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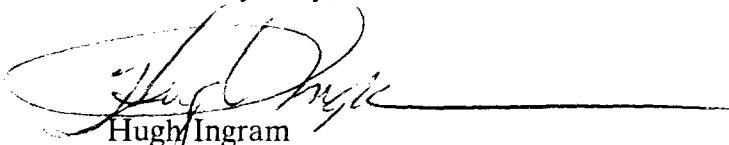
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WELL NO. 12 AT AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION
2310' FNL AND 660' FWL OF SECTION 35,
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Form C-102
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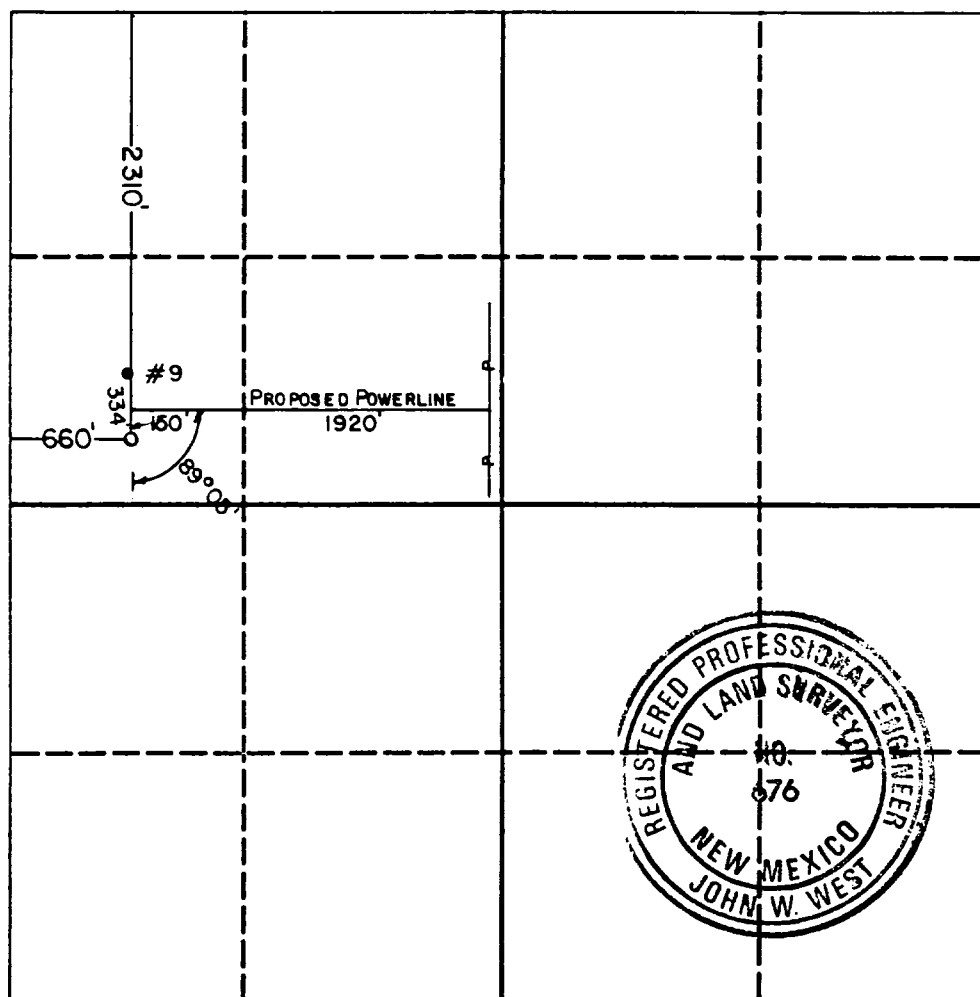
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I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Printed Name

Position

Company

Date

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Signature & Seal of
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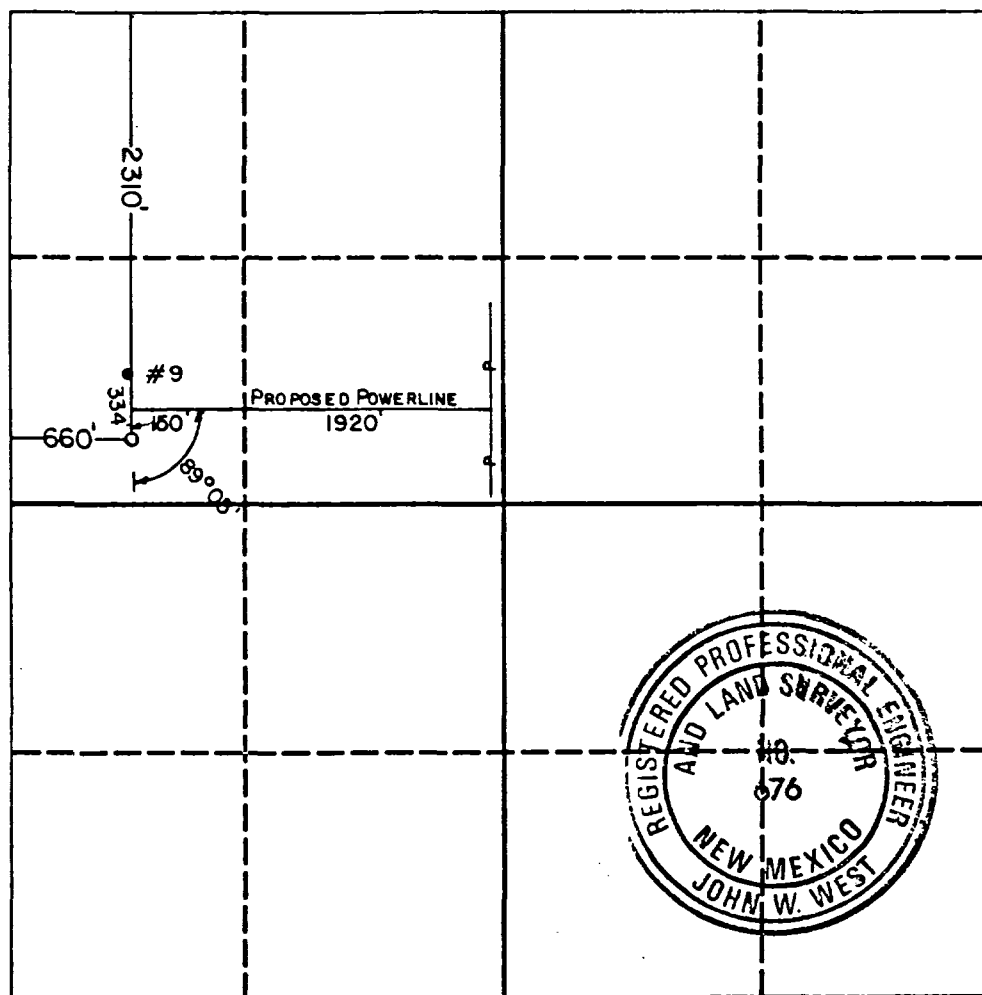
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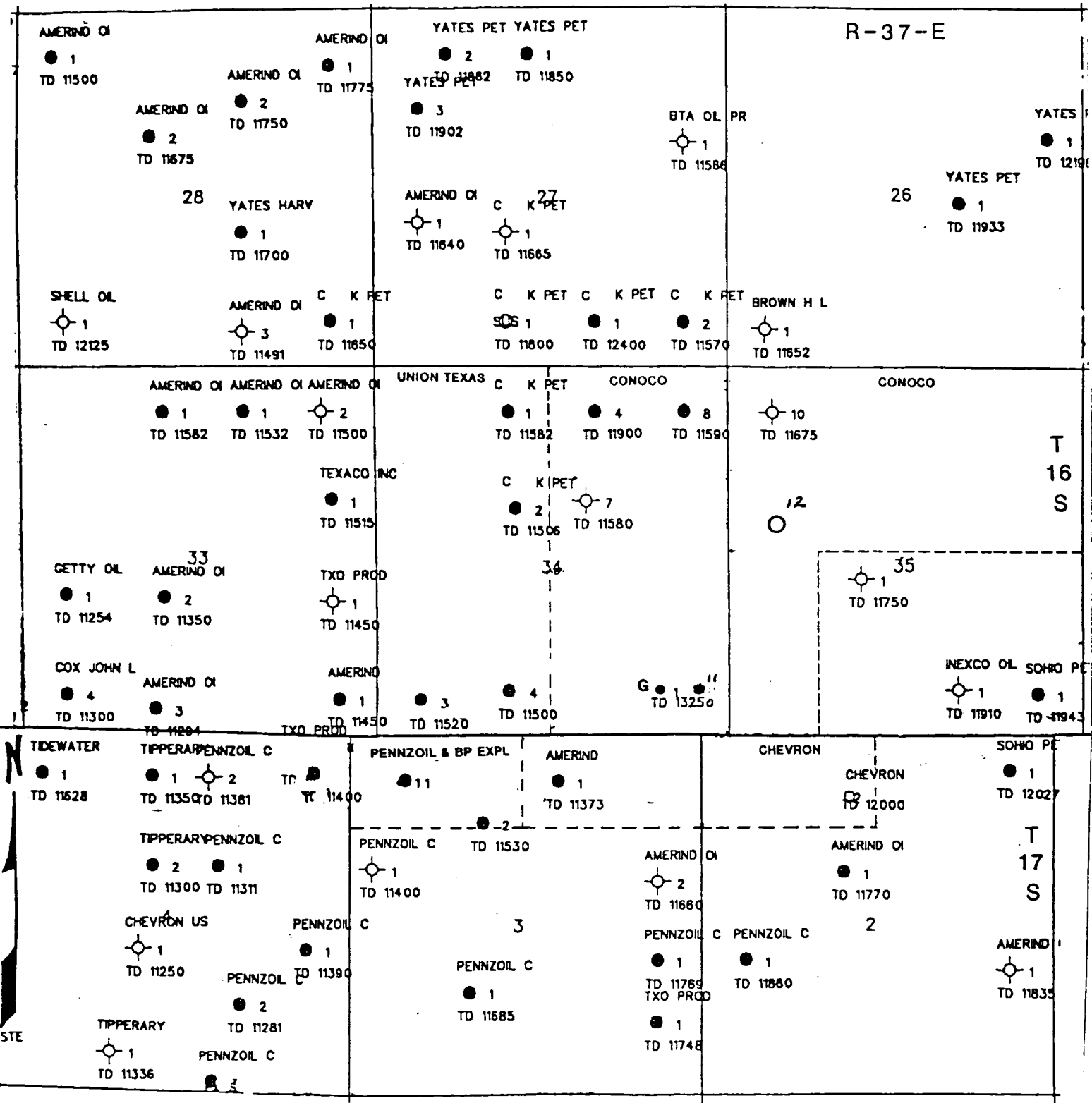
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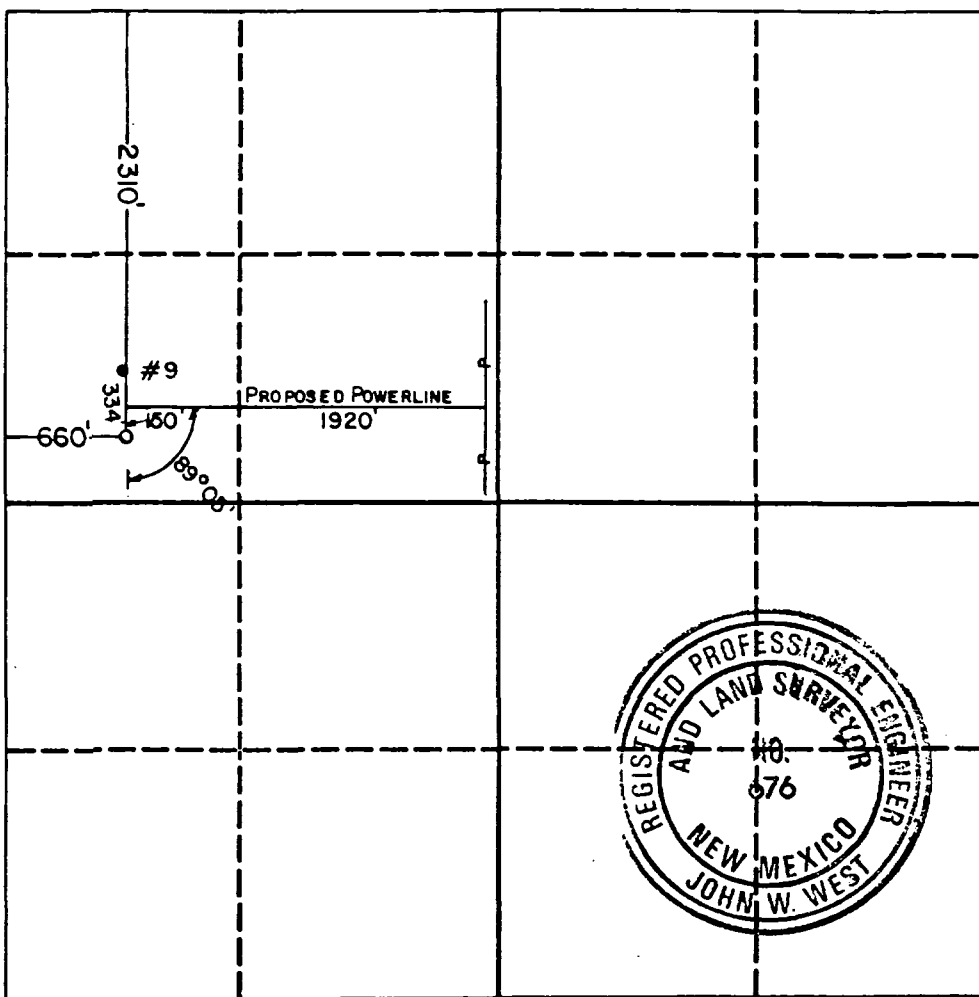

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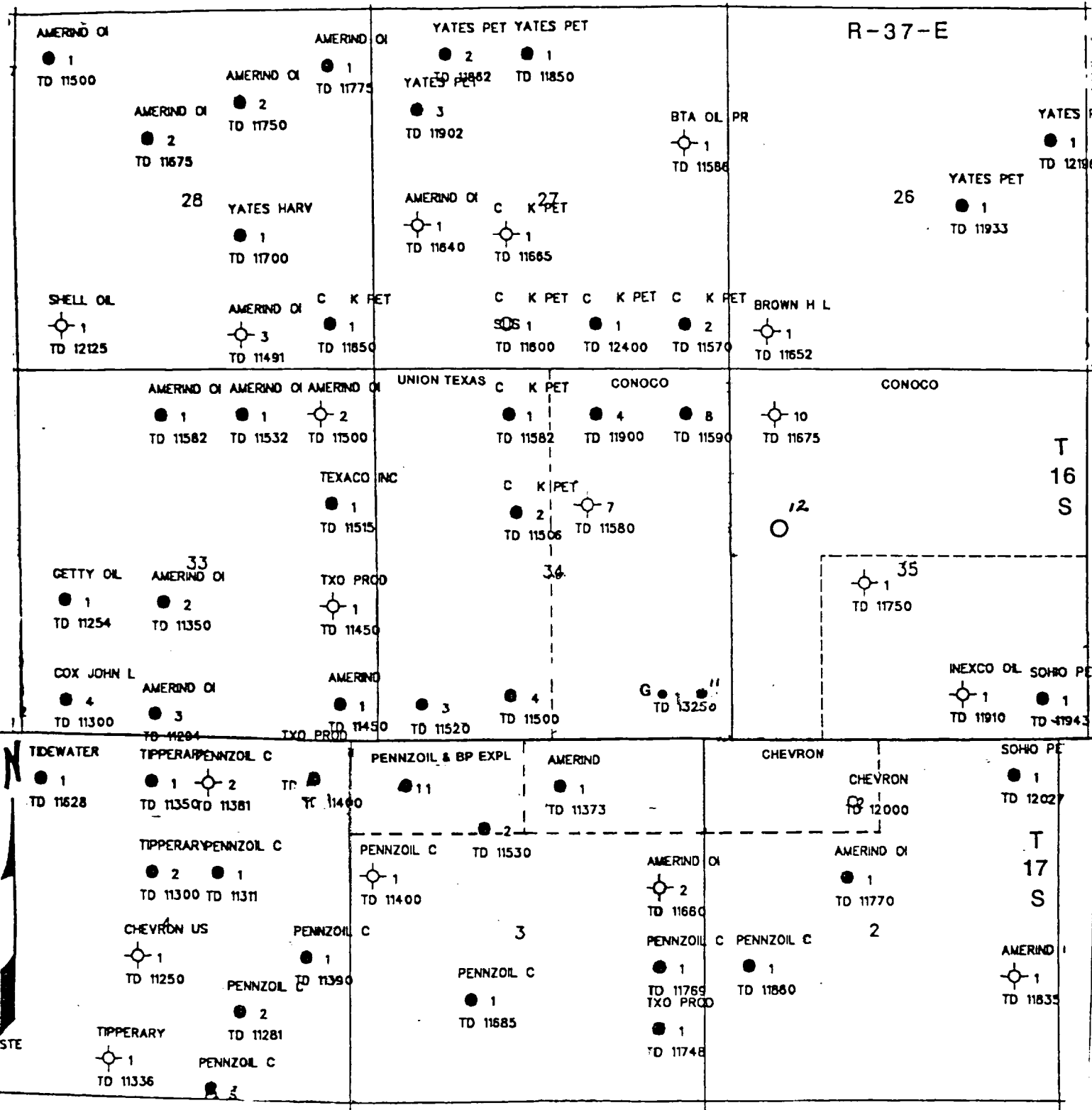
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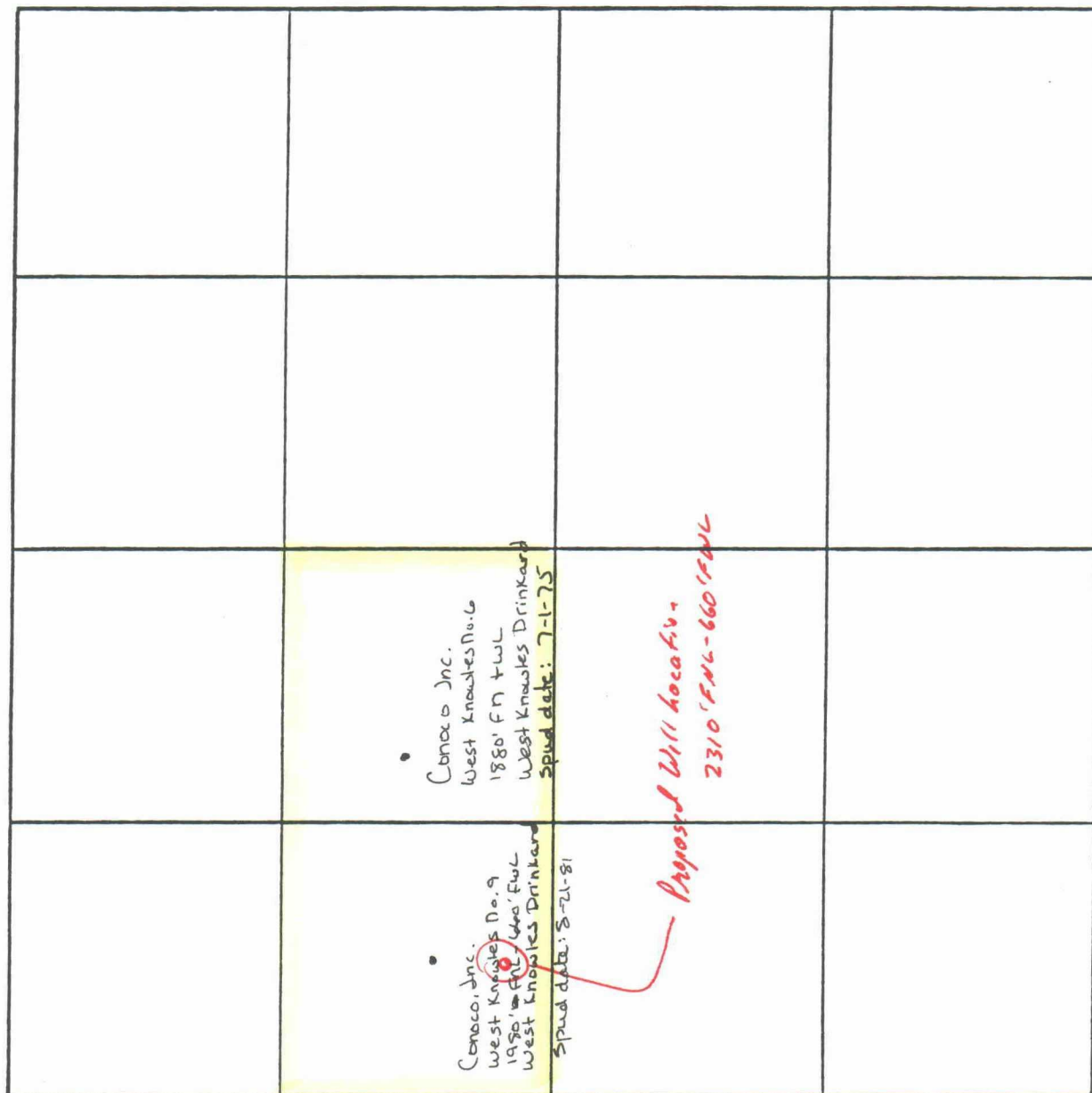


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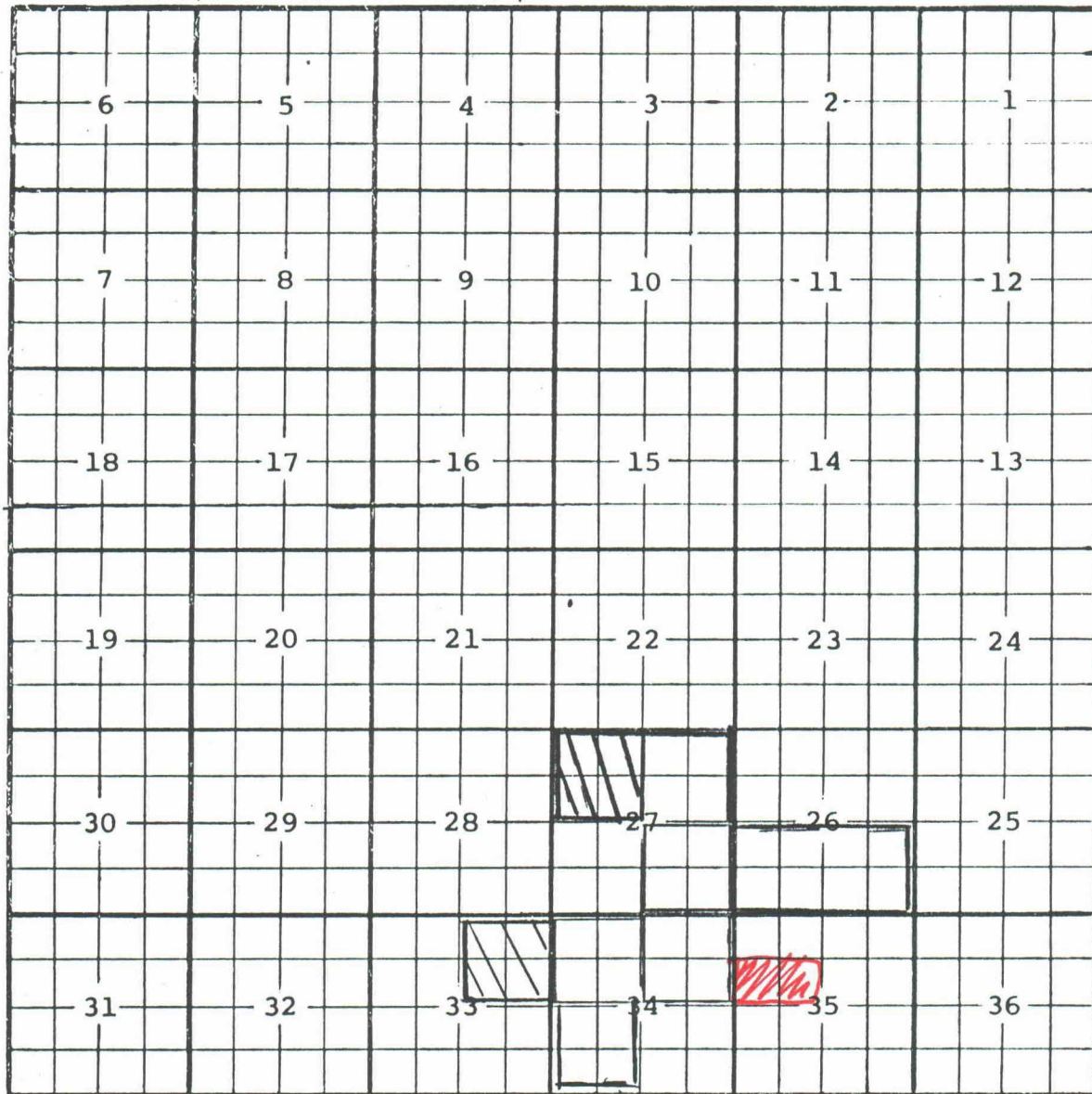
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SECTION 35

TOWNSHIP 16S

RANGE 37E

COUNTY Lea POOL Casey - StrawnTOWNSHIP 16 South RANGE 37 East NMPM

Description: $\frac{SE}{4}$ Sec 27 (R-4992, 4-1-75)

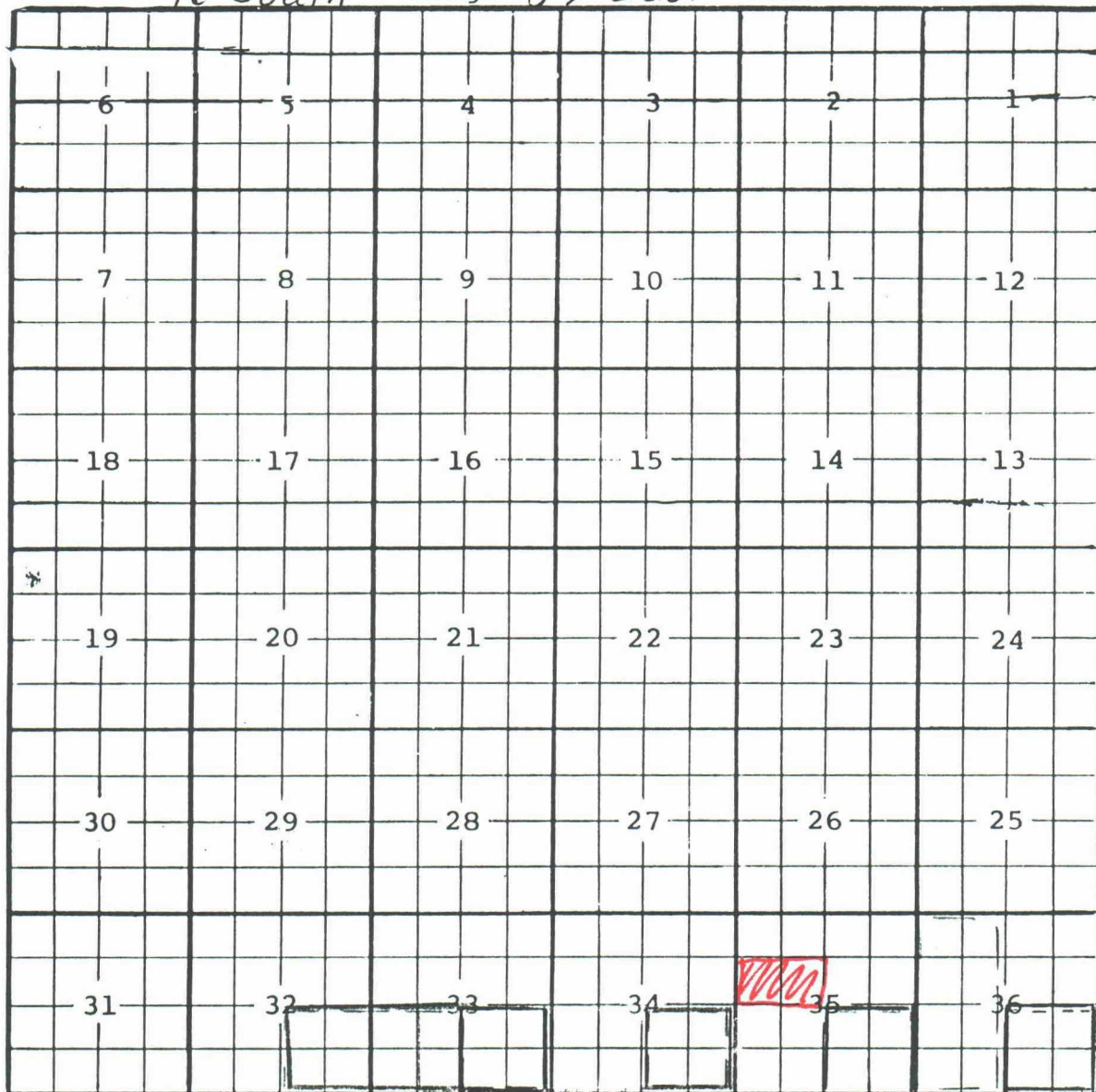
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Delete $\frac{NW}{4}$ Sec. 27 (R-7996, 8-6-85)

Delete $\frac{NE}{4}$ Sec. 33 (R-8182, 3-11-86) Ext: $\frac{SW}{4}$ Sec. 34 (R-8451, 6-3-87)

EXT: $\frac{3}{2}$ SEC 26 (R-8603, 2/19/88)

County Lea Pool Shipp-StrawnTOWNSHIP 16 South Range 37 East NMPM

Description: $\frac{SE}{4}$ and $\frac{E}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33, $\frac{5}{2}$ Sec. 34 (R-8062, 10-31-85)
 Amend horizontal limits to include $N\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{SE}{4}$ Sec. 4 only, T12S,
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(SHIPP-STRAWN POOL - Cont'd.)

(3) The temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the Shipp-Strawn Pool are hereby amended to read in their entirety as follows:

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FOR THE
SHIPP-STRAWN POOL**

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RULE 3. For good cause shown, the Director may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 2 without notice and hearing when the application is for a non-standard unit comprising a single quarter-quarter section or lot. All operators offsetting the proposed non-standard unit shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Director may approve the application if, after a period of 30 days, no offset operator has entered an objection to the formation of such non-standard unit.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

(4) The location of any well permitted, in drilling to, or completed in the Strawn formation within the boundaries of the Shipp-Strawn Pool prior to January 21, 1986, which location was orthodox under pool rules existing prior to that time and which location is now unorthodox, is hereby approved.

(5) The locations of any other wells presently permitted in, drilling to, or completed in the currently defined Shipp-Strawn Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Hobbs District office of the Division in writing of the name and location of the well on or before April 1, 1986.

(6) The amount of the discovery allowable assigned to the Pennzoil Company Viersen Well No. 1 located 2130 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 4, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, as set out in Division Order No. R-8062 is hereby amended to a total of 55,595 barrels of oil to be produced at a rate not to exceed 76 barrels per day in accordance with Division General Rule 509.

(7) The effective date of this order and of the pool and pool rule changes included herein shall be January 21, 1986.

(8) Pursuant to Paragraph A. of Section 70-2-18, NMSA (1978), existing wells in the Shipp-Strawn Pool shall have dedicated thereto 80 acres in accordance with the foregoing pool rules; or, pursuant to Paragraph C. of said Section 70-2-18, existing wells may have non-standard spacing or proration units established by the Division and dedicated thereto.

Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the division dedicating 80 acres to a well or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Division within 60 days from the date of this order shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable. Until said Form C-102 has been filed or until a non-standard unit has been approved, and subject to said 60-day limitation, each well presently drilling to or completed in the Shipp-Strawn Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof shall receive no more than one-half of a standard allowable for the pool.

(9) This case shall be reopened at an examiner hearing in November, 1986, at which time the operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the Shipp-Strawn Pool should not be developed on 40-acre proration units.

(10) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

(CASEY-STRAWN POOL - Cont'd.)

(8) That this case should be reopened at an examiner hearing in April, 1976, at which time the operators in the subject pool should be prepared to appear and show cause why the Casey-Strawn Pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Strawn production, is hereby created and designated the Casey-Strawn Pool, with vertical limits comprising the Strawn formation as bound on the log of the Shipp "27" Well No. 1, located in Unit O of Section 27, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, from 11,326 to 11,762 feet, and horizontal limits comprising the following-described area:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM
Section 27: SE/4

(2) That temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the Casey-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby promulgated as follows:

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The allowable assigned to a non-standard proration unit shall bear the same ratio to a standard allowable as the acreage in such non-standard unit bears to 80 acres.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the Casey-Strawn Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Hobbs District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well on or before April 15, 1975.

(2) That, pursuant to Paragraph A. of Section 65-3-14.5, NMSA 1953, contained in Chapter 271, Laws of 1969, existing wells in the Casey-Strawn Pool shall have dedicated thereto 80 acres in accordance with the foregoing pool rules; or, pursuant to Paragraph C. of said Section 65-3-14.5, existing wells may have non-standard spacing or proration units established by the Commission and dedicated thereto.

Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the Commission dedicating 80 acres to a well or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Commission within 60 days from the date of this order shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable. Until said Form C-102 has been filed or until a non-standard unit has been approved, and subject to said 60-day limitation, each well presently drilling to or completed in the Casey-Strawn Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof shall receive no more than one-half of a standard allowable for the pool.

(3) That this case shall be reopened at an examiner hearing in April, 1976, at which time the operators in the subject pool should be prepared to appear and show cause why the Casey-Strawn Pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

(4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.