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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

YEAR(S): 1996

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March 8, 1996

Mr. Chris Eustice
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Environmental Bureau
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RE: Hydrostatic Test Discharge and Discharge Plan

Dear Mr. Eustice:

In accordance with Section 3-104 of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations (WQCC), WesTTex 66 Pipeline Company, hereby submits an application for a Discharge Plan authorizing the discharge approximately 50,800 gallons (1,210 barrels) of pipeline hydrotest water in Lea County, New Mexico.

This application has been prepared in accordance with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) "Guidelines for Hydrostatic Test Dewatering" and addresses all of the requirements for old pipelines.

a) A location map showing pipeline location is attached.

b) Pipeline to be tested consists of 12.7 miles of 3" and 4" ERW steel pipe and is used to transport dry gas between Eunice Plant (Section 5, T21S-R36E) and Hobbs East Junction (Section 8, T19S-R38E). Subsequent to the hydrotest, this pipeline will be placed in natural gas liquid service.

There will be two discharge points associated with this hydrotest. Existing dry gas will be displaced by a three wiper pig followed by water. The pig and any solids will be discharged into a 500 barrel frac tank located at Hobbs East Junction. We estimate that approximately 6,300 gallons (150 barrels) of contaminated liquids will be discharged to the frac tank. We will either recycle or dispose of these solids at an OCD approved facility. The forecasted date of this discharge will be March 20, 1996.

The pipeline will then be hydrotested and necessary repairs will be made. Upon completion of the hydrotest, approximately 50,800 gallons (1,210 barrels) of hydrotest water will be displaced by crude oil and discharged into three 500 barrel frac tanks located adjacent to GPM's Eunice Plant. No additives will be used. The forecasted date of this discharge will be March 28, 1996.

c) Eunice Plant system fire water will be the source of the hydrotest water. No analysis will be conducted on this water.

d) Discharges from tested pipelines will occur on pipeline right-of-ways and will not impact adjacent property or surface waters. The only discharge to ground will be adjacent to GPM's Eunice Gas Plant.

e) Fluid and solid collection and retention will be in frac tanks (see item b, above).

f) The hydrotest water will be analyzed for PAHs, BTEX, TDS, heavy metals and the major cations/anions in accordance with WQCC Regulation 3.103. Due to the volume of water to be discharged (less than 100,000 gallons) only one composite sample of all three frac tanks will be submitted for analysis. Analytical results will be submitted to your attention prior to discharging this hydrotest water to the

g) The closest aquifer beneath the discharge site is a surface alluvium encountered approximately 30 feet below surface.

h) Landowner approval will be obtained prior to discharge of the hydrotest water. No landowner approval will be obtained for the discharge at the Hobbs East Junction discharge site. No material will be discharged to the ground, thereby landowner approval is

Contact me at (918)661-1399 if you have any questions concerning this permit request.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: Mr. Wayne Price
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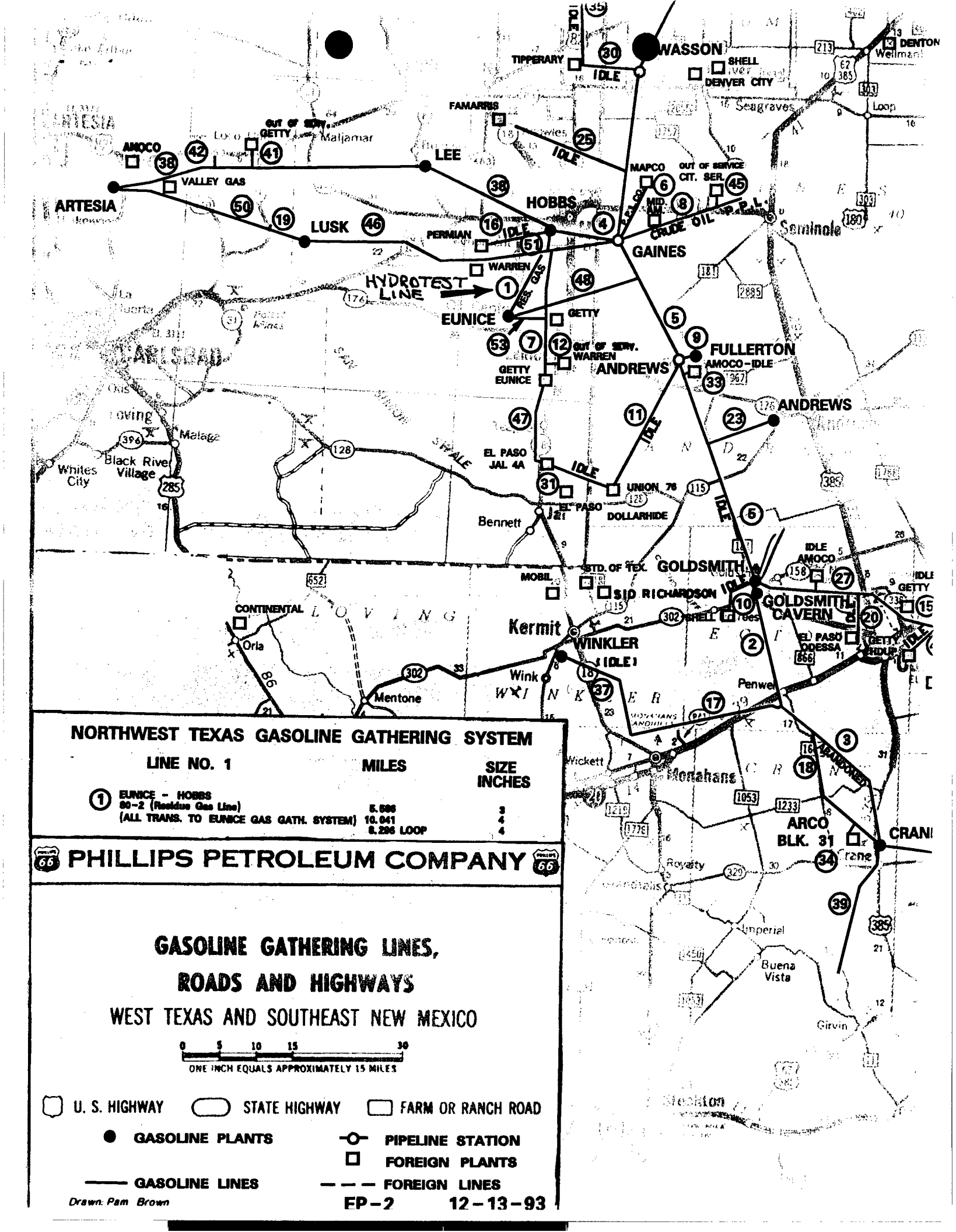
NORTHWEST TEXAS GASOLINE GATHERING SYSTEM
LINE NO. 1
MILES
SIZE INCHES
1 EUNICE - HOBBS
80-2 (Residue Gas Line) 5.686 3
(ALL TRANS. TO EUNICE GAS GATH. SYSTEM) 10.041 4
8.296 LOOP 4
PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY
GASOLINE GATHERING LINES,
ROADS AND HIGHWAYS
WEST TEXAS AND SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO
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ONE INCH EQUALS APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES
U. S. HIGHWAY
STATE HIGHWAY
FARM OR RANCH ROAD
GASOLINE PLANTS
PIPELINE STATION
FOREIGN PLANTS
GASOLINE LINES
FOREIGN LINES
Drawn: Pam Brown
EP-2
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WASSON
TIPPERARY
IDLE
SHELL
DENVER CITY
DENTON
Wellman
Seagraves
Loop
FAMARRIS
IDLE
AMOCO
OUT OF SERV.
GETTY
Maljamar
LEE
VALLEY GAS
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LUSK
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MAPCO
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CRUDE OIL P.P.L.
Seminole
PERMIAN
IDLE
GAINES
WARREN
HYDROTEST LINE
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CARLSBAD
GETTY EUNICE
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