

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Well #1-22

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF X
LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC., X
FOR AN EXCEPTION TO RULE 104(d)(2) X
FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION FOR A X
WELL TO BE DRILLED TO THE DAKOTA X
FORMATION IN THE EAST HALF OF X
SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, X
RANGE 6 WEST, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, X
NEW MEXICO X

CASE NUMBER _____

TO THE HONORABLE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Comes now LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC., as Unit Operator of the San Juan 32-5 Unit Area, and respectfully requests an exception to Rule 104(d)(2) for an unorthodox location for a well to be drilled to the Dakota Formation and, based upon the productivity of the formations encountered, to be dually completed in the Mesaverde and Dakota Formations at a location one hundred and seventy feet (170') from the South line and one hundred and three feet (103') from the East line of Section 22, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and, for cause, would show as follows:

I.

As the Commission may be advised, a substantial portion of the E/2 of Section 22, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, lies below an elevation of sixty one hundred feet (6100') and will be inundated or subject to inundation by the waters of the Navajo Dam on the San Juan River. Due to topographic conditions in the E/2 of Section 22 any other location would lie below the sixty one hundred feet (6100') contour line and would necessitate an unconscionable expenditure of money to prepare the wellsite. A plat of the proposed location is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". A plat of the area showing the topographic conditions present is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

II.

The ownership of all oil and gas leases within a radius of seven hundred and ninety feet (790') of the proposed location is common with the ownership of the oil and gas leases under the proposed location, with the exception Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp., said owners being J. Glenn Turner, Frank A. Schultz and William G. Webb. Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp. has been requested by copy of this application to furnish you with a consent to the proposed location.

Premises considered, the undersigned, as Operator of the San Juan 32-5 Unit Area, respectfully requests the Secretary of the Commission to grant an exception to the well location requirement of Rule 104(d)(2) without notice or hearing pursuant to the authority granted by the Commission's Rule 104(f).

Respectfully submitted,

LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.

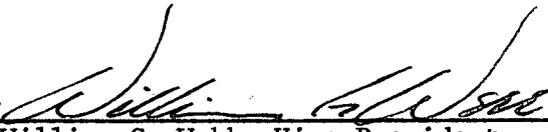
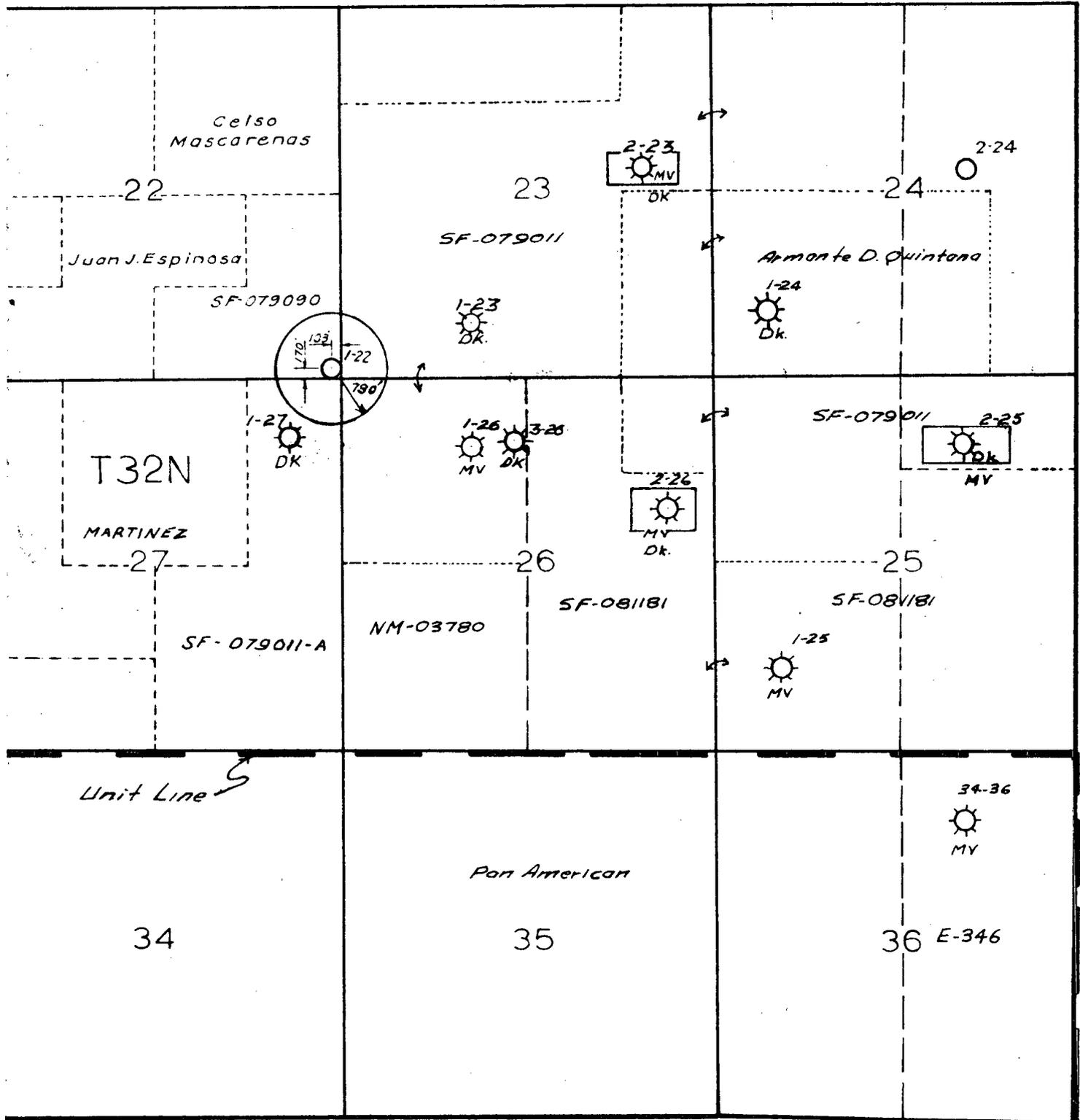
By 
William G. Webb, Vice President

EXHIBIT A R6W



RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
scale: 1"=2000'

Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat

Section A.

Date _____

Operator LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM Lease _____
Well No. _____ Unit Letter P Section 22 Township 32 NORTH Range 6 WEST, NMPM
Located 170 Feet From the SOUTH Line, 103 Feet From the EAST Line
County RIO ARriba G. L. Elevation 6321.0 Dedicated Acreage _____ Acres
Name of Producing Formation _____ Pool _____

1. Is the Operator the only owner in the dedicated acreage outlined on the plat below?
Yes _____ No _____
2. If the answer to question one is "no", have the interests of all the owners been consolidated by communitization agreement or otherwise? Yes _____ No _____. If answer is "yes", Type of Consolidation _____.
3. If the answer to question two is "no", list all the owners and their respective interests below:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Land Description</u>

Section B.

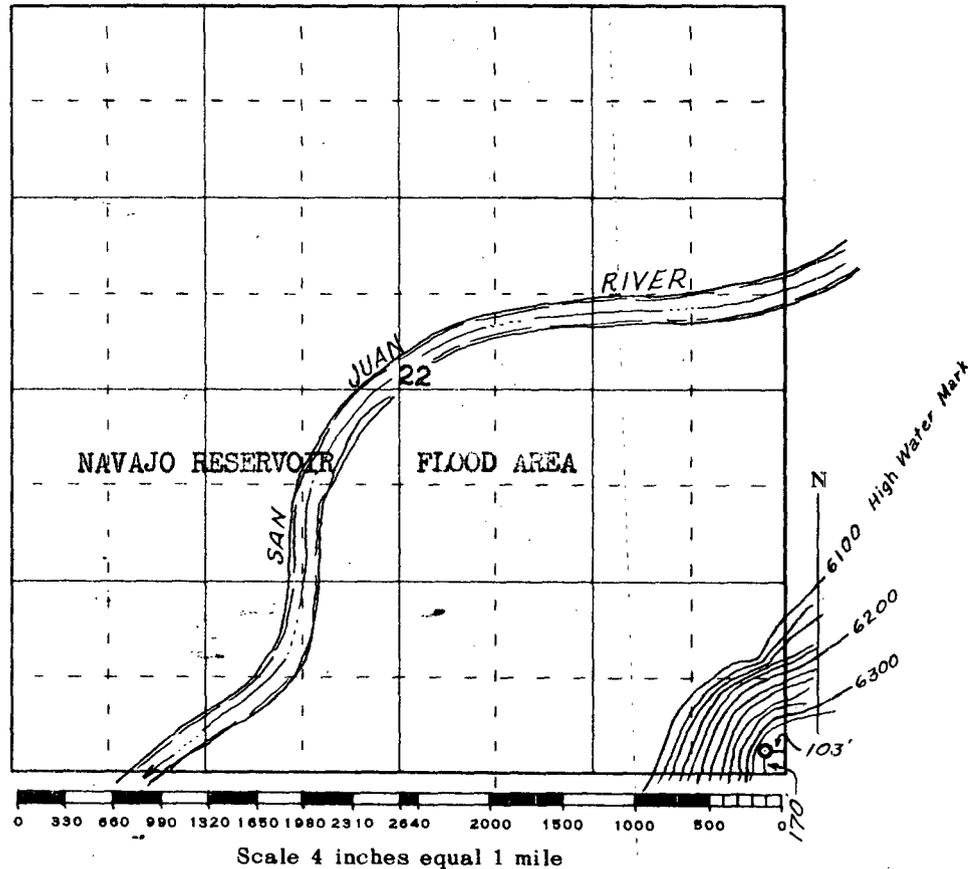
This is to certify that the information in Section A above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Operator)

(Representative)

(Address)

Note: All distances must be from outer boundaries of section.



Ref: GLO plat dated 29 June 1887



(Seal)

Farmington, New Mexico

This is to certify that the above plat was prepared from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed 16 October 1961

James P. Leese
Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor
James P. Leese N. Mex. Reg. No. 1463
San Juan Engineering Company

October 18, 1961

Oil Conservation Commission
of the State of New Mexico
State Land Office
Post Office Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

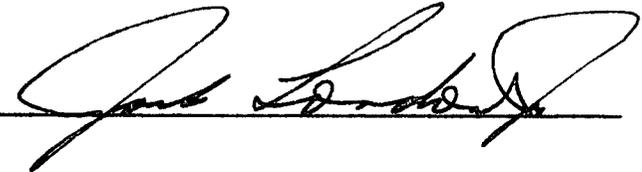
Gentlemen:

We have been furnished with a copy of La Plata Gathering System, Inc.'s application for an exception to Rule 104(d)(2) for an unorthodox location for a well to be drilled to the Dakota Formation at a location one hundred and seventy feet (170') from the South line and one hundred and three feet (103') from the East line of Section 22, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

This letter will evidence the consent to such location by Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp. as the owner of an interest in the oil and gas lease covering the W/2 of Section 23, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, notwithstanding the fact that these leases lie less than seven hundred and ninety (790') from the proposed location.

Yours very truly,

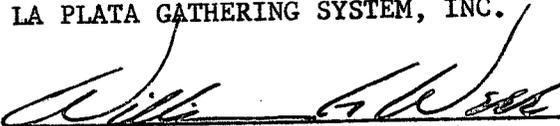
BENSON-MONTIN-GREER DRILLING CORP.

By 

Thanking you in advance for your expeditious attention to this Application and with best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.


William G. Webb, Vice President

WCW:ss

Enclosure

cc: Mr. E. C. Arnold, Supervisor
Oil Conservation Commission
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Aztec, New Mexico

LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.

1940 MERCANTILE DALLAS BUILDING

DALLAS 1, TEXAS

October 18, 1961

NSL-280

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary
Oil Conservation Commission of the
State of New Mexico
Post Office Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

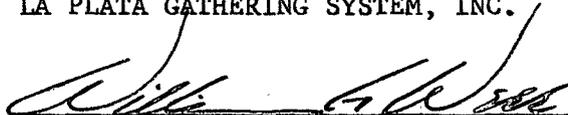
Dear Mr. Porter:

Please find enclosed herewith Application of
La Plata Gathering System, Inc., for an exception to Commission Rule
Number 104(d)(2) for an unorthodox location for a well to be drilled
to the Dakota formation in the East half of Section 22, Township 32
North, Range 6 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Thanking you in advance for your expeditious attention
to this Application and with best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.


William G. Webb, Vice President

WGW:ss

Enclosure

cc: Mr. E. C. Arnold, Supervisor
Oil Conservation Commission
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Aztec, New Mexico

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

September 21, 1961

LaPlata Gathering System
c/o C. Beeson Neal, Agent
Box 728
Farmington, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Attached is your copy of an approved Notice of Intention to Drill for your #1-22 San Juan 32-5 Unit well located 2310 feet from the North Line and 990 feet from the East Line of Section 22, T32N, R6W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

This letter is written to advise that this well is located in the San Juan River valley at a point which will be inundated by water when Navajo Lake is filled. As the surface elevation at this location is 5940 feet and as the eventual high water mark on Navajo Lake will be 6100 feet, the well is located at a point which may be 160 feet under water.

In the event that you should wish to change your plans and move the location in the light of the above information, I feel sure that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission will give full consideration to the above facts in considering approval of an application for unorthodox location if this becomes necessary.

Yours very truly

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

ECA:ke

cc: Mr. A. L. Porter ✓
OCC, Santa Fe, N.M.

Bureau of Reclamation
Farmington, N.M.
Attn: Mr. Cornelius

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Form C-101
 Revised (12/1/55)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DRILL

Notice must be given to the District Office of the Oil Conservation Commission and approval obtained before drilling or recompletion begins. If changes in the proposed plan are considered advisable, a copy of this notice showing such changes will be returned to the sender. Submit this notice in **QUINTUPLICATE**. One copy will be returned following approval. See additional instructions in Rules and Regulations of the Commission. **If State Land submit 6 Copies Attach Form C-128 in triplicate to first 3 copies of form C-101**

Farmington, New Mexico

September 12, 1961

(Place)

(Date)

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that it is our intention to commence the Drilling of a well to be known as
La Plata Gathering System, Inc.

(Company or Operator)

San Juan 32-5 Unit

(Lease)

Well No. 1-22

in H

(Unit)

The well is

located 2,310 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the

East

line of Section 22, T. 32-N, R. 6-W

NMPM.

(GIVE LOCATION FROM SECTION LINE)

Basin Dakota

Pool, Rio Arriba

County

If State Land the Oil and Gas Lease is No. _____

If patented land the owner is Celso Mascarenas

Address Route 2 - Ignacio, Colorado

We propose to drill well with drilling equipment as follows:

Rotary drilling rig. Complete with cable tools.

The status of plugging bond is On file in Santa Fe

Drilling Contractor Not yet selected

We intend to complete this well in the Dakota

formation at an approximate depth of 8,100 feet.

CASING PROGRAM

We propose to use the following strings of Casing and to cement them as indicated:

Size of Hole	Size of Casing	Weight per Foot	New or Second Hand	Depth	Sacks Cement
12-1/4	8-5/8	24#	New	600	250
7-7/8	5-1/2	15.5#	New	8,100	400 (2 stages)

If changes in the above plans become advisable we will notify you immediately.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (If recompletion give full details of proposed plan of work.)



Approved 9-13, 1961
 Except as follows:

Sincerely yours,

La Plata Gathering System, Inc.

(Company or Operator)

By C. Beeson Neal

Position C. Beeson Neal, Agent in Farmington

Send Communications regarding well to

Name C. Beeson Neal

Address Box 728 - Farmington, New Mexico

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By Emory L. Amund

Supervisor Dist. # 3

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

FORM C-128
Revised 5/1/57

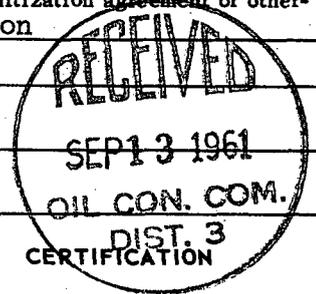
SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM ON THE REVERSE SIDE

SECTION A

Operator La Plata Gathering System, Inc.		Lease San Juan 32-5 Unit		Well No. 1-22
Unit Letter H	Section 22	Township 32-North	Range 6-West	County Rio Arriba
Actual Footage Location of Well: 2,310 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line				
Ground Level Elev. 5,940	Producing Formation Dakota	Pool Basin	Dedicated Acreage: 320 Acres	

1. Is the Operator the only owner in the dedicated acreage outlined on the plat below? YES _____ NO X ("Owner" means the person who has the right to drill into and to produce from any pool and to appropriate the production either for himself or for himself and another. (65-3-29 (e) NMSA 1935 Comp.)
2. If the answer to question one is "no," have the interests of all the owners been consolidated by communitization agreement or otherwise? YES X NO _____. If answer is "yes," Type of Consolidation Communitization
3. If the answer to question two is "no," list all the owners and their respective interests below:

Owner	Land Description



SECTION B

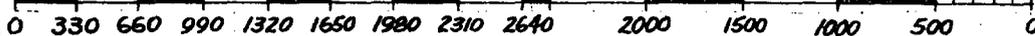
		-- Celso Mascarenas --	2310'
		--- Celso Mascarenas ---	* - 990'
		Juan J. Espinosa	SF 079090 Sunshine Royalty
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I hereby certify that the information in SECTION A above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name <i>C. Beeson Neal</i>
Position C. Beeson Neal Agent in Farmington
Company La Plata Gathering System, Inc.
Date September 12, 1961

I hereby certify that the well location shown on the plat in SECTION B 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.

Date Surveyed Not yet surveyed
Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor



Certificate No.