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David K. Brooks  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case No. 14271/Vanguard Permian, LLC

Dear Mr. Brooks:

At the end of Thursday's hearing I said I would look into two things: (1) Division orders regarding Techsys' well unit (the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32); and (2) information on a Queen gas well in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32. This letter sets forth the results of those searches, and additional data which affects this application.

Techsys' well unit contains two wells, both of which are at unorthodox well locations. Attached as **Exhibit 1** is Administrative Order NSL-527, approving the location for the W.D. Grimes NCT-A Well No. 1. This was apparently the only Queen well on the well unit. **Exhibit 2**. I could not find an unorthodox location order for the W.D. Grimes NCT-A Well No. 4 (in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32), nor a simultaneous dedication order for the well unit.

With respect to additional Queen gas wells, please first refer to Techsys' Exhibit B at hearing (copy enclosed), which shows six existing Queen wells, and Texland's proposed well, in Sections 29 and 32. The Division's well files (which were incorporated into the record at hearing) show the following:

1. The well in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, the Bowers A Federal Well No. 28, is dedicated to a non-standard unit comprising the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29 under Administrative Order NSP-1746(L). **Exhibit 3**.

2. The well in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, the State A-29 Well No. 8, is dedicated to a non-standard unit comprising the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29 under Administrative Order NSP-1746-A(L). **Exhibit 4.**

3. The well in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, the North Hobbs Grayburg-San Andres Unit Well No. 532 (f/k/a the State A Well No. 1), is dedicated to a non-standard unit comprising the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32 under an unnumbered Administrative Order. **Exhibit 5.**

This data, together with data on the Techsys' well, is summarized on **Exhibit 6.** Please note that all wells are at unorthodox locations, and all wells are being produced on a leasehold basis. Attached as **Exhibit 7** is the same plat, without notations, showing the lease outlines (the W.D. Grimes NCT-A Lease actually covers the entire W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 32).

This data affects Vanguard's application in the following respects:

A. The only acreage available for Vanguard's well unit is the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32. In addition, the interest owners in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32 have never shared in production from the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  well unit. Therefore, the non-standard unit portion of the application must be approved to protect Vanguard's correlative rights.

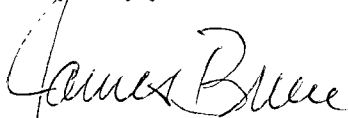
B. Vanguard's unorthodox location is due to a recompletion from a deeper zone. No one has objected, and that portion of the application must be approved.

C. The reservoir has been developed and produced on an 80-acre basis, with all wells at unorthodox locations, including those on Techsys' acreage. Therefore, Techsys' claim that operators must strictly comply with the statewide spacing rules is without merit.

I have just received Division Order No. R-13113, requiring Vanguard to shut in its well. Vanguard will do so. However, because the only acreage available to Vanguard for its well unit is the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, Vanguard requests that the shut-in order be rescinded.

Vanguard requests that the Division promptly approve its application. In addition, if Techsys cannot provide NSL and NSP orders for the W.D. Grimes NCT-A Well No. 4, it must be shut-in.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for Vanguard Permian, LLC

cc: Terry G. Warnell (via hand delivery)  
Techsys Resources, LLC (via USPS Express Mail)

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

November 30, 1971

Gulf Oil Company  
P. O. Box 670  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Attention: Mr. C. D. Borland

Administrative Order HSL-527

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your application for approval of an unorthodox gas well location for your W. D. Grimes (NCT-A) Well No. 1, located 330 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Byers-Queen Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

By authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 104 F of the Commission Rules and Regulations, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.  
Secretary-Director

ALP/GME/dr

cc: Oil Conservation Commission - Hobbs  
Oil & Gas Engineering Committee - Hobbs

EXHIBIT 1

**MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT**

Form C-102  
Supersedes C-128  
Effective 1-1-65

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

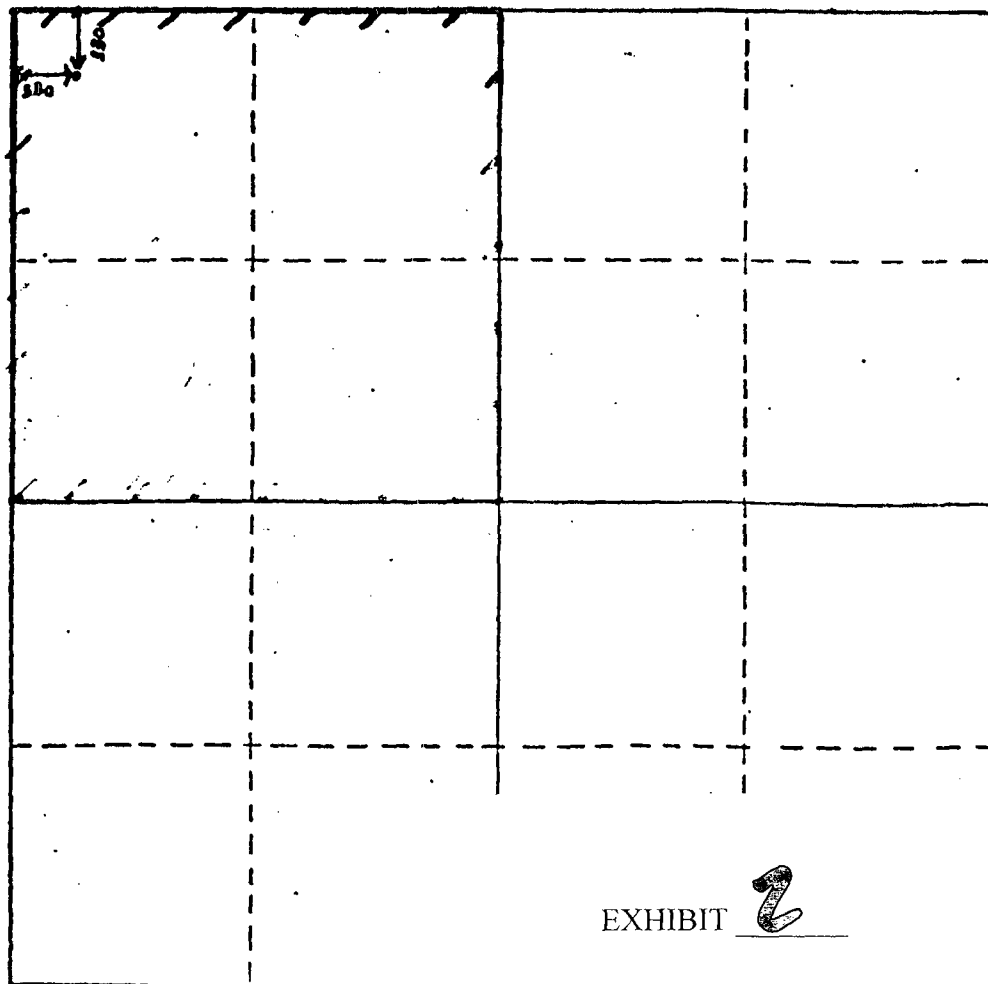
Operator <b>Chevron U.S.A. Inc.</b>			Lease <b>W.D. GRIMES NCT -A</b>		Well No. <b>1</b>
Unit Letter <b>D</b>	Section <b>32</b>	Township <b>18S</b>	Range <b>38E</b>	County <b>Lea</b>	
Actual Footage Location of Well: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>330 feet from the North line and</span> <span>330 feet from the West line</span> </div>					
Ground Level Elev. <b>3642,</b>	Producing Formation <b>Byers Yates Gas</b>		Pool <b>Byers Yates Gas</b>		Dedicated Acreage: <b>160</b> Acres

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hatchure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc?

☐ Yes   ☐ No   If answer is "yes," type of consolidation \_\_\_\_\_

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) \_\_\_\_\_

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commission.



**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*M. E. Akins*

Name

**M. E. AKINS**

Position

**STAFF DRILLING ENGINEER**

Company

**Chevron U.S.A. Inc.**

Date

**SEPTEMBER 16, 1988**

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

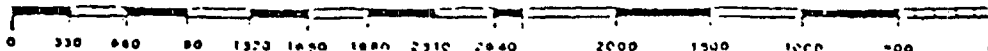
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Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor

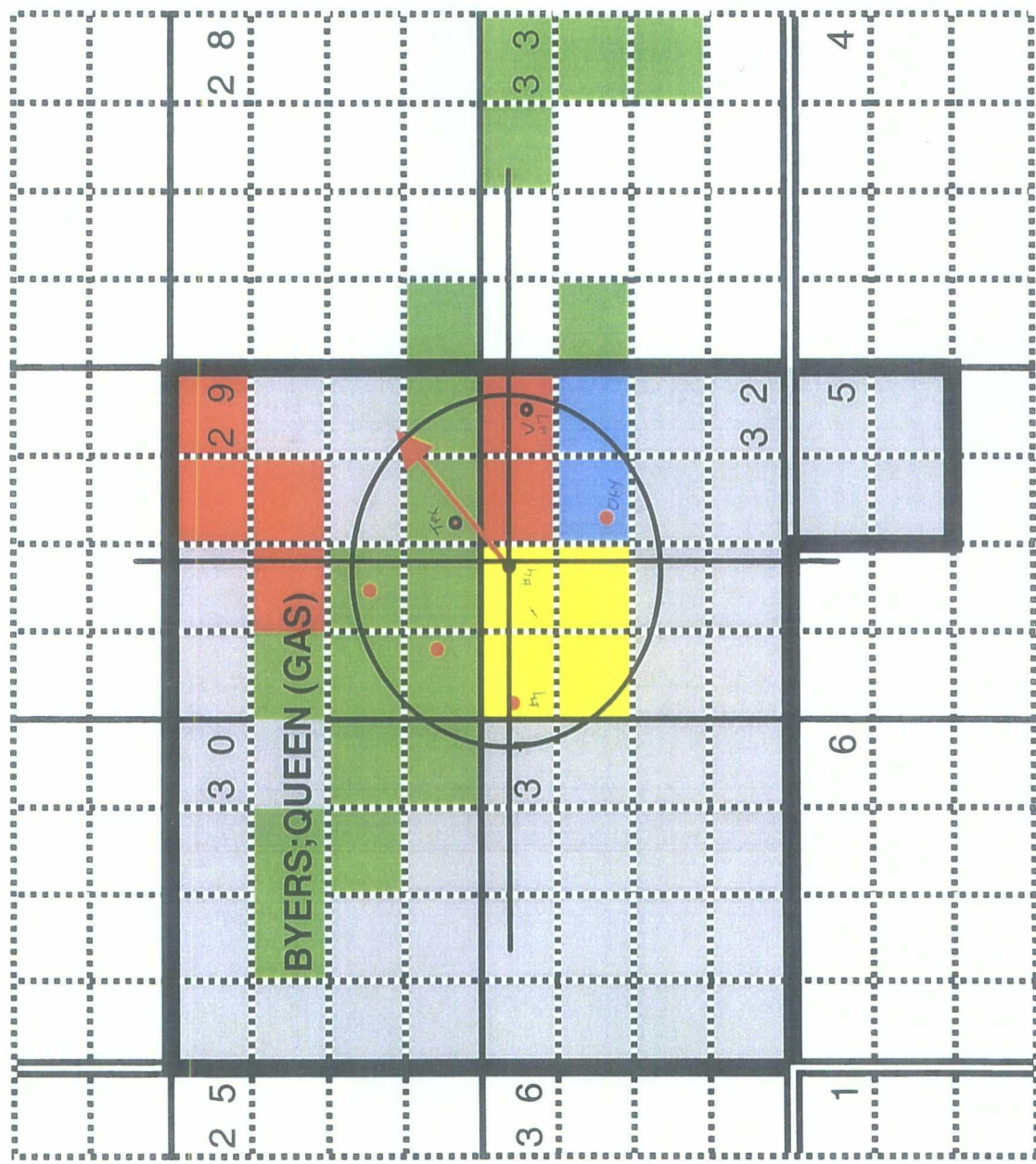
Certificate No.

EXHIBIT

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# CASE 14271 (Techsys) Exhibit B



*in effect  
base spacing*

LEGEND:  
GREEN - Texland  
Red - Vanguard  
Blue - Oxy  
Yellow - Techsys



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

November 16, 1995

Exxon Corporation  
P. O. Box 1600  
Midland, Texas 79702-1600

Attention: Alex M. Correa

*Administrative Order NSP-1746(L)*

Dear Mr. Correa:

Reference is made to your application dated September 26, 1995 for an 80-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit consisting of the following acreage in both the Byers-Queen Gas Pool and the Undesignated Byers-Yates Gas Pool:

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM  
Section 29: W/2 SW/4

It is our understanding that this unit is to be dedicated to your existing Bowers "A" Federal Well No. 28 (API No. 30-025-23022), located at an unorthodox gas well location for the aforementioned unit 660 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 29.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division General Rules 104.F(1) and 104.D(2), the above-described unorthodox gas well location and non-standard gas spacing and proration unit are hereby approved.

Sincerely,

William J. LeMay  
Director

WJL/MES/kv

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs  
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad  
James Bruce - Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield & Hensley P.L.L.C., Santa Fe

EXHIBIT

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NGPA Permits

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NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
(505) 827-7131

November 16, 1998

Conoco, Inc.  
10 Desta Drive - Suite 100W  
Midland, Texas 79705-4500  
Attn: Kay Maddox

*Administrative Order NSP-1746-A(L)*

Dear Ms. Maddox:

Reference is made to your application dated October 21, 1998 for a non-standard 80-acre gas spacing and proration unit consisting of the following acreage in the Byers-Queen Gas Pool:

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM  
Section 29: E/2 SW/4.

It is our understanding that this unit is to be dedicated Conoco, Inc.'s existing State "A-29" Well No. 8 (API No. 30-025-23048), located 2150 feet from the South line and 1800 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 29.

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rules 104.F and 104.D(2) of the General Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division").

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division General Rules 104.F(2) 104.D(2)(b), the above-described unorthodox gas well location and 80-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit are hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery  
Director

LW/MES/kv

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs  
New Mexico State Land Office - Santa Fe  
W. Thomas Kellahin, Counsel for Conoco, Inc. - Santa Fe  
Jimmy D. Carlile, Conoco, Inc. - Midland, Texas

EXHIBIT

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DUPLICATE

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

January 21, 1954

Shell Oil Company  
Box 1957  
Hobbs, New Mexico

Subject: Unorthodox location - Shell  
State A-1 2310' from the NW  
and 1650' from the SE Section  
32, Township 1 South, Range  
20 East - Myers-Queen Gas Pool.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of January 13, 1954 pertaining to the unorthodox location for the above captioned well.

Pursuant to authority granted to me by the provisions of Order No. 1-374-A, Rule 4, permission is hereby granted to produce this well in compliance with pool rules.

Very truly yours,

*R. R. Bourrier*  
R. R. Bourrier  
Secretary and Director

RRS: c

cc: Oil File

Unorthodox File

Amerada Petroleum Corp., P. O. Drawer 1, Monument, N.M.

Conoco Oil Corp., P. O. Box 2107, Hobbs, N.M.

Shell Oil Company, P. O. Box 2107, Hobbs, N.M.

W. M. Hobbs, N.M. ✓

EXHIBIT

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DUPLICATE

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BOX 2045  
HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

DATE December 22, 1953

TO: Shell Oil Company  
Box 1957, Hobbs, New Mexico

GENTLEMEN:

Form C-104 for your	<u>State A</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>32-13-38</u>	<u>Byers-Queens</u>
	LEASE	WELL	S.T.R.	POOL

has been approved, however, since this well is:

- ☒ (X) An unorthodox location,
- ☒ (X) Located on an unorthodox proration unit,
- ☐ ( ) Outside the boundaries of a designated pool,

it will be necessary for you to;

- ☒ (X) Comply with the provisions of Rule 4 of Commission Order R 376 A
- ☒ (X) Comply with the provisions of Rule 7 of Commission Order R 376 A
- ☐ ( ) File Form C-123

Pending further Commission action this unit will be assigned an 80 acre allowable.

Stanley J. Stanley  
A. L. Porter, Jr.  
Proration Manager

ALP/pb

cc/ Transporter Shell Oil Co.

**NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Gas Well Plat

Date November 24, 1953

Shell Oil Company

State A

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Operator

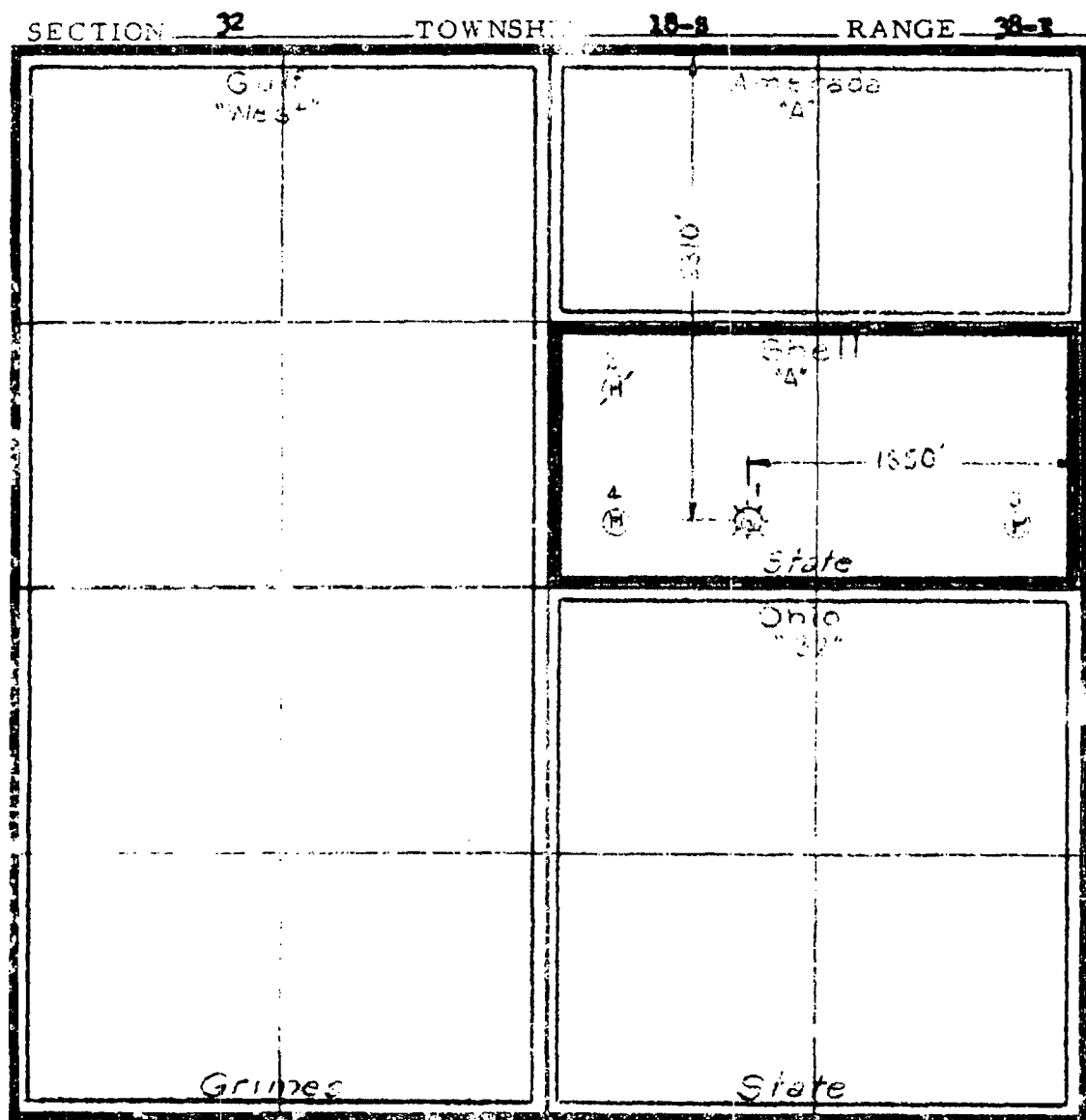
Lease

Well No.

Name of Producing Formation Byers

Pool Byers-Queen

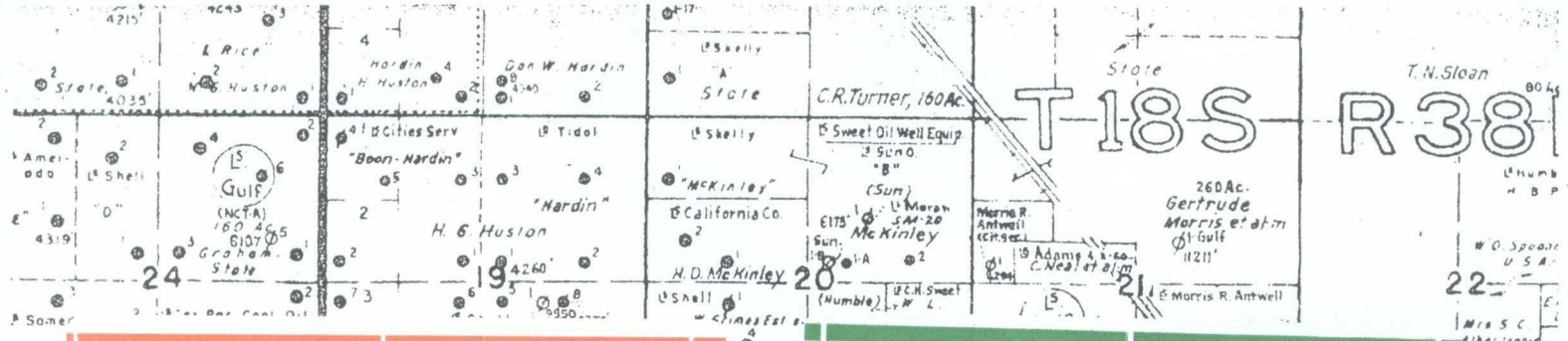
Acres Dedicated to the Well 80



I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

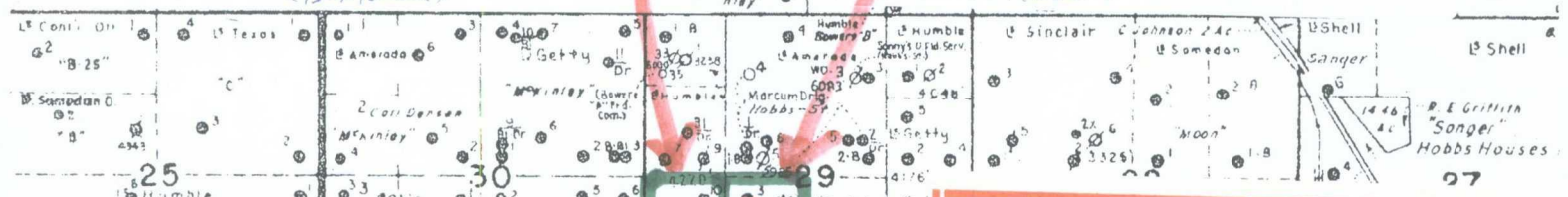
Name J. D. Savage  
 Position Division Exploitation Engineer  
 Representing Shell Oil Company  
 Address Box 1957, Hobbs, New Mexico

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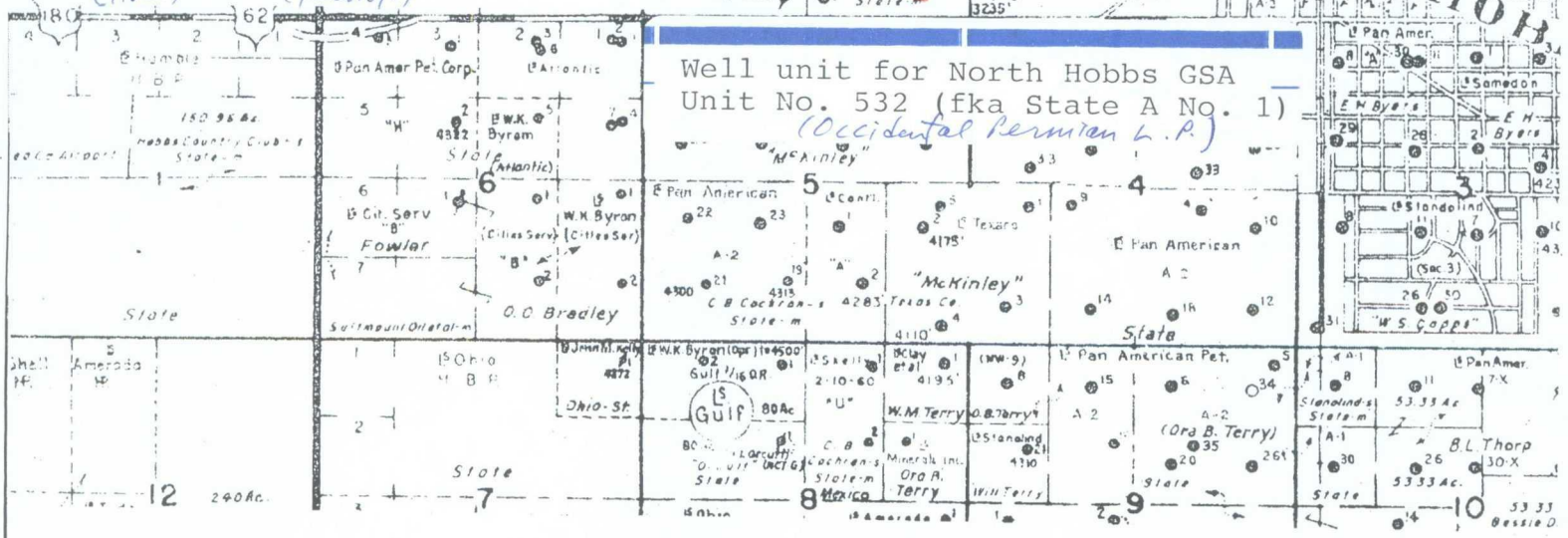
Well Unit for Bowers A Federal No. 28 (Textland)

Well Unit for State A-29 No. 8 (Textland)



Proposed well unit for State A No. 7 (Vanguard)

Well unit for W.D. Grimes NCT-A No. 1 and No. 4 (HRC) (Techsys)



Well unit for North Hobbs GSA Unit No. 532 (fka State A No. 1) (Occidental Permian L.P.)

W.D. Grimes Lease  
Well No. 1, NCT-A  
Lea County, New Mexico

Located 330' from North and West Lines  
Section 32, T18S, R38E

