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Pebruary 5, 1964

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Secretary-Birector New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Bex 2088 Sents Pe. New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Porter:

Enclosed please find Humble's Application For Unorthodox Losation in the South Waterflow Gallup Pool in San Juon County, New Maxico. This request is necessitated by the fact that coal mining operations upon the 40-acre drillsite tract prevent us from drilling at the prescribed losation.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE FOOTAGE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 3 OF ORDER NO. R-2612 IN CASE NO. 2935 IN THE SOUTH WATERFLOW GALLUP POOL SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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APPLICATION FOR UNORTHODOX LOCATION

Humble Oil & Refining Company, a Delaware corporation, authorized and licensed to do business in New Mexico, hereinafter designated as Applicant,"

for its application herein represents unto this Commission as follows:

I.

By Order No. R-2612 and Case No. 2935, this Commission established spacing and special rules and regulations for the South Waterflow Gallup oil pool located in San Juan County, New Mexico. Rule 3 of said order provides in part, "Each well projected to or completed in the Gallup formation in the South Waterflow Spacing Area shall be located within 150 feet of the center of a governmental quarter-quarter section." Rule 4 of said order further provides, "The Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant an exception to the footage requirements of Rule 3 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for an unorthodox location necessitated by topographical conditions or the recompletion of a well-

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previously drilled to another horizon."

Applicant desires to drill a well to test the Gallup formation to DN.

located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NWZNEZ)

Section 29, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, and to dedicate the following described acreage to said well for production from the Gallup formation, to-wit:

Township 29 North, Range 15 West

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Certain coal mining operations have in the past and are presently being conducted in and around the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NWZNEZ) of said Section 29, the same being within a so-called "coal corridor" reserved by the lessor for the use of the Utah Construction and Mining Company. More particularly, a certain "haul road," together with a "ramp road," and "tailings" deposits are located within the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NWINEZ) of said Section 29, which make it impossible for this Applicant to drill the aforesaid well upon the prescribed location as established by Order R-2612. Applicant desires to drill the well at a location 500 feet from the north line and 2,275 feet from the east line of said Section 29. The proposed location, together with a plat of the topographical obstructions, are more particularly set forth upon this Commission's "Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat" prepared for the Applicant by Robert H. Ernst, New Mexico, PE and LS 2463, a copy of which is attached hereto and designated as Applicant's Exhibit "A". For informational purposes, attached hereto as Applicant's Exhibit "B" is a copy of "Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells" hereto filed by the Applicant with the United States Department of the Interior, Geological Survey.

III.

Applicant further alleges and states that its oil and gas lease covering the proposed drillsite tract, which was granted to Applicant by the Navajo Tribe, as lessor, restricts oil and gas drilling operations within the scalled "coal corridor" described above, which said restriction limits this Applicant's access to the surface of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW\(\frac{1}{2}\)NE\(\frac{1}{2}\)) of said Section 29 and is a factor affecting Applicant's proposed drilling in said quarter-quarter section.

IV.

The proposed drillsite location, together with all offsetting tracts, are owned in fee by the Navajo Tribe of Indians, subject to existing leases and easements. This Applicant holds valid and subsisting oil and gas leases upon the proposed drillsite tract, as well as all tracts offsetting the drillsite tract, except the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE\(\frac{1}{2}NE\(\frac{1}{2}\))

of said Section 29, which tract is presently unleased Navajo Tribal lands.

A copy of this application has been mailed by registered mail to the Navajo

Tribe at Farmington, New Mexico and to the Department of the Interior, United

States Geological Survey, Farmington, New Mexico.

wherefore, Applicant requests this Commission to enter its order administratively granting an exception to the footage requirements of Rule 3 of Order R-2612 in Case 2935, and allowing this Applicant to drill and produce from a well in the Gallup formation to be located 500 feet from the north line and 2,275 feet from the east line of said Section 29, Township 29 North, Range 15 West.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1964.

Respectfully submitted,

HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY

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Mr. William G. Odell P. O. Box 120 Denver, Colorado 534-1251

Mr. Howard C. Bratton Hinkle, Bondurant, Bratton & Christy 600 Hinkle Building Roswell, New Mexico 622-6510

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