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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 871
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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December 20, 1956

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Austral Oil Exploration Co., Inc.
300 San Jacinto Building
Houston 2, Texas

Attention: Mr. Winston G. Smith

Administrative Order NSL-76

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your application for approval of an unorthodox well location for your State "B" Well No. 3 to be located 4290 feet from the South line and 160 feet from the East line and in Lot 9 of Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, Townsend Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

It is our understanding that this unorthodox well location is based upon extreme surface conditions of said section.

By authority granted me under provisions of Rule 10h (f) 2 (c) of the Statewide Rules and Regulations, you are hereby granted an exception to Rule 10h (c) of the Statewide Rules and Regulations for the above described unorthodox well location. You must also obtain like approval from the U. S. Geological Survey.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, JR.
Secretary-Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Commission - Hobbs

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

January 14, 1957

Mr. Kenneth L. Webb
Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co.
P.O. Box 2110
Fort Worth 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Webb:

Apparently our letter of December 27th, which refers to
NSL Order No. 76, has not come to your attention, and so we
are enclosing a copy of same.

I believe this letter explains fully the Commission's
position in this matter.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary - Director

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December 31, 1956

Austral Oil Exploration Company
San Jacinto Building
Houston 2, Texas

Attention: Mr. Winston G. Smith
Division Engineer

Gentlemen:

With further reference to our Administrative Order NSL-76, please be advised that the reference to your obtaining approval from the United States Geological Survey should have been omitted.

Since no Federal land is involved, approval of that Agency will not be required.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, JR.
Secretary-Director

ALP:dea

cc: OCC, Hobbs, N. Mexico

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 27, 1956

**Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company
P. O. Box 2110
Fort Worth 1, Texas**

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of December 17, 1956, which was received by this office on December 21st. In this letter you agree to enter no objection to the application of Austral Oil Company for an unorthodox location for thier State "B" No. 3 Well in 1-16S-35E, Lea County, provided that you be given the right to acquire, at your election, a waiver from Austral for unorthodox location on Lots 12 and 13 in 6-16S-36E.

As you know, Austral's application was occasioned by a topographical obstruction, same being the runway for the Lea County airport. The application was filed on November 28, 1956, and by letter from the applicant, your company was notified the same day. After waiting the prescribed period of twenty days and receiving no objection to the location we granted the approval by NSL Order No. 76 on December 20, 1956.

We feel that we should also advise you at this time that the location to which you refer in Lots 12 and 13 of Section 6 could not be approved administratively since there apparently is no topographical obstruction involved, and that is the first condition for administrative approval of a non-standard location.

You should be further advised that the Commission cannot accept conditional waivers.

Very truly yours,

**A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary-Director**

**ALP:jh
cc Austral Oil Exploration Co., Inc.
Oil Commission, Hobbs**