridian Oil, Inc. P.O. Box 4289 Farmington, New Mexico 87499-4289

Attention: Peggy Bradfield

Administrative Order NSL-2345-A

Dear Ms. Bradfield:

Reference is made to your application dated June 15, 1995 for a non-standard Basin-Fruitland coal gas well location for your existing Starr Well No. 3M (API No. 30-045-26783) which was drilled in 1987 and dually completed in both the Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Pools at an unorthodox gas well location for both intervals (approved by Division Administrative Order NSL-2345, dated May 21, 1987) 2280 feet from the North line and 1180 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 5, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

It is our understanding that both the Mesaverde and Dakota intervals will be plugged back and abandoned and said well will be recompleted up-hole as a single Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool well, which pursuant to the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, is also unorthodox. Further, Lots 1 through 4 and the S/2 N/2 (N/2 equivalent) of said Section 5 shall be dedicated to the well to form a standard 321.56-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 8 of said Order No. R-8768, as amended, the above-described unorthodox coal gas well location is hereby approved.

At this time the original Administrative Order NSL-2345 shall be placed in abeyance until further notice.

Sincerely,

William J. LeMa

Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

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April 6, 1987

375 U.S. Highway 64 Farmington, New Mexico 87401 Telephone (505) 325-3587

Mr. William LeMay NM Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe. New Mexico 87501-2088 NSL-2345 RULE-104 F(Z)

Re:

Unorthodox Location Starr 3M 2280' FNL & 1180' FWL Section 5-T26N-R8W San Juan County, NM

Durof Son Dakota Sect. 5
Completer Basin Dakota

Blanco Mesaverde

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Union Texas Petroleum requests administrative approval of an unorthodox location for a Basin Dakota-Blanco Mesaverde dual completion. The basis for our request is for topographic reasons, as well as the close proximity to several archaeological sites.

Mo offset operators <u>have</u> been notified as we are moving the location to the south and will not affect any other operators.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Trank Recid May 1, 1957

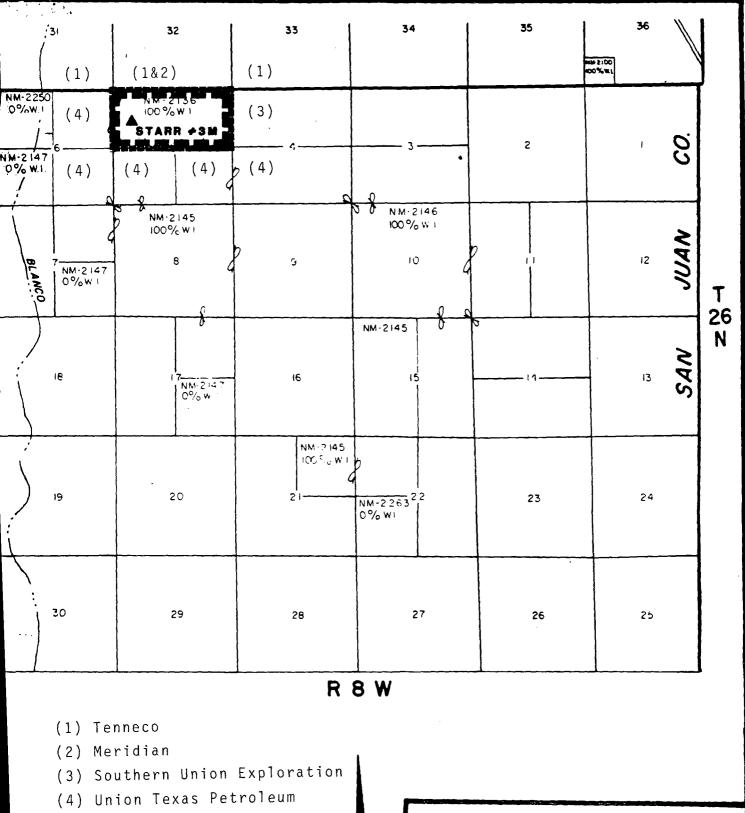
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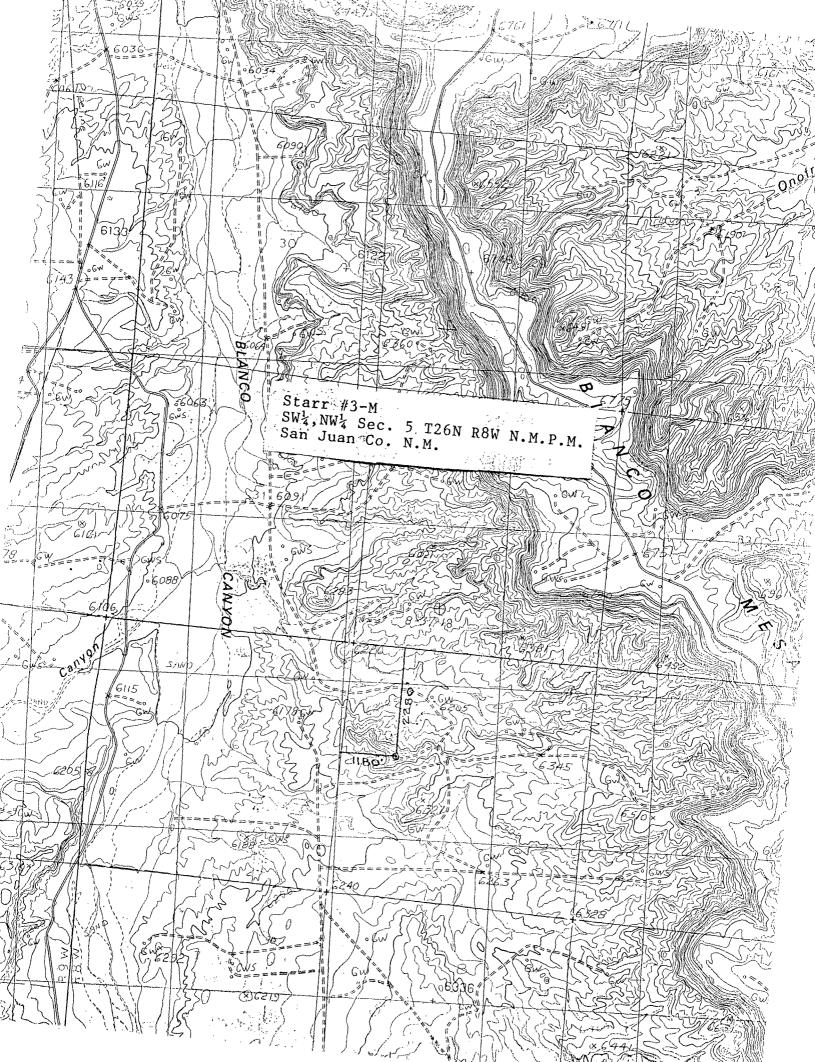
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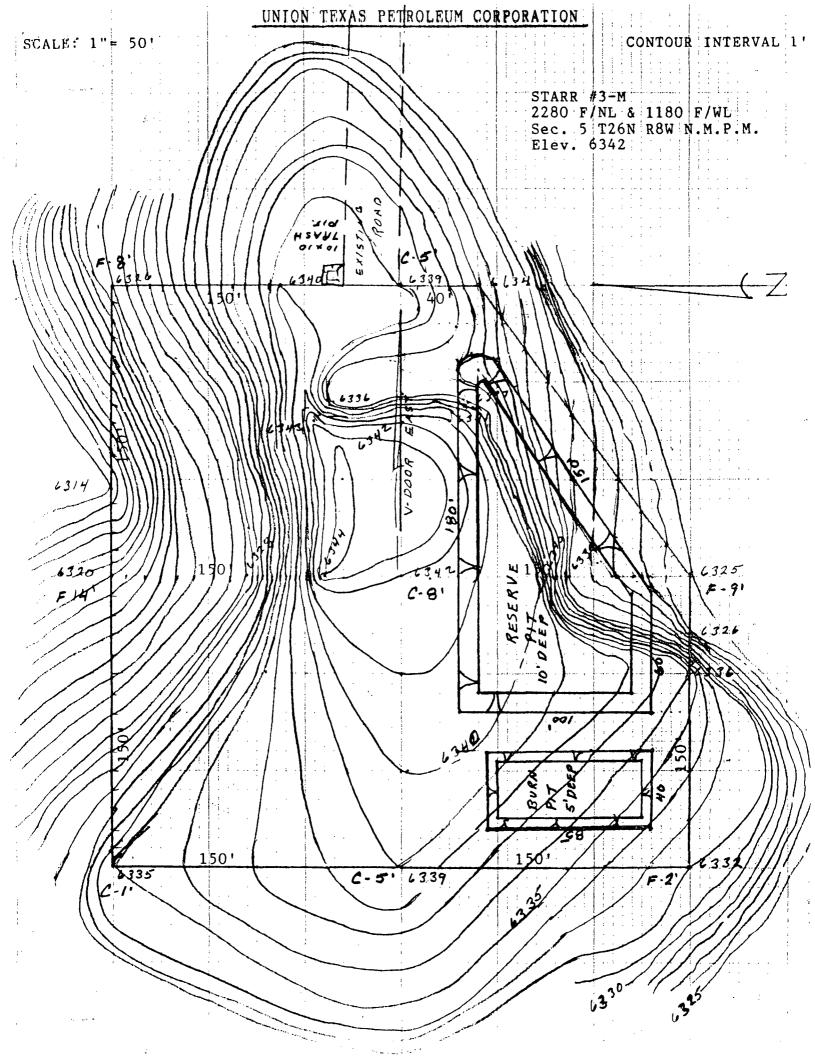
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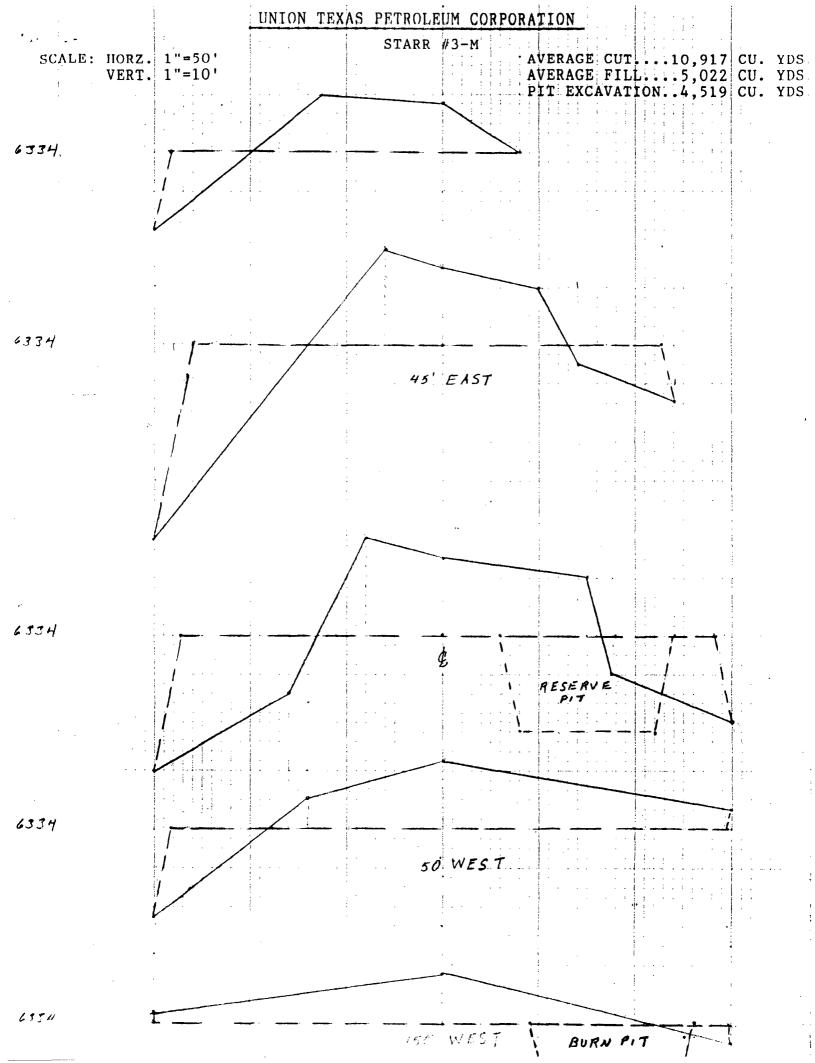
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE

1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD AZTEC, NEW MEXICO 87410 (505) 334-6178

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501 DATE 4-10-87 Proposed MC RE: Proposed DHC Proposed NSL Proposed SWD Proposed WFX Proposed PMX Gentlemen: I have examined the application dated 4-9-87and my recommendations are as follows: Yours truly,