

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

30-075-23807

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

1a. TYPE OF WORK  
 DRILL  DEEPEN  PLUG BACK

b. TYPE OF WELL  
 OIL WELL  GAS WELL  OTHER   
 SINGLE ZONE  MULTIPLE ZONE

2. NAME OF OPERATOR  
 Southern Union Exploration Company

3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR  
 First International Bldg., Dallas, Texas 75270

4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)\*  
 At surface  
 N 800 FSL & 1850 FWL  
 At proposed prod. zone  
 Same as above

14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE\*  
 18 miles South of Farmington, New Mexico

15. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED\* LOCATION TO NEAREST PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any) 800

16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE 320

17. NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED TO THIS WELL 160

18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION\* TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED, OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT. 1850

19. PROPOSED DEPTH 1500 Ft.

20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS Rotary

21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)  
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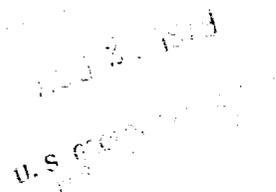
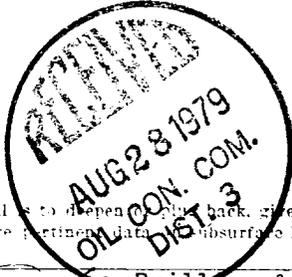
22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START\*  
 9-17-79

23. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
10 5/8	7"	20	250 *	Circulate
5 1/2	2 7/8	6.50	1500	800 Sacks

\* or 90' of surface casing & cement across the Ojo Alamo behind long string or cement plug across the Ojo Alamo if plugged

1. We propose to drill to 250 feet and set 7 inch surface and cement to the surface.
2. Drill out with 5 1/2 to depth of 1500 feet, then run 2 7/8 tubing and cement to the surface.
3. The Pictured Cliffs Formation will be perforated and evaluated for gas production.
4. 2 7/8" E.U.E., 6.50#, J-55 tubing will be run and set at approximately 1500 ft. R.K.B.



IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen or plug back, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

24. SIGNED Ronald R. Smith TITLE Drilling & Production Engineer DATE 8/15/79

(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

oh Frank

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Form C-102  
Supersedes C-128  
Effective 1-1-65

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

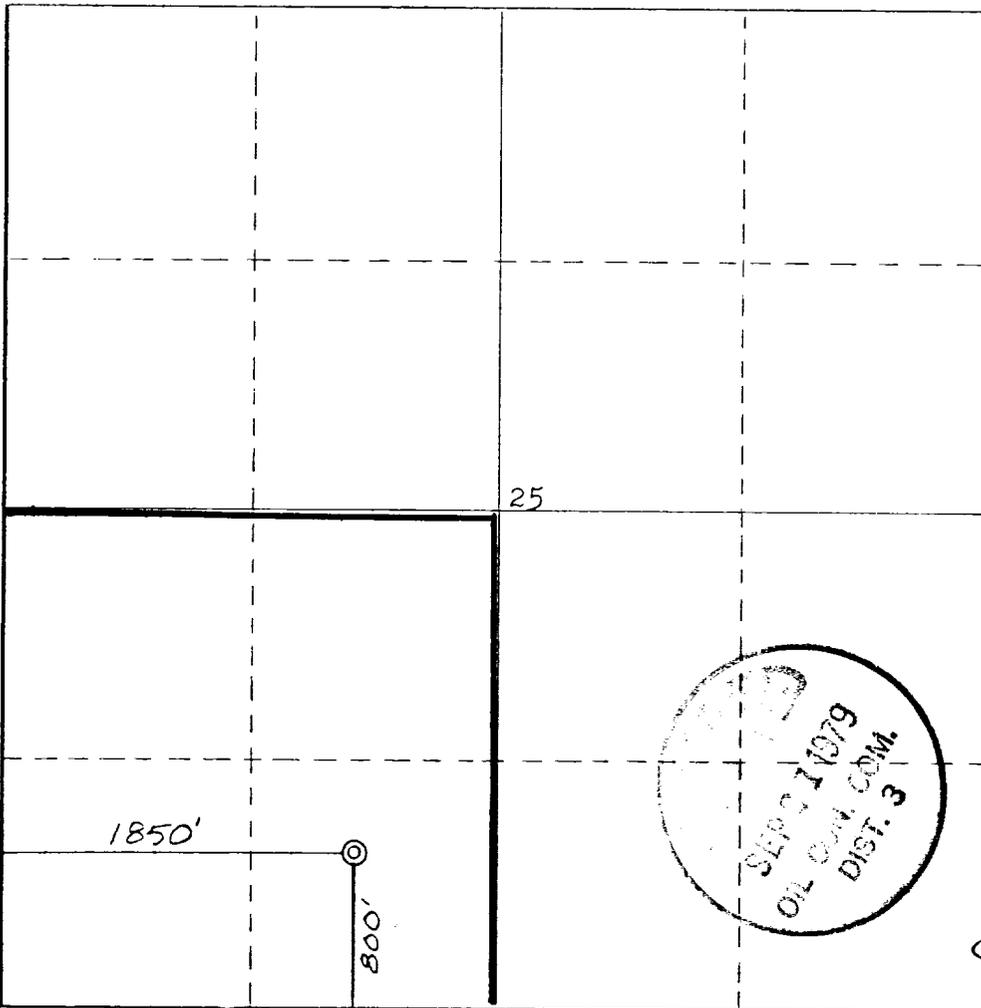
Operator: <b>SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION CO.</b>		Lease <b>SX FEDERAL 25</b>		Well No. <b>2</b>
Unit Letter <b>N</b>	Section <b>25</b>	Township <b>26 NORTH</b>	Range <b>13 WEST</b>	County <b>SAN JUAN</b>
Actual Footage Location of Well: <b>800</b> feet from the <b>SOUTH</b> line and <b>1850</b> feet from the <b>WEST</b> line				
Ground Level Elev: <b>6149</b>	Producing Formation <b>PICTURED CLIFFS</b>	Pool <b>WILDCAT</b>	Dedicated Acreage: <b>160</b> Acres	

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc.?

Yes  No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation \_\_\_\_\_

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) \_\_\_\_\_

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commission.



CERTIFICATION

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

*Ronald M. Sentz*  
Name

RONALD M. SENTZ

Position  
DRILLING & PRODUCTION ENGR

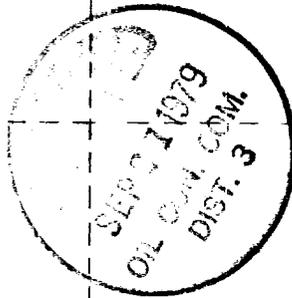
Company  
SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION CO

Date  
9-19-79

I hereby certify that the location shown on this plat was plotted in the field and that the same is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NO. 1463

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER & LAND SURVEYOR  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
JAMES P. LEASE

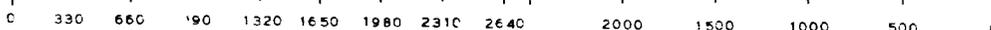


Date Surveyed  
August 11, 1979

Registered Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor

*James P. Lease*  
James P. Lease

Certificate No.  
1463





Southern Union Exploration Company

September 5, 1979

Mr. A. R. Kendrick  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1000 Rio Brazos Road  
Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Re: Acreage Dedication

Dear Mr. Kendrick:

SX-Federal 25 #2, Section 25, Township 26 North, Range 13 West, 800'  
FSL, 1850' FWL. As of this time the acreage has not been dedicated  
to any gas transporter.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald M. Sentz  
Drilling & Production Engineer

RMS/vgn



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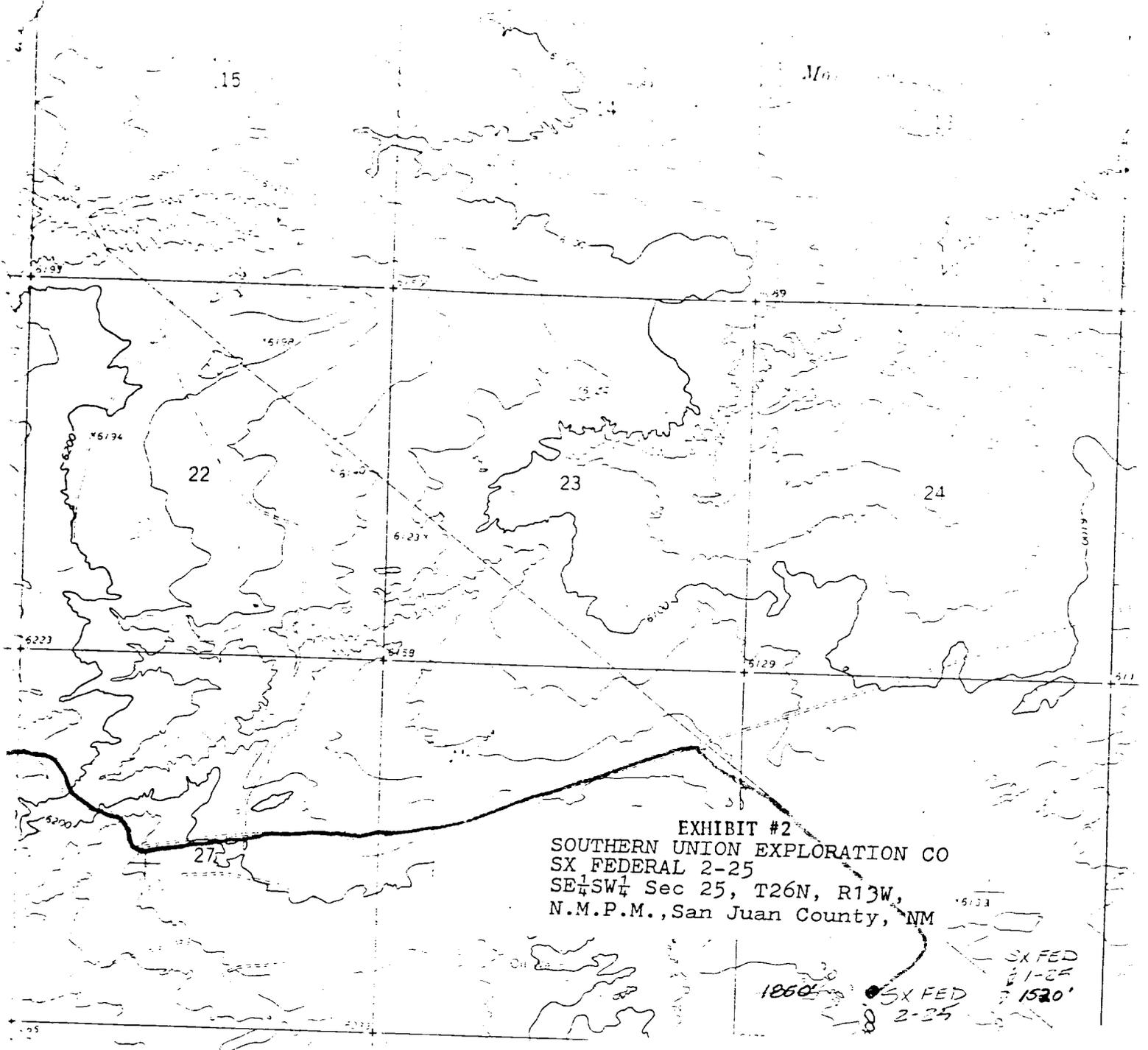
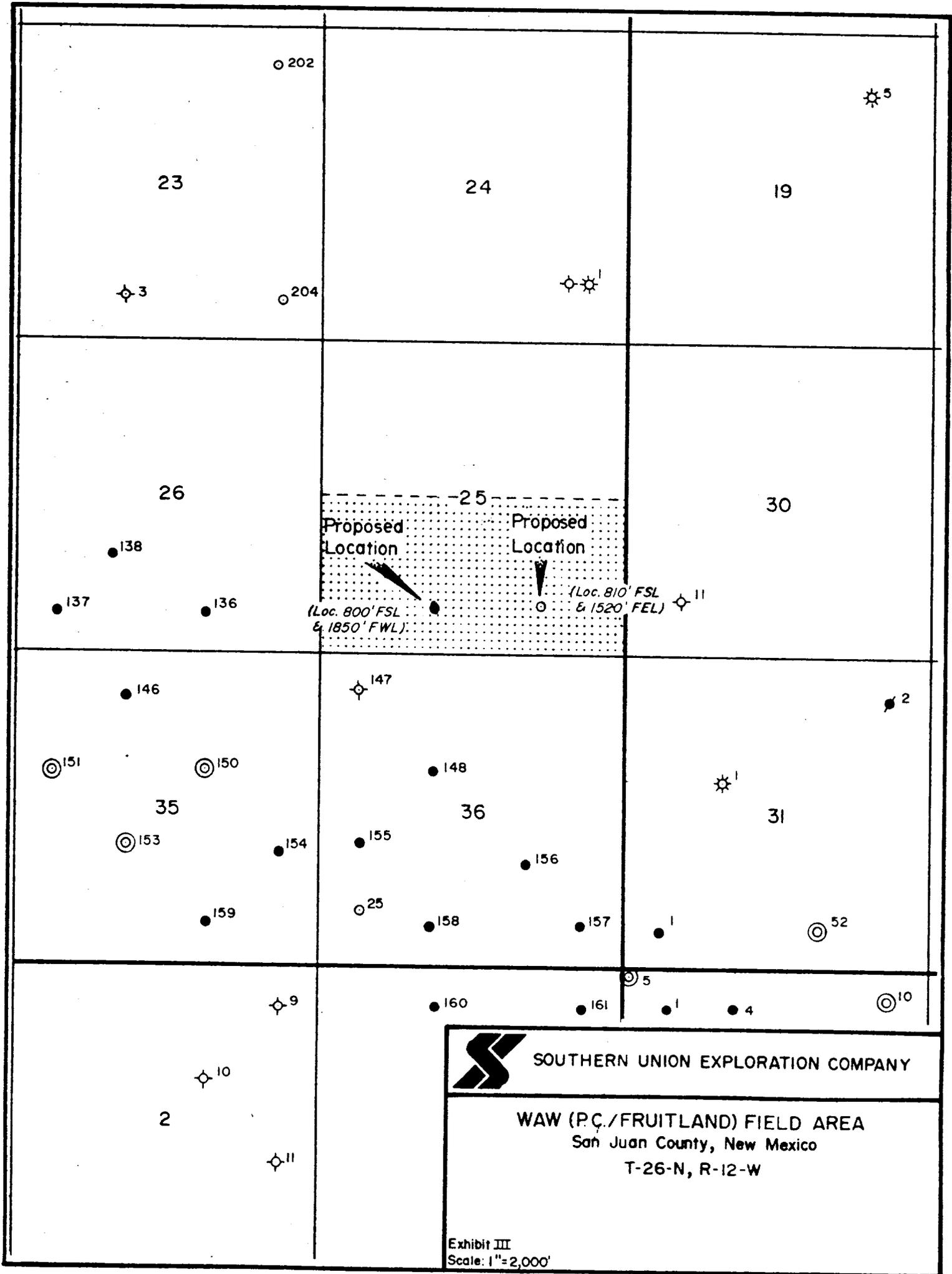


EXHIBIT #2  
 SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION CO  
 SX FEDERAL 2-25  
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 25, T26N, R13W,  
 N.M.P.M., San Juan County, NM

1860  
 SX FED 2-25  
 SX FED 1-25 1520'




**SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION COMPANY**

**WAW (P.C./FRUITLAND) FIELD AREA**  
 San Juan County, New Mexico  
 T-26-N, R-12-W

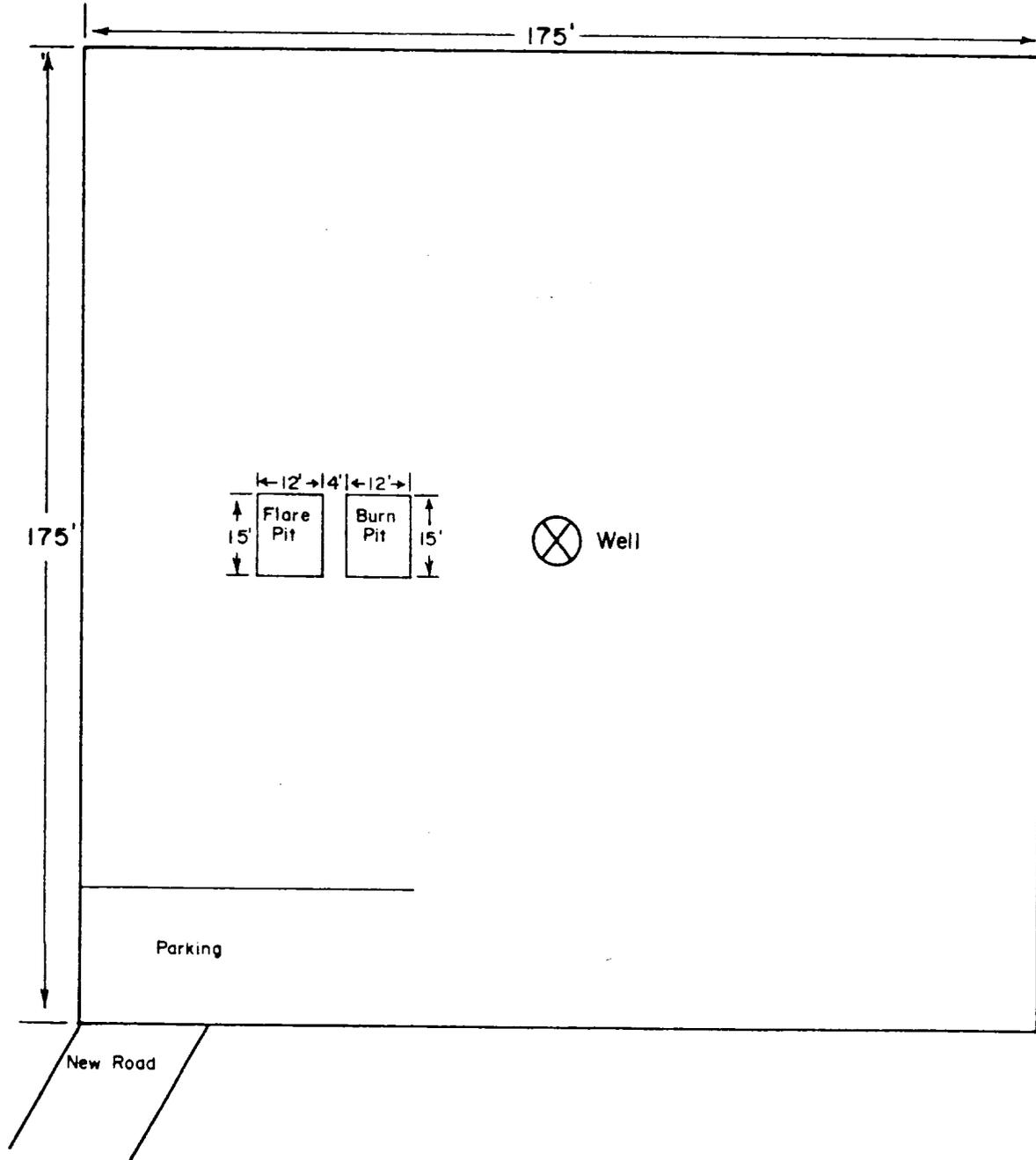
Exhibit III  
 Scale: 1" = 2,000'

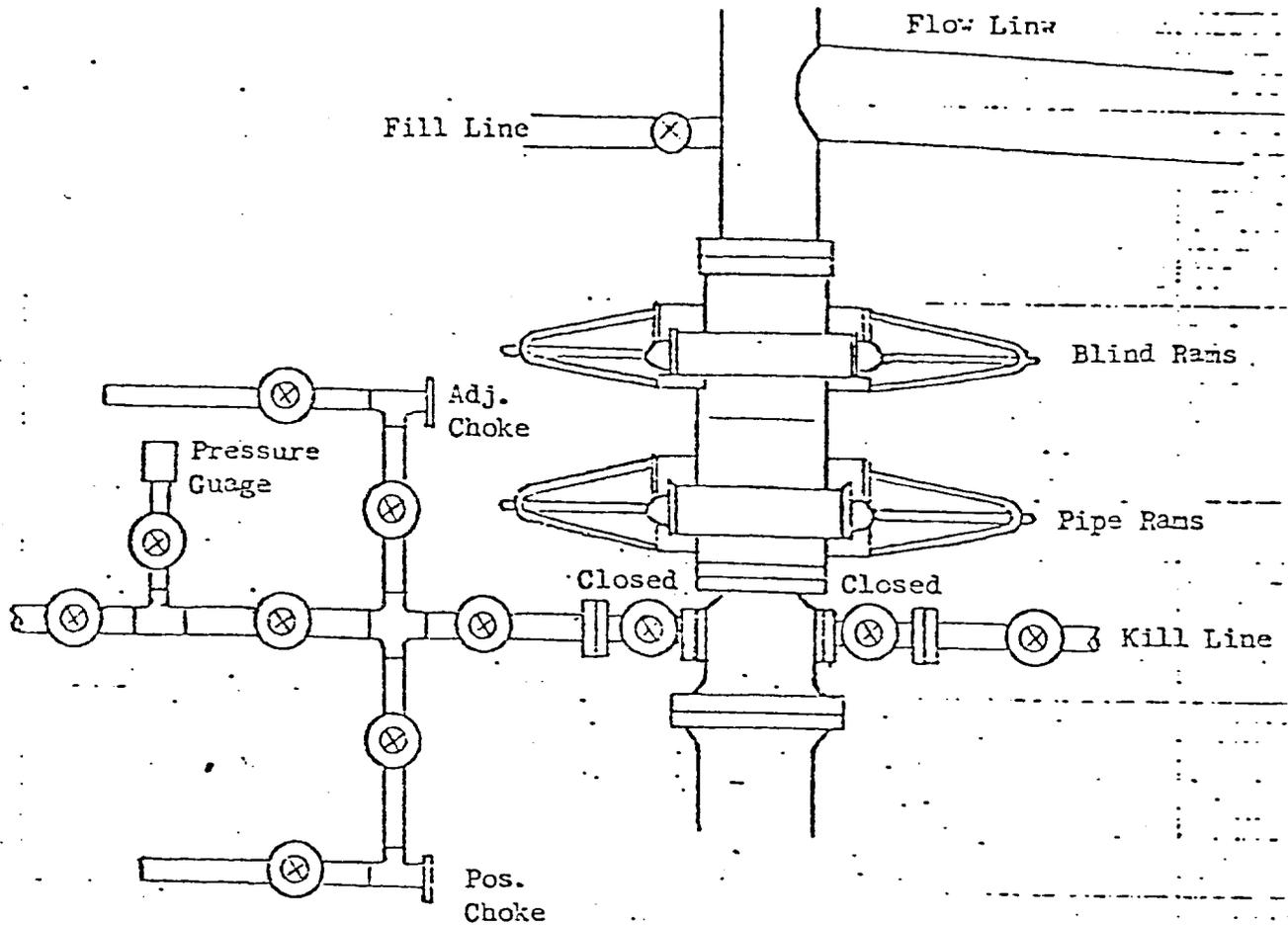


SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION COMPANY

EXHIBIT IV: Pad Layout P.C. Wells  
San Juan County, New Mexico

Scale: 1" = 30'





All valves 2"

All BOPs, flanges, spools, valves, & lines must be series 900 or 3000 psi working press.

Choke manifold must be at ground level and extended out from under substructure.

Exhibit 5  
 SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION COMPANY  
 First International Bldg.  
 Suite 1800  
 Dallas, Texas 75270

REQUIRED MINIMUM BLOWOUT PREVENTOR  
 HOOKUP

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL

1. The Location:
  - A. On Exhibit I (Plat)
2. Elevation:
  - A. On Exhibit I (Plat)
3. Geologic Name of the Surface Formation:
  - A. Nacimiento
4. Drilling Tools and Associated Equipment to Utilized:
  - A. Listed in Space 20
  - B. B.O.P as listed in A.P.D.
5. Proposed Drilling Depth:
  - A. Listed in space 19
6. Esitmated Tops of Important Geologic Markers:
  - A. Ojo Alamo 170 feet, Kirtland 250 feet, Farmington 390 feet, Fruitland 900 feet, Pictured Cliffs 1200 feet.
7. The estimated depths at which anticipated water, oil, gas or other mineral bearing formation are expected to be encountered.
  - A. Water: 170 feet
  - B. Oil: None
  - C. Gas: 1200 feet
  - D. Mineral Formations: Possible coal at 900 feet.
8. Casing program including the size, grade and weight of each string and whether new or used:
  - A. Space 23 on A.P.D.
  - B. Space 23 on A.P.D.
  - C. Surface pipe will be used 7" 20# H40, and production pipe will be 2 7/8" 6.4# N-80 used.

9. Proposed setting depth of each casing string and the amount and type of cement (including additives)
  - A. Surface: 250 feet , **CIRCULATE** Class C with 2% CC
  - B. Intermediate: None
  - C. Production: 1200 feet with 750 sacks of Poz mix and tail-in with 50 sacks of Class C.
10. B.O.P. schematic diagram listed as Exhibit #5
  - A. Testing every Eight hours.
11. Proposed circulating medium
  - A. Mud Type: 8.5 LB/gal, 35 Viscosity, less than 10 cc fluid loss.
  - B. Weight of Mud: 8.5 LB/gal
12. Testing, Logging or Coring Programs:
  - A. After completion of well.
  - B. After completion of drilling.
  - C. None
13. Any anticipated abnormal pressures or temperatures expected to be encountered or potential hazards such as Hydrogen Sulfide Gas, along with plans for mitigating such hazards:
  - A. Pressure: None
  - B. Temperature: None
  - C. Mitigating Hazards: None
14. Anticipated starting date and duration of operation:
  - A. 9-17-79
  - B. 2 Weeks
15. Other Facets of the proposed operation which the lessee or operator wishes to print out for the United State Geological Survey.
  - A. None

## SURFACE USE PLAN

### 1. Existing Roads

- A. Proposed Well Site Location: The proposed well site location was surveyed and staked by a registered land surveyor and is located 800' from the south line and 850' from the west line, Section 25, T26N, R13W, San Juan County, New Mexico. (See Exhibit I Surveyor's Plat.)
- B. Planned Access Route: The planned access route begins 18 miles south of Farmington, New Mexico on Highway #371 and extends 3 miles to the well location on hard surface road.
- C. Access Road Labelled:
  - Color Code: Red - Improved Surface
  - Blue - New Access Road
- D. Not Applicable - The proposed well is a development well.
- E. See Exhibit II for existing roads within a one mile radius.
- F. The existing roads will require minimal maintenance.

### 2. Planned Access Roads

(All roads are existing roads.)

- A. Width: The average width of the road is twelve feet.
- B. Maximum Grades: The maximum grade on the proposed road will be approximately 2%.
- C. Turnouts: There are no turnouts planned as sight distance is sufficient.
- D. Drainage Design: The road is center crowned to allow drainage.
- E. Culverts Use Major Cuts and Fills: No culverts will be needed in building this road. No cuts or fills will be needed.
- F. Surfacing Material: Native soil has been wetted, bladed and compacted to make the road surface, which is existing.
- G. Gates, Cattleguards, Fence Cuts: None will be needed.
- H. New Roads Centerlined Flagged: Existing roads.

3. Location of Existing Wells

The proposed well is a development well. Exhibit III shows existing wells within a one mile radius.

- A. Water Wells: none
- B. Abandoned Wells: 2
- C. Temporarily Abandoned Wells: none
- D. Disposal Wells: none
- E. Drilling Wells: none
- F. Gas Storage Wells: none
- G. Shut-In Wells: none
- H. Injection Wells: none
- I. Monitoring or Observation Wells: none

4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Facilities

A. Existing facilities within one mile owned or controlled by Lessee/Operator:

- 1. Tank batteries - none
- 2. Production facilities - none
- 3. Oil Gathering Lines - none
- 4. Gas Gathering Lines - **yes**
- 5. Injection Lines - none
- 6. Disposal Lines - none

B. New facilities in the event of production:

- 1. New facilities will be within the dimensions of the drill pad.
- 2. Dimensions are shown on Exhibit IV.
- 3. Construction Materials/Methods:
- 4. Protection of Wildlife/Livestock:
- 5. New facilities will consist of a wellhead.

C. Rehabilitation of Disturbed Areas:

Following the completion of construction, those areas required for continued production will be graded to provide drainage and minimize erosion. Those areas unnecessary for use will be graded to blend with surroundings topography per BLM recommendations.

5. Location and Type of Water Supply

A. Location and type of water supply:

B. Water Transportation System:

C. Water Weeks:

6. Source of Construction Materials

- A. Materials: Construction materials will consist of soil native to the site. Any topsoil, if present, will be stripped and stockpiled as needed.
- B. Land Ownership: The planned site and access road is on federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management.
- C. Materials Foreign to the Site: N/A
- D. Access Roads: No additional roads will be required.

7. Methods for Handling Waste Disposal

- A. Cuttings: Cuttings will be contained in the reserve pit.
- B. Drilling Fluids: Drilling fluids will be retained in the reserve pit.
- C. Produced Fluids: Produced fluids, including produced water will be collected in the reserve pit. Any small amount of hydrocarbon that may be produced during testing will be retained in the reserve pit. Prior to clean up operations, the hydrocarbon material will be skimmed.
- D. Sewage: Sanitary facilities for sewage disposal will consist of at least one pit toilet, during the driller operations. The pit will be backfilled immediately following completion of the drilling operation.
- E. Garbage: There probably will not be much putrescible garbage to dispose of. However, it will be disposed of along with the refuse in a constructed burn pit, which will be fenced. The small amount of refuse will be burned and the pit will be covered with a minimum 36 inch cover upon completion.
- F. Clean-Up of Well Site: Upon release of the drilling rig, the surface of the drilling pad will be prepared to accommodate a completion rig, if testing indicates potential productive zones. In either case, the "mouse hole" and "rat hole" will be covered to eliminate a potential hazard to livestock. The reserve pit will be fenced to prevent entry of livestock until the pit is backfilled. Reasonable clean up will be performed prior to final restoration of the site.

8. Ancillary Facilities

None required.

9. Well Site Layout

- A. See Exhibit IV

9. Well Site Layout (Cont'd)

- B. Location of pits, etc. See Exhibit IV.
- C. Rig orientation, etc. See Exhibit IV.
- D. Lining of Pits: Pits will not be lined. They will be covered with a fine mesh netting, if necessary, for the protection of wildlife if fluids are found to be toxic.

10. Plans for Restoration of Surface

- A. Reserve pit clean up: The pit will be fenced prior to rig release and shall be maintained until clean up. Prior to backfilling any hydrocarbon material on the pit surface will be removed. The fluids and solids contained in the pit shall be backfilled with soil excavated from the site and with soil adjacent to the reserve pit. The restored surface of the reserve pit will be contoured as needed to minimize erosion. The reserve pit area will be seeded per BLM recommendations during the appropriate season following the final restoration of the site.
- B. Restoration Plans - Production Developed: The reserve pit will be backfilled and restored as described under Item A. In addition, those disturbed areas not required for production will be graded to blend with the surrounding topography, and seeded, per BLM recommendations. The portion of the drill pad required for production and turning areas will be graded to minimize erosion and provide access to production facilities under inclement conditions. Following depletion and abandonment of the site, restoration procedures will be those under Item C. below.
- C. Restoration Plan - No Production Developed: The reserve pit will be restored as described above. With no production developed, the entire surface disturbed by construction of the drilling pad will be restored. The site will be contoured to blend with the surrounding topography. The site will be seeded according to BLM recommendations. If the new access road is not required for other development plans, it will be obliterated and restored and seeded per BLM recommendations.
- D. Rehabilitation Time Table: Upon completion of operations the initial clean up of the well site will be performed. Final restoration of the site will be performed as soon as possible according to procedural guidelines published by the USGS and BLM. Seeding of the disturbed areas which are no longer required will be performed during the appropriate season, following final restoration.

11. Other Information

- A. Surface Description: The surface description of the proposed site where the actual well is located is in a flat area 2 miles southwest of the Chaco Plant.
- B. Surface Use Activities: The surface is federally owned and managed by the BLM. The predominant surface use is mineral exploration and production.
- C. Proximity of Water, Dwelling and Historical Sites:
  - 1. Water: At Chaco Plant
  - 2. Occupied Dwelling: At Chaco Plant
  - 3. Site: An archeological reconnaissance has been performed for this location and clearance has been granted.

12. Operator's Representative

Ronald M. Sentz  
Drilling & Production Engineer  
Southern Union Exploration Company  
1800 First International Building  
Dallas, Texas 75270

13. Certification

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions as they actually exist; that the statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the proposed work performed by Southern Union Exploration Company and its contractors and subcontractors will conform to this plan.

DATE: 8/15/79

Ronald M. Sentz