

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG.
Santa Fe, New Mexico

17 June 1987

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER:

Application of Tenneco Oil Company
for an unorthodox gas well location,
San Juan County, New Mexico
and

Application of Tenneco Oil Company
for an unorthodox gas well location,
San Juan, County New Mexico.

CASE
9155

CASE
9156

REPORT: Michael E. Stogner, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

A P P E A R A N C E S

For the Division:

Jeff Taylor
Legal Counsel to the Division
Oil Conservation Division
State Land Office Bldg.
Santa Fe, New Mexico

For the Applicant:

MR. STOGNER: Call next Case
No. 9155.

MR. TAYLOR: The application of
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MR. STOGNER: At the request of
the applicant Case No. 9155 will be dismissed.

(Hearing concluded.)

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(Hearing concluded.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO
HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before
the Oil Conservation Division (Commission) was reported by
me; that the said transcript is a full, true, and correct
record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my
ability.

Sally W. Boyd CSR

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
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the hearing of Case No. 9155 & 9156
heard by me on 17 June 1987
Michael E. Shyne
Oil Conservation Division

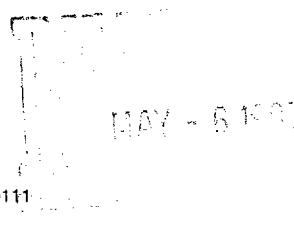
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Case 9155

Re: Application for approval of Unorthodox
Location
Fields #15
470' FSL, 1475' FEL
Sec. 25, T32N, R11W
San Juan County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

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The proposed site of the Fields #15 is staked in an unorthodox location due to geological considerations and topographical features. The enclosed C-102 identifies the topography that contributed to the locations current staking (example: pipeline, drainage, and surrounding ridges). Because of these conditions, this is the only feasible location.

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Pursuant to authority of Rule 104-E we respectfully request your approval of an exemption to the standard well location requirements.

Mesa objected
May 18, 1987

Very truly yours,

TENNECO OIL COMPANY

Mike McCredie
Mike McCredie
Administrative Analyst

MMc/cc:2139P

_____ hereby waives objection to Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production's application for an unorthodox location for their Tenneco Fields #15, proposed above.

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Supersedes 1-1-60
Effective 1-1-60

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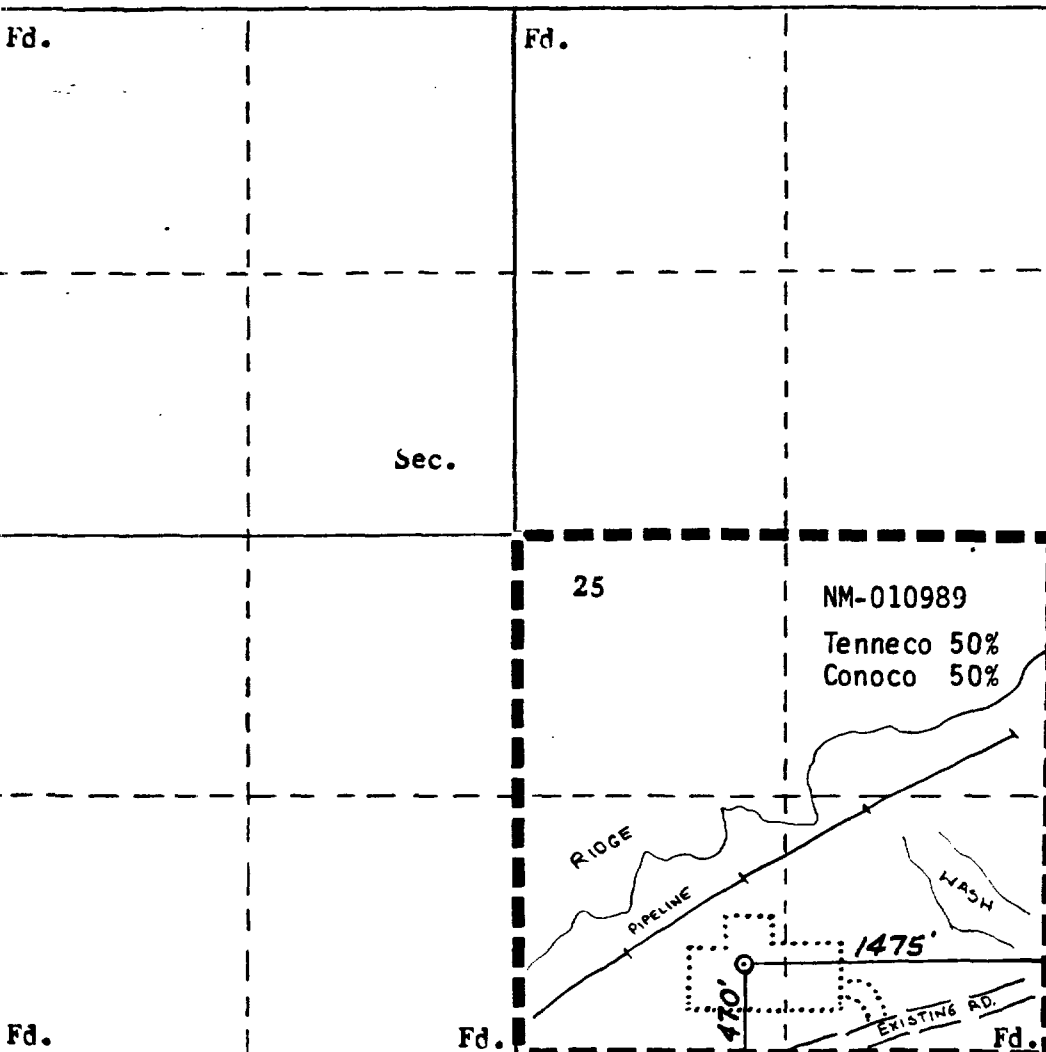
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Scale: 1"=1000'

CERTIFICATION

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

Mike M. McCredie

Name
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Position
Administrative Analyst
Company
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Date
4/24/87

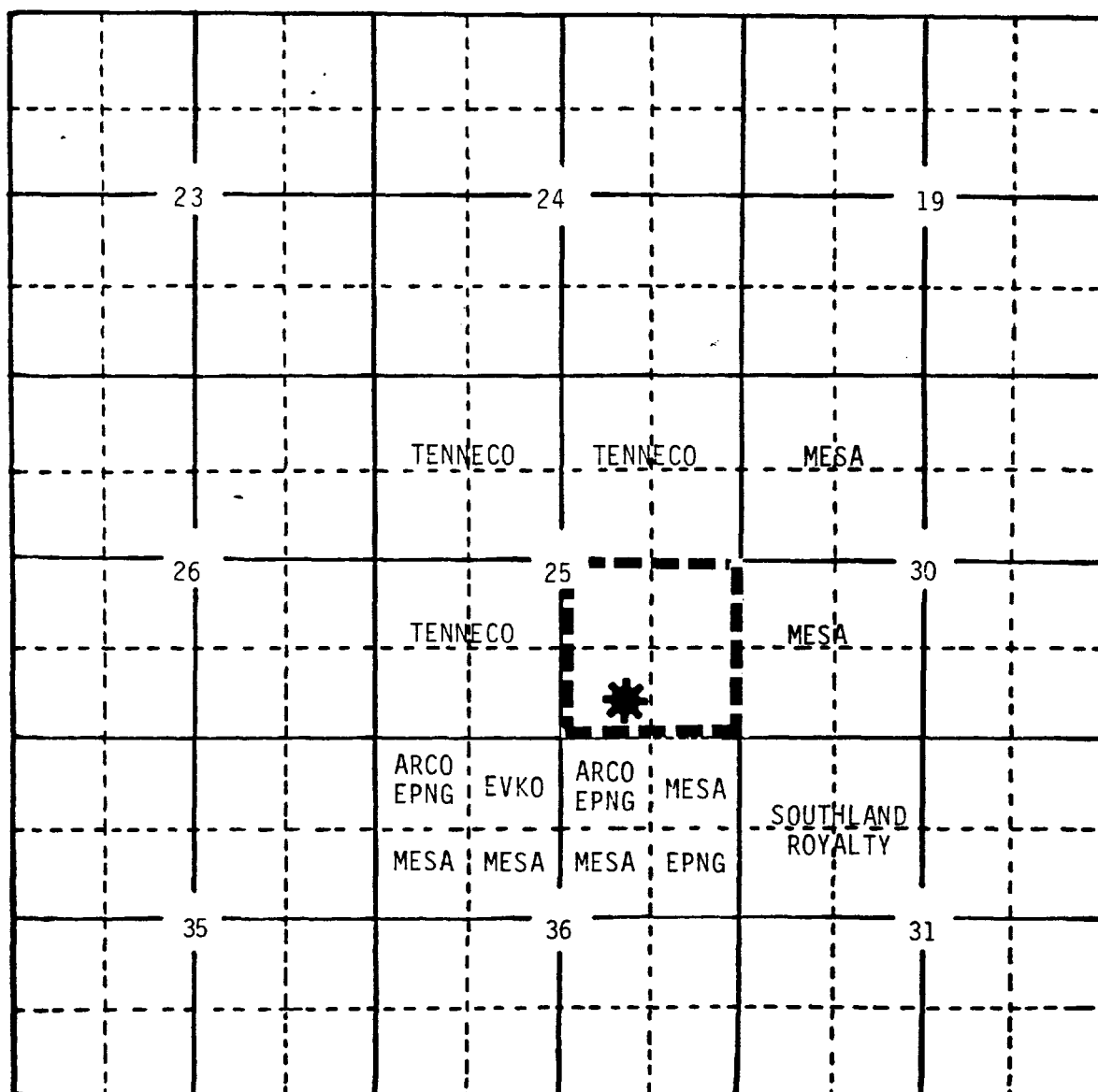
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3-30-87
Date Surveyed
William E. Mahoney
Registered Professional Engineer
and Land Surveyor
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Certificate No. **8466**
PHOTOGRAPHIC LAND SURVEYING

FORM 21

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FIELDS #15

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4710 Cabrillo
San Francisco, California 94121

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P.O. Box 4289
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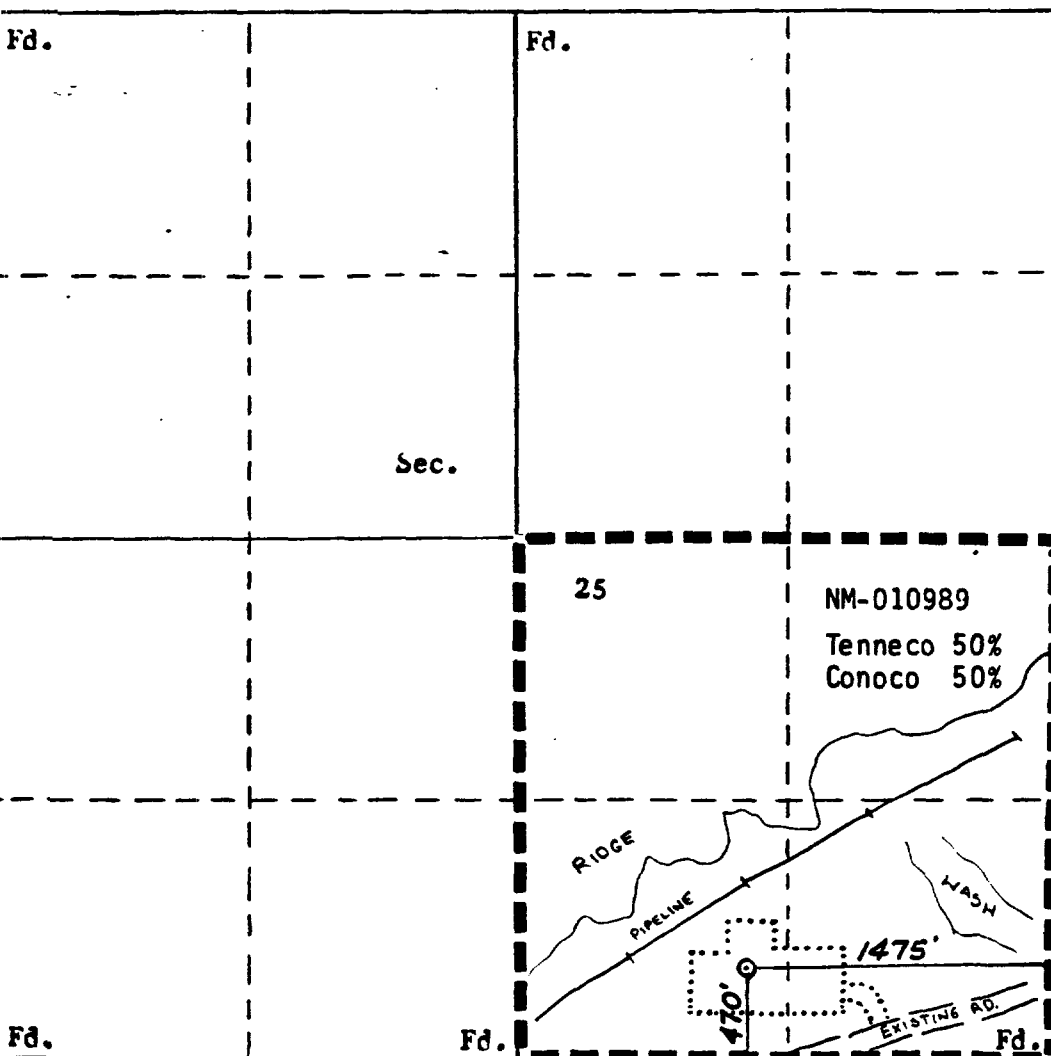
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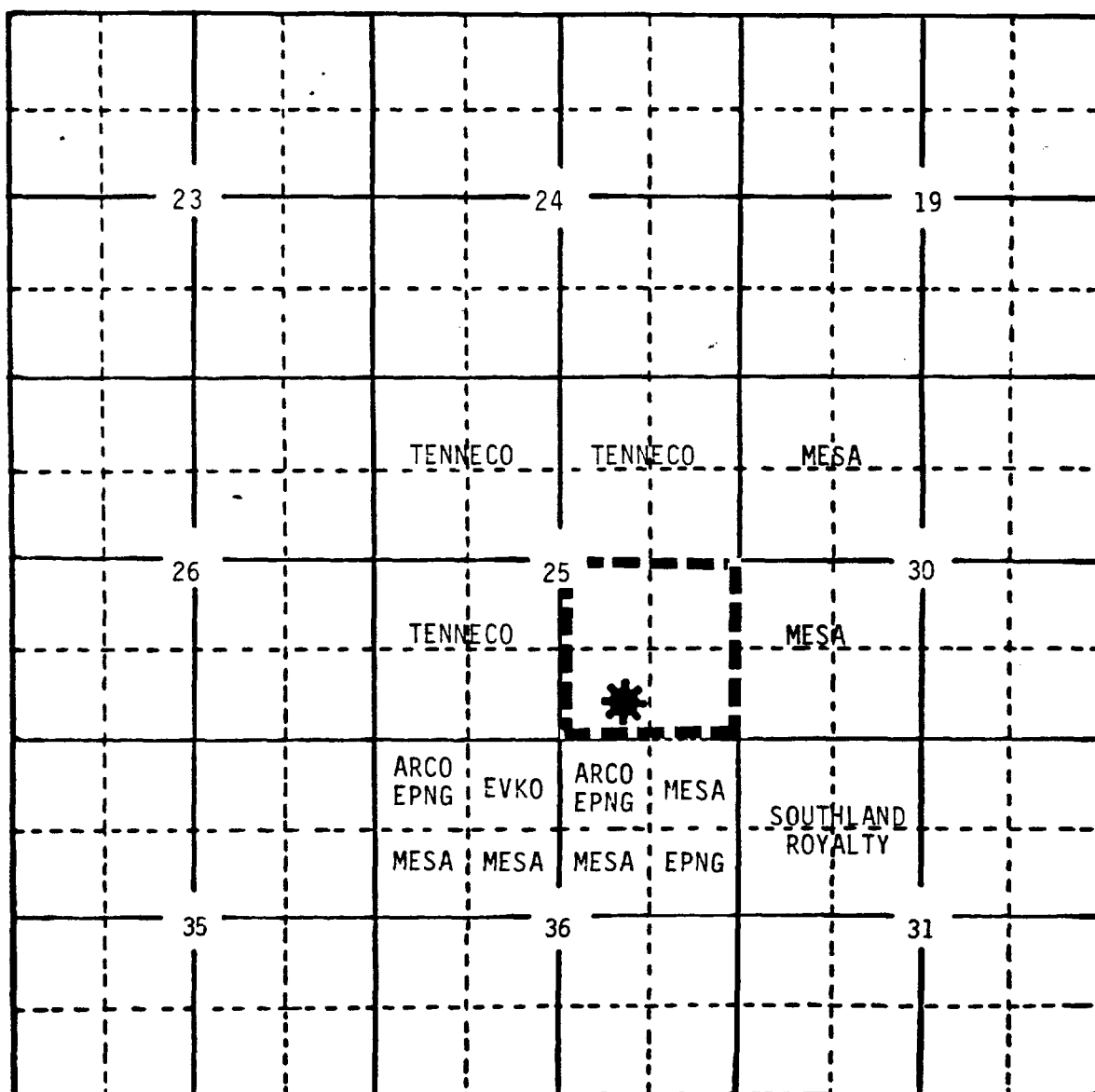
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Objection to Application
For Unorthodox Location
Fields #15 Well
470' FSL, 1475' FEL
Township 32 North, Range 11 West
Section 25
San Juan County, New Mexico

Case 9155

Mesa Operating Limited Partnership, as an owner of leasehold rights in the NE/4 of Section 36-T32N-R11W, opposes Tenneco Oil Company's request for administrative approval of their unorthodox location of 470' FSL, 1475' FEL in Section 25-T32N-R11W, San Juan County, New Mexico for the drilling of the Fields #15 well.

In Mesa's opinion the Blanco Pictured Cliffs Field Rules were promulgated to prevent drainage. Mesa is of the opinion that Tenneco's location, falling only 470' from the NE/4 of Section 36-T32N-R11W will subject its leasehold to drainage.

Mesa hereby requests that this matter be set for hearing at the earliest possible date.

If you have any questions or which to discuss this matter further, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Mark W. Seale

Mark W. Seale
Landman

cn

Copy to: Mr. Kevin Heringer
Tenneco
Box 3249
Englewood CO 80155

MESA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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