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ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE

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AZTEC, NEW MEXICO 87410
(505) 334-6178

May 1, 1984

Mr. Curtis J. Little
P.O. Box 1258
Farmington, NM 87499

Re: Application for Hardship Classifications
Federal Com #2E P-11-28N-13W

Dear Curtis:

The referenced application is being returned unapproved, for the following reasons:

- 1) Venting a small amount of gas during swabbing is necessary as part of any swabbing operation, and does not necessarily constitute inefficient and dissipating use of reservoir energy as the energy is used to lift accumulated liquid.
- 2) There is no showing that extended shut-in decreases the ultimate recovery of the well.
- 3) You state that the well needed to be unloaded four times, but do not show how these "log offs" on a time line with production or state why the wells were shut in.
- 4) You did not show cost figures which indicate that without relief this well would be prematurely abandoned.
- 5) There is no calculation of reserves which would be lost due to premature abandonment.
- 6) There is no documentation of the well's production history. (log of production vs time, etc.)

You stated that the well would log-off if shut-in for "a month or more". Would a shut-in of two weeks be detrimental?

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank T. Chavez".

Frank T. Chavez
District Supervisor

FTC/dj

xc: Joe Ramey

CURTIS J. LITTLE
OIL AND GAS

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POST OFFICE BOX 1258
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87499

April 23, 1984

Joe D. Ramey, Secretary
Energy and Minerals Department
Oil Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Curtis J. Little → Re: #2E Federal Com.
Sec. 11-T28N-R13W
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed is a copy of our application on the above mentioned well for "Classification As Hardship Gas Well". I certify that all information submitted herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that all offset operators have been mailed a complete copy of the application on this date.

Very truly yours,

Curtis J. Little
CURTIS J. LITTLE

CJL/kjt
Encls.

cc: Frank Chavez - Aztec Office OCC
cc: Amoco - Farmington
cc: Southland Royalty - Farmington
cc: Texaco - Denver

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APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION AS HARDSHIP GAS WELL

Operator Curtis J. Little Contact Party Curtis J. Little
Address P.O. Box 1258, Farmington, NM 87499 Phone No. 505/327-6176
Lease Federal Com Well No. 2E UT N Sec. 11 TWP 28N RGE 13W
Pool Name Basin Dakota Minimum Rate Requested 88 MCF
Transporter Name El Paso Natural Gas Co. Purchaser (if different) _____

Are you seeking emergency "hardship" classification for this well? X yes _____ no

Applicant must provide the following information to support his contention that the subject well qualifies as a hardship gas well.

Provide a statement of the problem that leads the applicant to believe that "underground waste" will occur if the subject well is shut-in or is curtailed below its ability to produce. (The definition of underground waste is shown on the reverse side of this form)

2) Document that you as applicant have done all you reasonably and economically can do to eliminate or prevent the problem(s) leading to this application.

- a) Well history. Explain fully all attempts made to rectify the problem. If no attempts have been made, explain reasons for failure to do so.
- b) Mechanical condition of the well (provide wellbore sketch). Explain fully mechanical attempts to rectify the problem, including but not limited to:
 - i) the use of "smallbore" tubing; ii) other de-watering devices, such as plunger lift, rod pumping units, etc.

Present historical data which demonstrates conditions that can lead to waste. Such data should include:

- a) Permanent loss of productivity after shut-in periods (i.e., formation damage).
 - b) Frequency of swabbing required after the well is shut-in or curtailed.
 - ✓ c) Length of time swabbing is required to return well to production after being shut-in.
 - d) Actual cost figures showing inability to continue operations without special relief
- 4) If failure to obtain a hardship gas well classification would result in premature abandonment, calculate the quantity of gas reserves which would be lost
- 5) Show the minimum sustainable producing rate of the subject well. This rate can be determined by:
- a) Minimum flow or "log off" test; and/or
 - b) Documentation of well production history (producing rates and pressures, as well as gas/water ratio, both before and after shut-in periods due to the well dying, and other appropriate production data).
- 6) Attach a plat and/or map showing the proration unit dedicated to the well and the ownership of all offsetting acreage.
- 7) Submit any other appropriate data which will support the need for a hardship classification.
- 8) If the well is in a prorated pool, please show its current under- or over-produced status.
- 9) Attach a signed statement certifying that all information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of your knowledge; that one copy of the application has been submitted to the appropriate Division district office (give the name) and that notice of the application has been given to the transporter/purchaser and all offset operators.

SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR
CLASSIFICATION AS HARDSHIP GAS WELL

Well: #2E Federal Com.
Section 11-T28N-R13W
San Juan County, New Mexico

In the past 6 months, this well has:

- a) averaged 27 days per month on pipeline.
- b) flowed an average of 8.7 days per month with El Paso Code 34 "Valve Open - No Gas Flow).
- c) averaged 2650 MCF per month (88 MCF per day). *2 1/2 bbls. } \$295/day?*
- d) averaged 75 BBLS oil per month.

how many? times?
\$8000
This well "dies" if shut-in for an extended period (a month or more), and requires a day of swabbing, or two hours of "unloading" with Nitrogen, at a cost of approximately \$2000.00 for either treatment. In the past, the well has been swabbed once, and unloaded with Nitrogen three times. Having to swab the well into the atmosphere or unload the well with Nitrogen to "put the well into production after any prolonged period of shut-in" causes inefficient and dissipating use of reservoir gas energy.

As of January 1, 1984, the subject spacing unit was 17,217 MCF under-produced on its allowable. *Feb prod 5263*
Apr Allow 2119

Hardship: Prevention of Waste: We have an intermitter that shuts the well in for 6 hours and flows 3 hours through the separator and into the pipeline. We also have 6338 feet of 1 1/2" tubing in the hole rather than the normal 2" tubing.

The minimum rate at which the well will flow is 88 MCFGPD. The Deliverability for the 1983 test was 70 MCFGPD.

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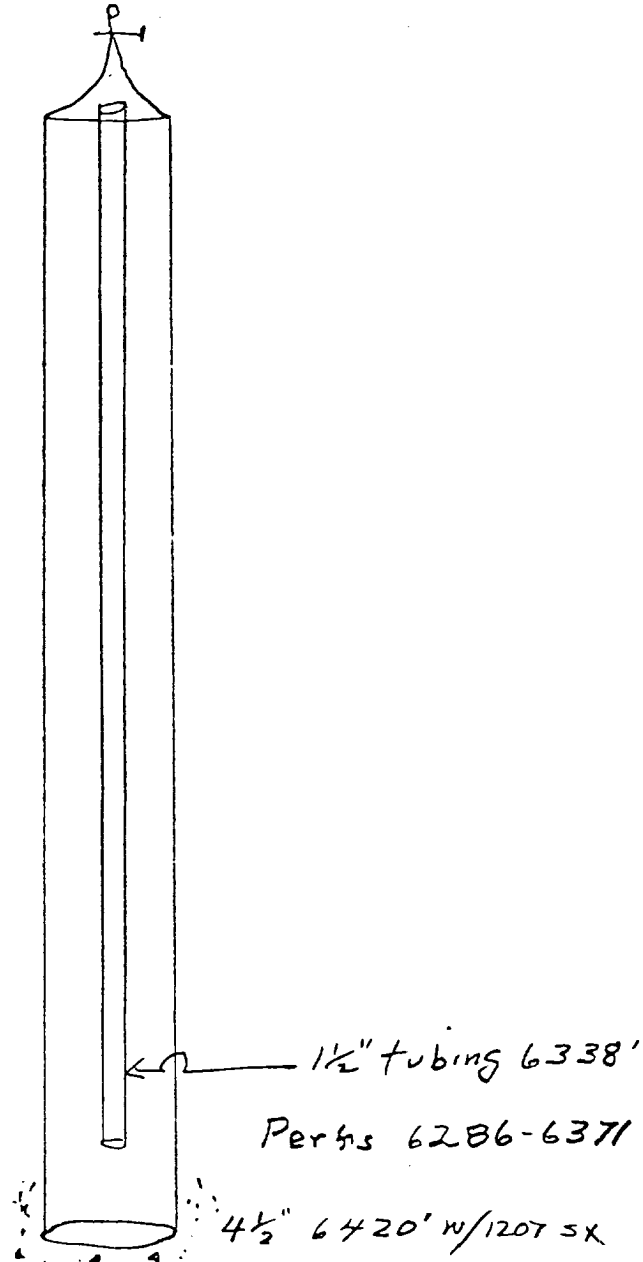
Curtis Little

#2E Fed. Com.

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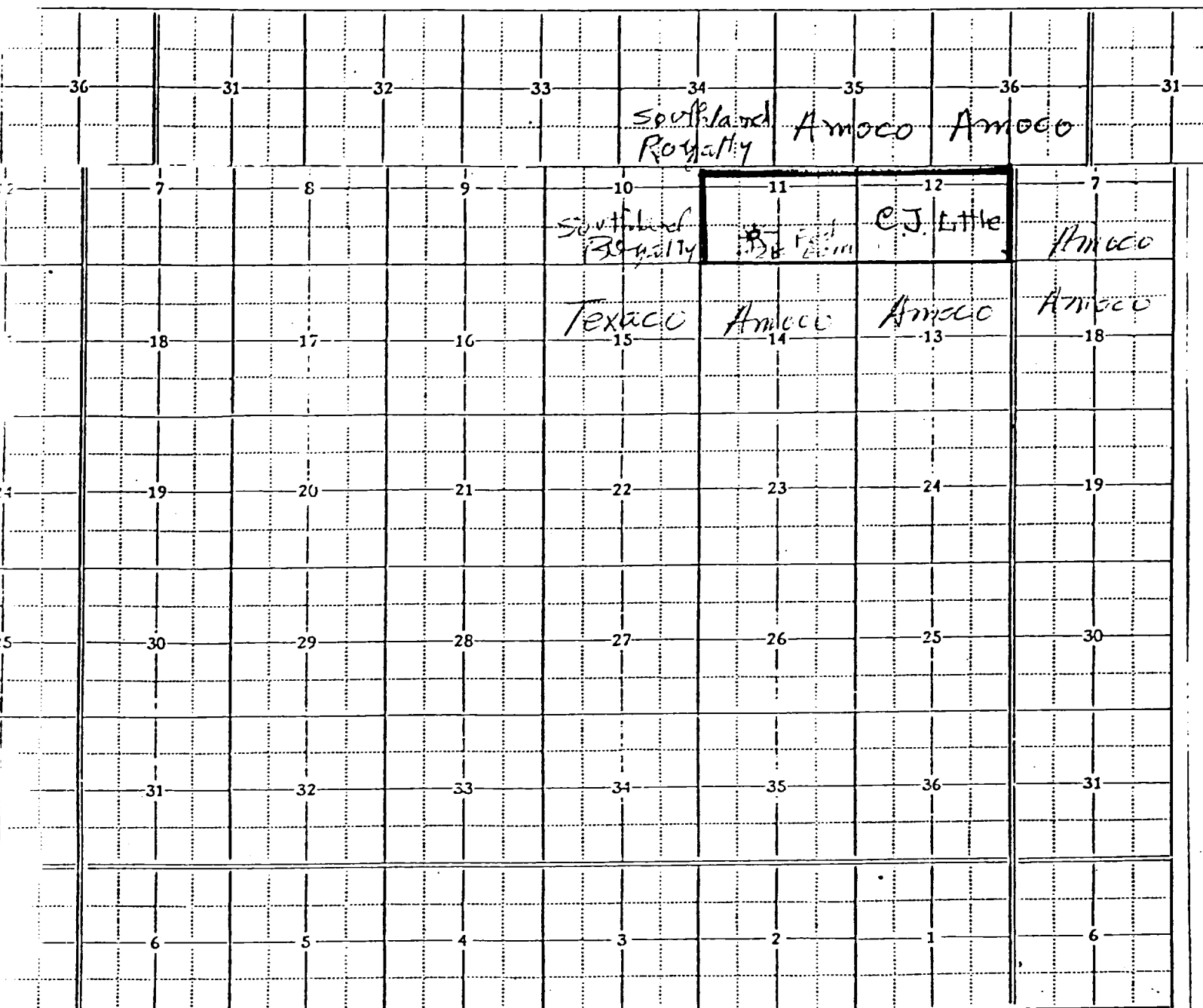
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