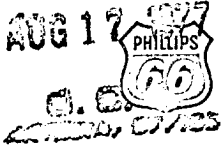


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August 12, 1977

Malaga "A" No. 1 (Unit L-2-24-S,
28-E) Malaga Morrow (Gas) Field,
Eddy County, New Mexico

File: W4-Ta-412-77

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Drawer DD
Artesia, NM 88210

Attn: Mr. W. A. Gressett
District II Supervisor

Dear Sir:


Phillips Petroleum Company respectfully requests an exception to the annual gas well shut-in pressure requirements of N.M.O.C.C. rule number 402 for our Malaga "A" NO. 1.

This marginal gas well produces approximately 50 MCF/day and several barrels of water. To maintain production from this well, it is operated intermittently with a plunger lift and any extended shut-in time would require well service swabbing costs to restore to production.

Your approval of the requested exception would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY


E. E. Clark
Operations Manager

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cc: El Paso Natural Gas Co.
P. O. Box 1384
Jal New Mexico 88252

Handwritten note:
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