El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas

August 6, 1962

Mr. A. L. Porter, Secretary & Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

This is a request for administrative approval for an unorthodox gas well location in the Basin Dakota Pool.

It is intended to locate the well, El Paso Natural Gas Company San Juan 27-5 Unit #86, 1190 feet from the South line and 550 feet from the West line of Section 9, Township 27 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The South half of Section 9 is dedicated to this well.

As shown on the enclosed plat, the SW/4 consists of steep rock bluffs and the only accessible land for a well in the SW/4 is that which will make the location unorthodox. This SW/4 already has a dual Pictured Cliffs-Mesa Verde well which is located 800 feet from the West line and 890 feet from the South line. El Paso Natural Gas Company has attempted to establish a policy of not drilling a new well any closer to an older well than 400 feet, and since the San Juan 27-5 Unit #86 will be mud drilled, there is a possibility that the existing dual well will be damaged in both producing zones if this new well is not placed as far as possible from the existing well. The distance between these two wells is approximately 300 feet. It is, therefore planned to make the location unorthodox in order to avoid the extremely high cost of constructing an orthodox location and to prevent possible damage to the existing dual well.

Since El Paso Natural Gas Company holds all leases within a 790 feet radius, the consent to this location has not been sought from any other operators.

I am enclosing two copies of the certified well location plat, and two copies of the notice of intention to drill.

Yours very truly,

OR G NAL SIGNED E. S. OBERLY

E. S. Oberly,
Area Petroleum Engineer

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