

# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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September 24, 2001

Lori Wrotenbery
Director
Oil Conservation Division

XTO Energy, Inc. 810 Houston Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102-6298 Attention: Tim Welsh

Telefax No. (817) 885-2224

Administrative Order NSL-4645(NSBHL)

Dear Mr. Welsh:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application dated August 13, 2001 (application reference No. pKRV0-122730120); (ii) a request for additional information by letter dated September 17, 2001 from Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer, with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe; (iii) your telefaxed response with the required information on September 20, 2001; and (iv) the records of the Division in Aztec and Santa Fe, including the file on Division Administrative Order DD-98: all concerning XTO Energy, Inc.'s ("XTO") request for an unorthodox subsurface Nocimiento gas well location for the existing Carson Federal "G" Well No. 1 (API No. 30-039-25444), located at the surface 1540 feet from the North line and 2630 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 25, Township 28 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

By Division Administrative Order DD-98, dated August 22, 1994, Amoco Production Company received authorization, which was required at that time, to directionally drill the Carson Federal "G" Well No. 1 to the Choza Mesa-Pictured Cliffs pool in such a manner that the resulting subsurface location would be "standard" for a gas well within a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the NE/4 of Section 25.

It is our understanding that XTO now intends to abandon the Pictured Cliffs interval and recomplete up-hole into the Nocimiento formation through the perforated interval from 3,225 feet to 3,232 feet. From the directional survey the actual subsurface location of this wellbore at a depth of 3,225 feet is 1662 feet from the North line 2253 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 25, which pursuant to Division Rules 104.C (3) and 111.A (13) is considered to be "unorthodox" within a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the wildcat Nocimiento formation comprising the NE/4 of Section 25.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999, and 111.C (2).

Administrative Order NSL-4645(NSBHL) XTO Energy, Inc. September 24, 2001 Page 2

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2), the above-described unorthodox subsurface Nocimiento gas well location for the Carson federal "G" Well No. 1, is hereby approved.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery

Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington

File: DD-98 /

#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO



#### ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



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August 22, 1994

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800

Amoco Production Company P.o. Box 800 Denver, CO 80201

Attention: J.W. Hawkins

Administrative Order DD-98

#### Dear Mr. Hawkins:

Under the provisions of General Rule 111 (c), (d) and (e), Amoco Production Company made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on July 15, 1994, for authorization to directionally drill its proposed Carson Federal "G" Well No. 1, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

#### The Division Director Finds That:

- (1) The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 111(d) and (e) of the Division General Rules and Regulations;
- (2) Satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators have been duly notified:
- (3) The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in General Rule 111 will be met; and
- (4) No objections have been received within the waiting period prescribed by said rule.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The applicant, Amoco Production Company, is hereby authorized to directionally drill its Carson Federal "G" Well No. 1, the surface location of which shall be 1540 feet from the North line and 2630 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 25, Township 28 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, by kicking off from the vertical at a depth of approximately 2162 feet, and drilling in such a manner as to bottom in the Choza Mesa-Pictured Cliffs Pool at a standard gas well location within the SW/4 NE/4 of said Section 25.

<u>PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT</u> prior to commencing directional drilling operations into said wellbore, the applicant shall establish the location of the kick-off point by means of a directional survey acceptable to the Division.

<u>PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT</u> during or upon completion of directional drilling operations, the applicant shall conduct an accurate wellbore survey from the kick-off point to total depth in order that the subsurface bottomhole location, as well as the wellbore's true depth and course, may be determined.

- (2) The applicant shall notify the supervisor of the Aztec district office of the Division of the date and time said wellbore surveys are to be conducted so that they may be witnessed. The applicant shall further provide a copy of said wellbore surveys to the Santa Fe and Aztec offices of the Division upon completion.
- (3) Form C-105 shall be filed in accordance with Division Rule 1105 and the operator shall indicate thereon true vertical depth in addition to measured depths.
- (4) The NE/4 of said Section 25 shall be dedicated to the well forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the subject pool.
- (5) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

US Bureau of Land Management - Farmington

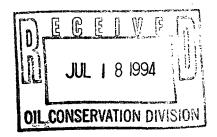


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July 15, 1994

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, NM 87504

Application for Directional Drilling Carson Federal G No.1 Well NE/4 Section 25, T28N-R4W Choza Mesa Pictured Cliffs Pool Rio Arriba County, New Mexico



Amoco Production Company hereby requests administrative approval to directionally drill the Carson Federal G No.1 well referenced above. The well is planned to be drilled from a surface location 1540' FNL and 2630' FEL of Section 25 to a bottomhole location of 1782' FNL and 1651' FEL of Section 25 T28N-R4W. The surface location is necessary due to the topography in this area. The well is planned to intercept the top of the Pictured Cliffs formation within the legal drilling window at 1750' FNL and 1797' FEL of Section 25 T28N-R4W. Attached are plats and directional plan for the well.

All offset operators will receive a copy of this application by certified mail with a request for a waiver of objection.

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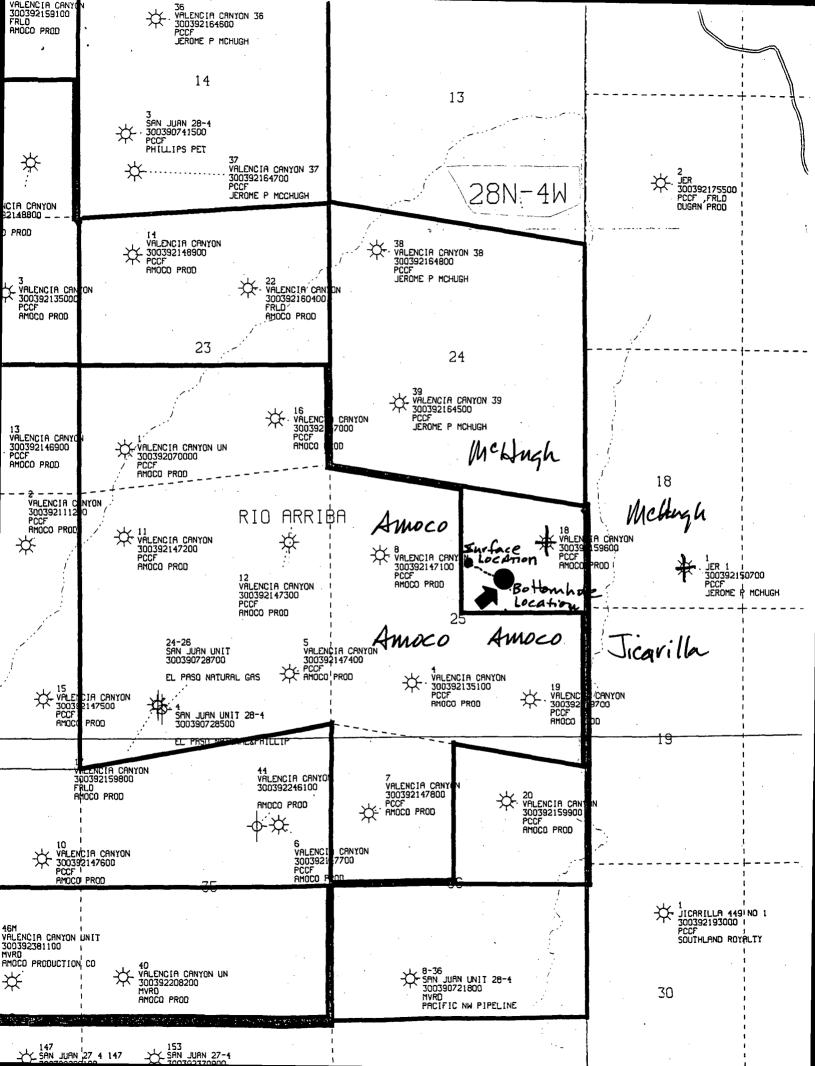
cc: Andy Logan Julie Talbot

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By:	Date:	

## **Offset Operators**

Jerome P McHugh 650 S. Cherry St., Suite 1225 Denver, CO 80222-1894

Bureau of Indian Affairs Jicarilla Agency PO Box 167 Dulce NM 87528-0167



Submit to Appropriate District Office State Lease - 4 copies Fee Lease - 3 copies

State of New Mexico

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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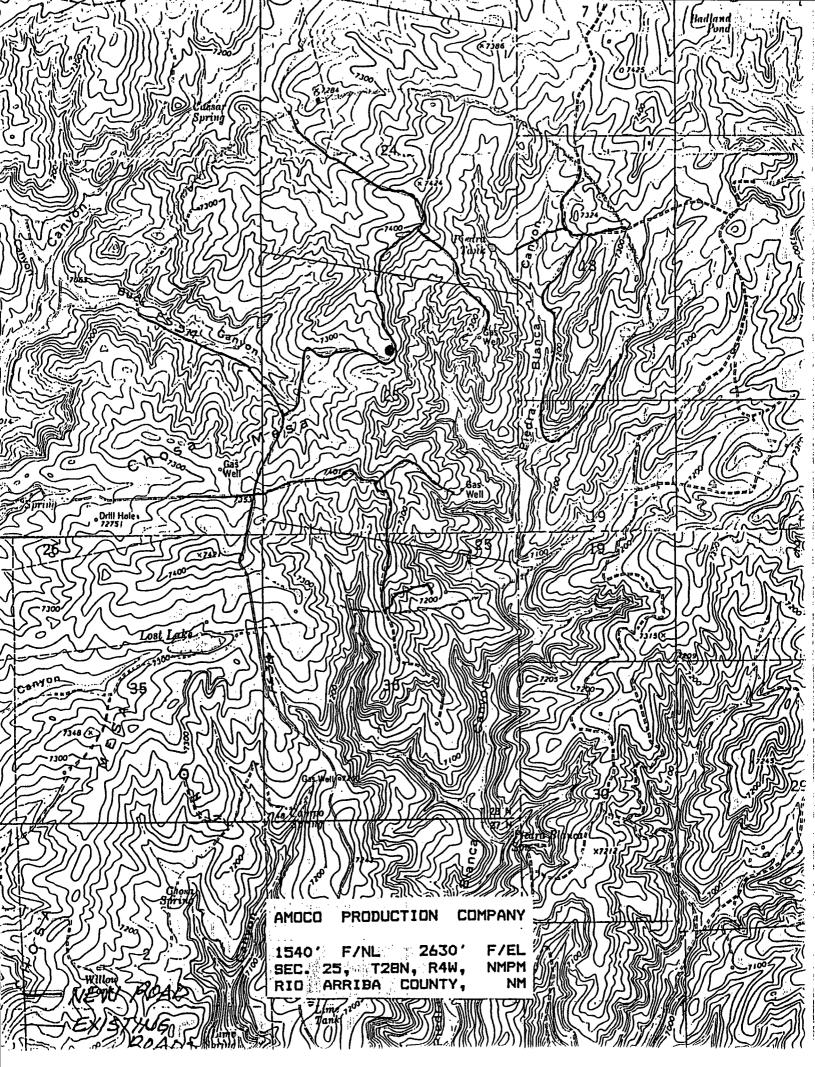
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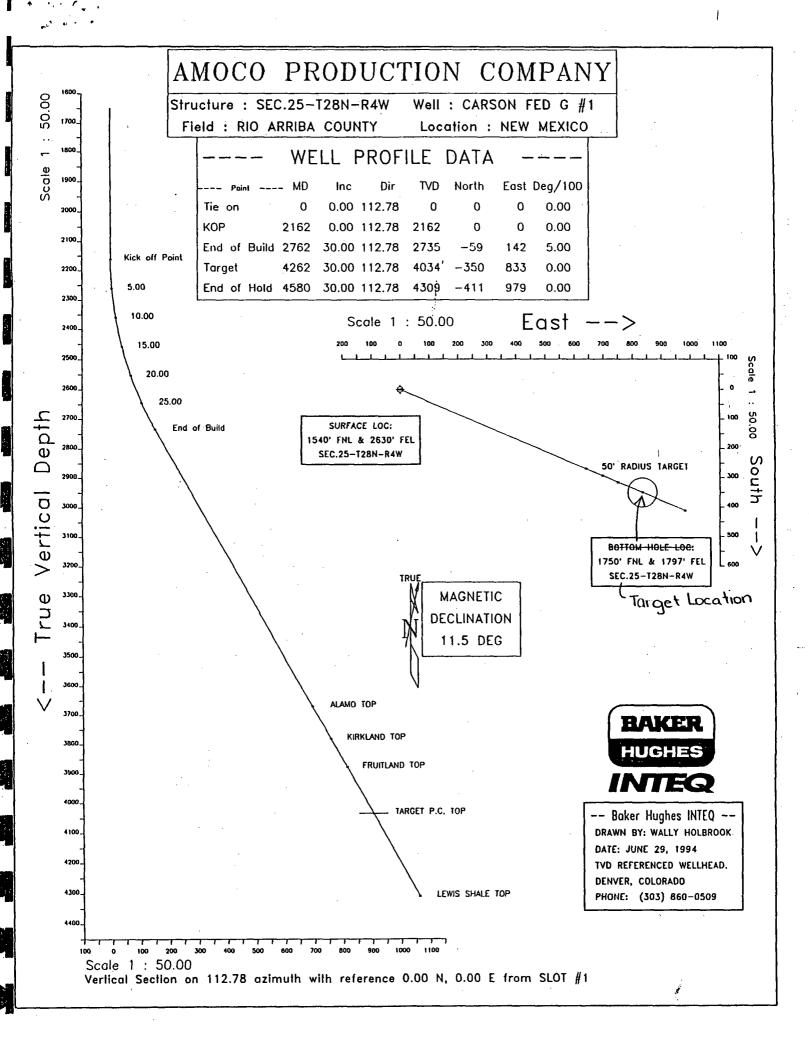


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## ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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GARREY CARRUTHERS
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POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800

July 26, 1990

Union Oil Company of California 3300 North Butler Avenue

Suite 200\

Farmington, NM 87401

Amoro Production Company Southern Rockies Business Unit P.O. Box 800 Denver, Colerado 80201

Attention: Bill Hering, District Petroleum Engineer J.W. Wawkins

Administrative Order DD-

Dear Mr. Hering: /rawkins

July 15, 1994

Under the provisions of General Rule 111 (c), (d) and (e), Unocal made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on July 5, 1990, for authorization to directionally drill its proposed Day "B" Well No. & San Juan County, New Mexico.

Carson Federal "G" Rio Arriba

The Division Director Finds That:

- (1) The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 111(d) and (e) of the Division General Rules and Regulations;
- (2) Satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators have been duly notified;
- (3) The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in General Rule 111 will be met; and
- (4) No objections have been received within the waiting period prescribed by said rule.

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Administrative Order DD-38 Union Oil Company of California July 26, 1990 Page No. 2

Carson Federal "6"

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Amoco Production The applicant, Union Oil Company of California d/b/a Unocal is hereby authorized to directionally drill its Day "B" Well No. 28, the surface location of which shall be 734 feet from the North line and 1233 feet from the East line (Unit 4) of Section 7,25 Township 27, North, Range & West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, by kicking off from the vertical at a depth of approximately 325 feet, and drilling in such a manner as to bottom in the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool at a standard eool gas well location within the

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> PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT prior to commencing directional drilling operations into said wellbore, the applicant shall establish the location of the kick-off point by means of a directional survey acceptable to the Division.

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- The applicant shall notify the supervisor of the Aztec district office of the Division of the date and time said wellbore surveys are to be conducted so that they may be witnessed. The applicant shall further provide a copy of said wellbore surveys to the Santa Fe and Aztec offices of the Division upon completion.
- Form C-105 shall be filed in accordance with Division Rule 1105 and the operator shall indicate thereon true vertical depth in addition to measured depths.
- (4) The 12 of said Section 7 shall be dedicated to the well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. 160
- Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

- 3. Tubing requirements:
  - (a) Oil Wells: Yes. Rule R12-7-111.
  - (b) Gas Wells: Yes. Rule R12-7-111.

Tubing set as close to bottom as practical and tubing perforations not more than 250 feet above top of pay. Wells may be completed with small diameter casing in lieu of tubing. Rule R12-7-111.

#### Completion

- 1. Completion report required: Yes. Rule R12-7-121.
  - (a) Time limit: 30 days following completion. Rule R12-7-121.
  - (b) Where submitted: Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, 3110 N. 19th Ave., Suite 190, Phoenix, AZ 85015.
- 2. Well logs required to be filed: Yes. Rule R12-7-121.
  - (a) Time limit: 30 days following completion. Rule R12-7-121.
  - (b) Where submitted: Same as (b) in question 1 above.
  - (c) Confidential time period Yes. Rule R12-7-121B. Six months.
  - (d) Available for public use: Yes, after confidentiality period.
  - (e) Log catalog available: No.
- 3. Multiple completion regulation: Yes. Rule R12-7-116.
  - (a) Approval obtained: For first well in each field following notice and hearing. Other wells in same field may be approved administratively. Rule R12-7-116.
- 4. Commingling in well bore: May be authorized by Commission upon application and hearing. Rule 12-7-137.

#### Oil Production

- 1. Definition of an oil well: Any well producing hydrocarbons in a liquid state that is not the result of condensation of gas, with a gas-oil ratio below 50,000 to 1, or any well classed as an oil well by the Commission.
- 2. Potential tests required: Yes. Rule R12-7-135.
  - (a) Time interval: Immediately after test.
  - (b) Witnesses required: In some instances.

Administrative Order DD-38 Union Oil Company of California July 26, 1990 Page No. 3

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY

Director

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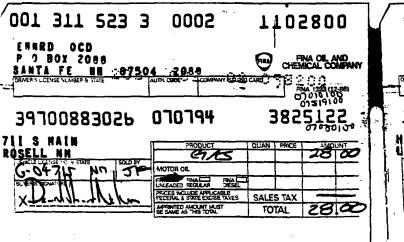
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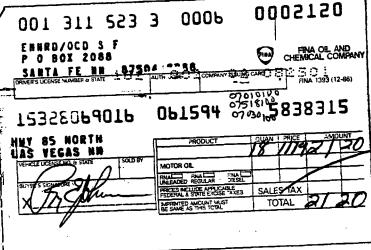
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## FINA OIL AND CHEMICAL COMPANY

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Mr. William J. LeMay, Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, NM 87504

Application for Directional Drilling Carson Federal G No.1 Well NE/4 Section 25, T28N-R4W Choza Mesa Pictured Cliffs Pool Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Amoco Production Company hereby requests administrative approval to directionally drill the Carson Federal G No.1 well referenced above. The well is planned to be drilled from a surface location 1540' FNL and 2630' FEL of Section 25 to a bottomhole location of 1782' FNL and 1651' FEL of Section 25 T28N-R4W. The surface location is necessary due to the topography in this area. The well is planned to intercept the top of the Pictured Cliffs formation within the legal drilling window at 1750' FNL and 1797' FEL of Section 25 T28N-R4W. Attached are plats and directional plan for the well.

All offset operators will receive a copy of this application by certified mail with a request for a waiver of objection.

Sincerely,

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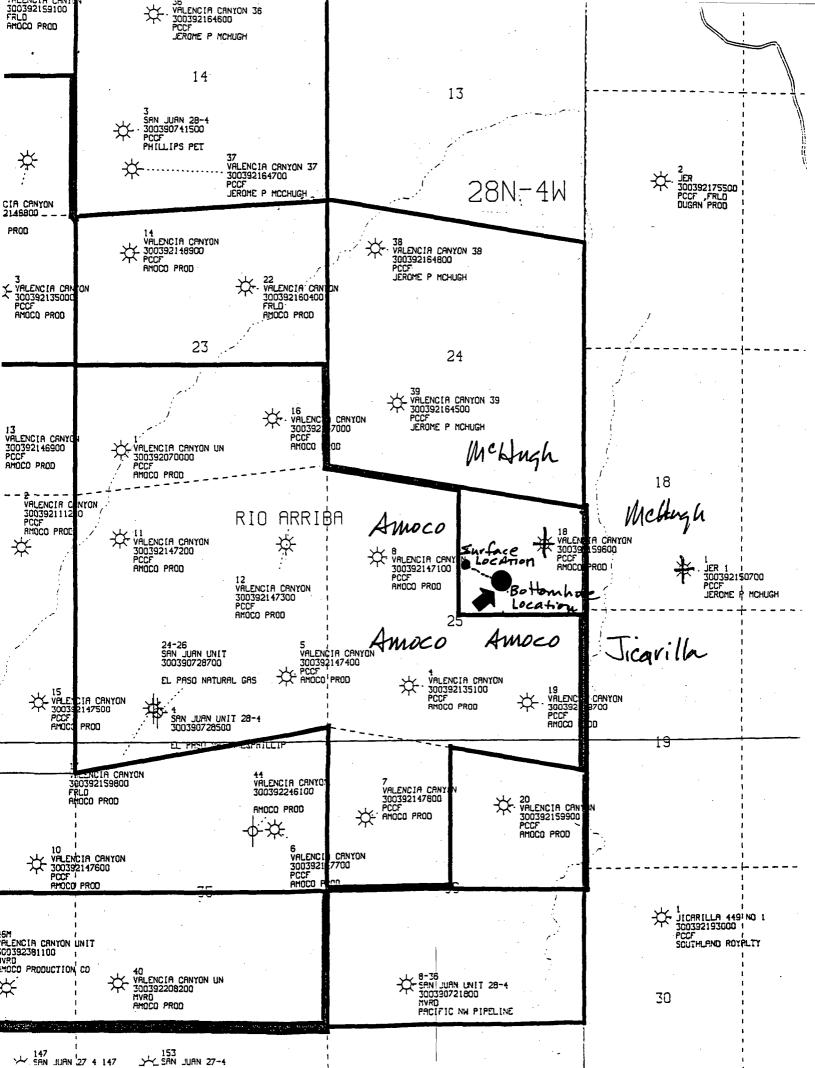
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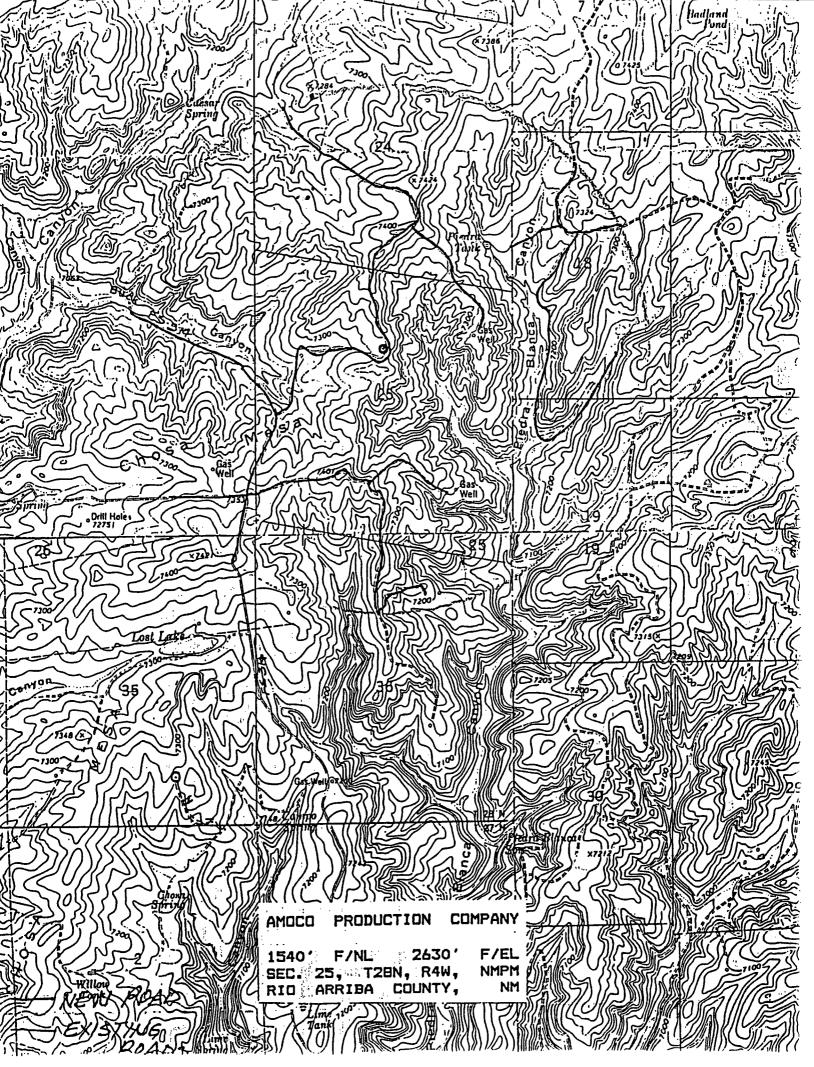
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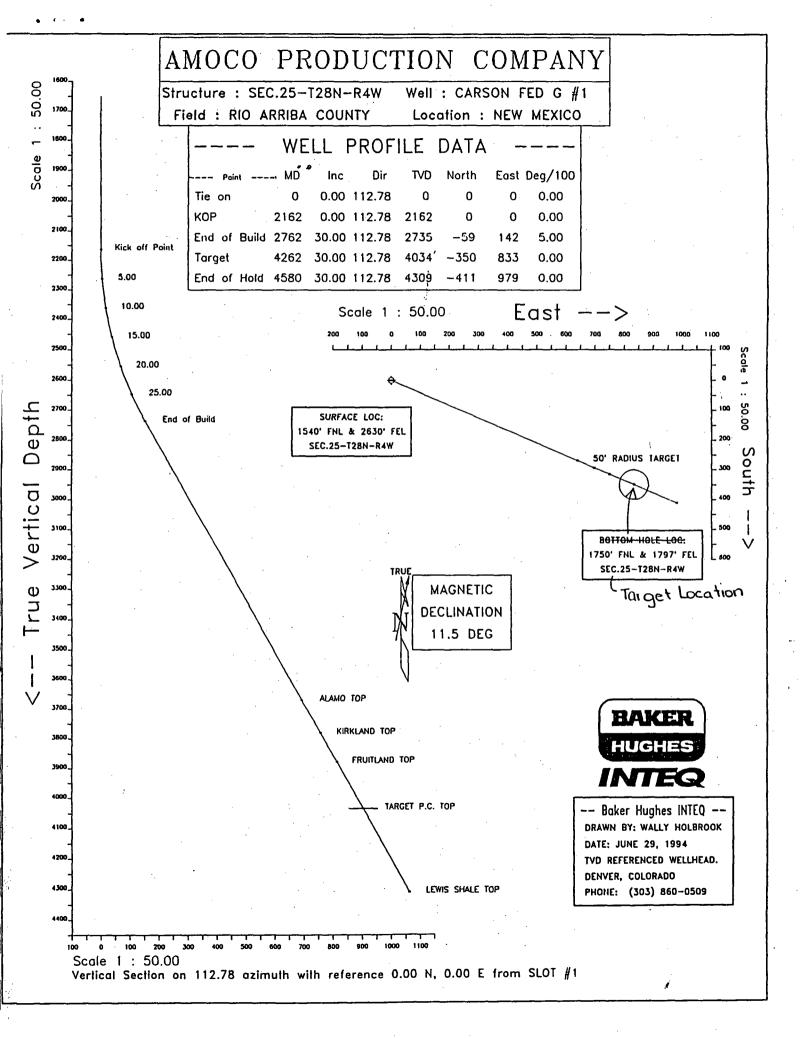
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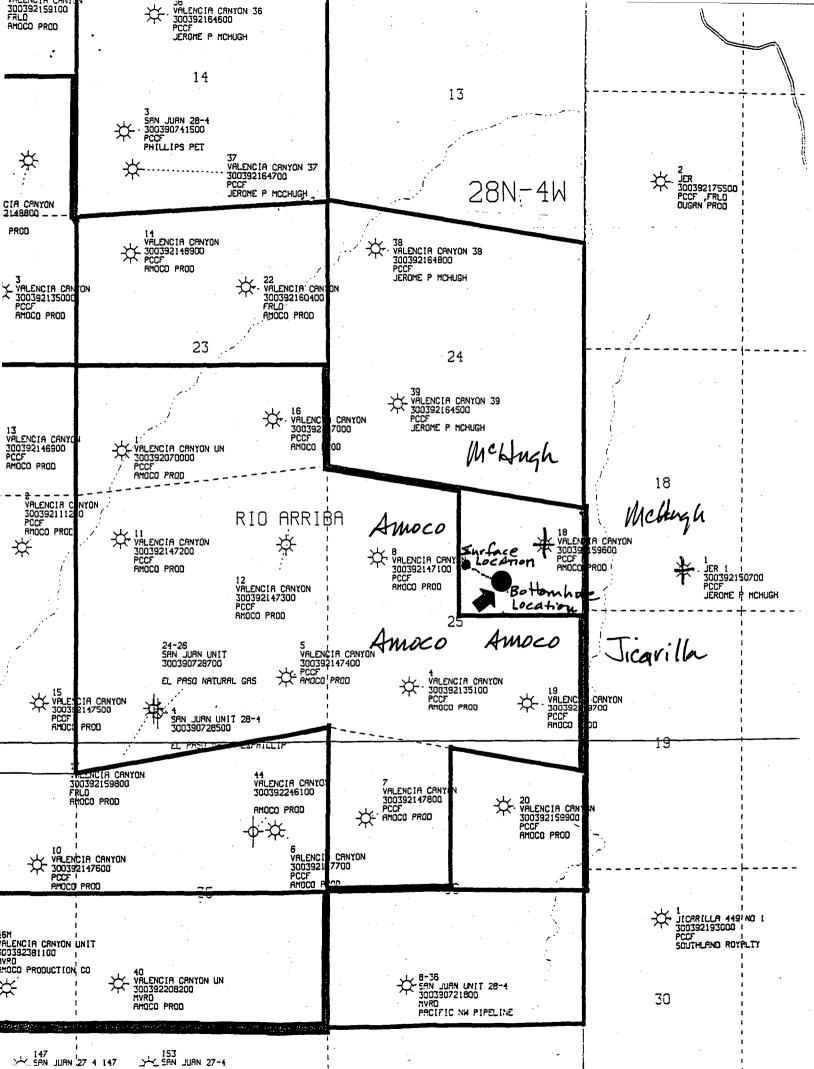
cc: Andy Logan Julie Talbot

	WAIVER
·	hereby waives objection to Amoco's application to directionally
drill the Carson Federal	G No.1 well as proposed above.
Ву:	Date:

## Offset Operators

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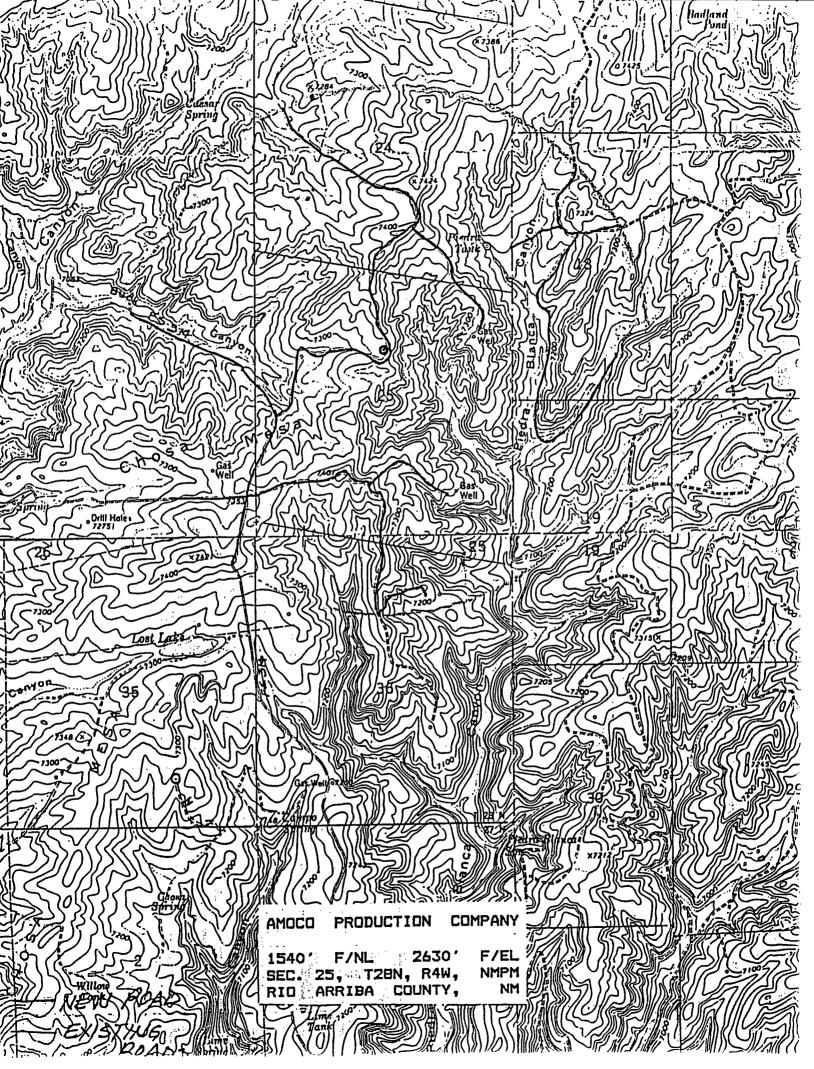
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## WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

All Distances must be from the outer boundaries of the section Well No. 1.15 Carson Federal G PRODUCTION COMPANY County Unit Letter Township Range 28 NORTH 4 WEST RIO ARRIBA NMPM Actual Footage Location of Well: feet from the feet from the NORTH EAST line Producing Formation Dedicated Acreage: Ground level Elev. Pictured Cliffs Choza Mesa Pictured Cliffs NE/4 160 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 interest of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc.? If answer is "yes" type of consolidation Yes If answer is "no" list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if neccessary. 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 interest, has been approved by the Division. OPERATOR CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the information contained herein in true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Princed Name Julie L. Acevedo Position Staff Assistant Company 630 Amoco Production Company Date ゆせ 6/9/94 165 BHL SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervison, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Date Surveyed 1994 June Signature & Seal Professional //016 5 Gary Certific For 7016 POFESSIONAL



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**ENGINEERING CHART** SUBJECT Carson Federal G Irectional Plan

2651 133 4481 NE Quarter of Section 25 ,114.5° 7631 313 2 Orthoobx 1790' 790' 580.50

- 1 Surface Location 1540' FNL & 2630' FEL Sec 25, T2BN, R4W Kio Arriba Co
- @ Point we cross legal lines at lop of Picture Cliffs 1750' FNL \$ 1,7'97' FEL (100' North of legal corner \$ 50' East)
- ~2735' TVD 3 End of build MD = 2762'(ND) (=30) KOP = 2162'MD 1574' FNL \$ 2488' FEL
- ~ 4309'TVD (1) Unlicipated AHL QA 580' MD = 1782' FNL \$ 1651' FEL.

