

LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.

1940 MERCANTILE DALLAS BUILDING

DALLAS 1, TEXAS

June 5, 1961

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Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary  
Oil Conservation Commission of the  
State of New Mexico  
Post Office Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

*1670-D  
Rule 2-3*

Please find enclosed herewith Application of La Plata Gathering System, Inc., for an exception to Commission Rule Number ~~104(d)(2)~~ for an unorthodox location for a well to be drilled to the Dakota formation in the East half of Section 27, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Thanking you in advance for your expeditious attention to this Application and with best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

  
William G. Webb

WGW:ss

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Frank A. Schultz  
2630 Fidelity Union Tower, Dallas, Texas

Mr. Jack London, Jr.  
Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp.  
2808 First National Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.,  
FOR AN EXCEPTION TO RULE 104(d)(2)  
FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION FOR A  
WELL TO BE DRILLED TO THE DAKOTA  
FORMATION IN THE EAST HALF OF  
SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH,  
RANGE 6 WEST, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO

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CASE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE HONORABLE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Comes now LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC., as Unit Operator of the San Juan 32-5 Unit Area, and respectfully requests an exception to Rule 104(d)(2) for an unorthodox location for a well to be drilled to the Dakota Formation and, based upon the productivity of the formations encountered, to be dually completed in the Mesaverde and Dakota Formations at a location eight hundred and forty feet (840') from the North line and seven hundred and thirty five feet (735') from the East line of Section 27, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and, for cause, would show as follows:

I.

As the Commission may be advised, a substantial portion of the E/2 of Section 27, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, lies below an elevation of sixty one hundred feet (6100') and will be inundated or subject to inundation by the waters of the Navajo Dam on the San Juan River. Furthermore, the United States Department of Interior has ruled that any well drilled adjacent to the Navajo Reservoir must not be located closer than three hundred horizontal feet (300') from the sixty-one hundred feet (6100') contour line. Due to topographic conditions in the E/2 of Section 27 any orthodox location three hundred feet (300') away from the sixty-one hundred feet (6100') contour line would necessitate an unconscionable expenditure of money to prepare the wellsite. A plat of the proposed location is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". A plat of the area showing the topographic conditions present is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

II.

The ownership of all oil and gas leases within a radius of seven hundred and ninety feet (790') of the proposed location is common with the ownership of the oil and gas leases under the proposed location, said owners being J. Glenn Turner, Frank A. Schultz, William G. Webb and Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp.

Premises considered, the undersigned, as Operator of the San Juan 32-5 Unit Area, respectfully requests the Secretary of the Commission to grant an exception to the well location requirement of Rule 104(d)(2) without notice or hearing pursuant to the authority granted by the Commission's Rule 104(f).

Respectfully submitted,

LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.

By   
William G. Webb, Vice President

Section A.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Operator J. GLENN TURNER Lease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Well No. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Letter A Section 27 Township 32 NORTH Range 6 WEST, NMPM  
 Located 840 Feet From the NORTH Line, 735 Feet From "EAST" Line  
 County RIO ARRIBA G. L. Elevation 6141.0 Dedicated Acreage \_\_\_\_\_ Acres  
 Name of Producing Formation \_\_\_\_\_ Pool \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is the Operator the only owner in the dedicated acreage outlined on the plat below?  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. If the answer to question one is "no", have the interests of all the owners been consolidated by communitization agreement or otherwise? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_. If answer is "yes", Type of Consolidation.
8. If the answer to question two is "no", list all the owners and their respective interests below:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Land Description</u>

Section B.

This is to certify that the information in Section A above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Operator)

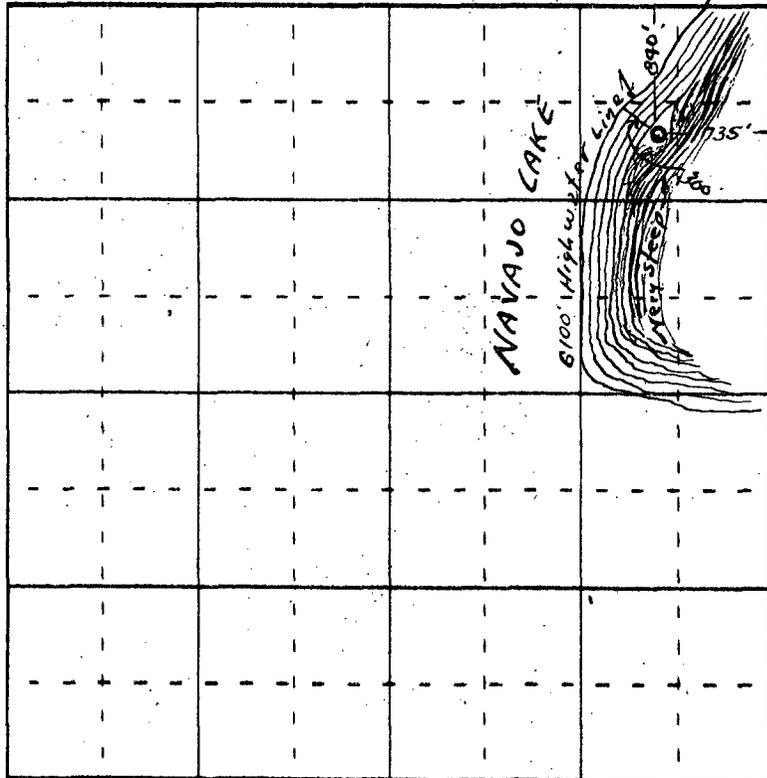
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

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Note: All distances must be from outer boundaries of section.



Scale 4 inches equal 1 mile

Ref: GLO plat dated 29 June 1887

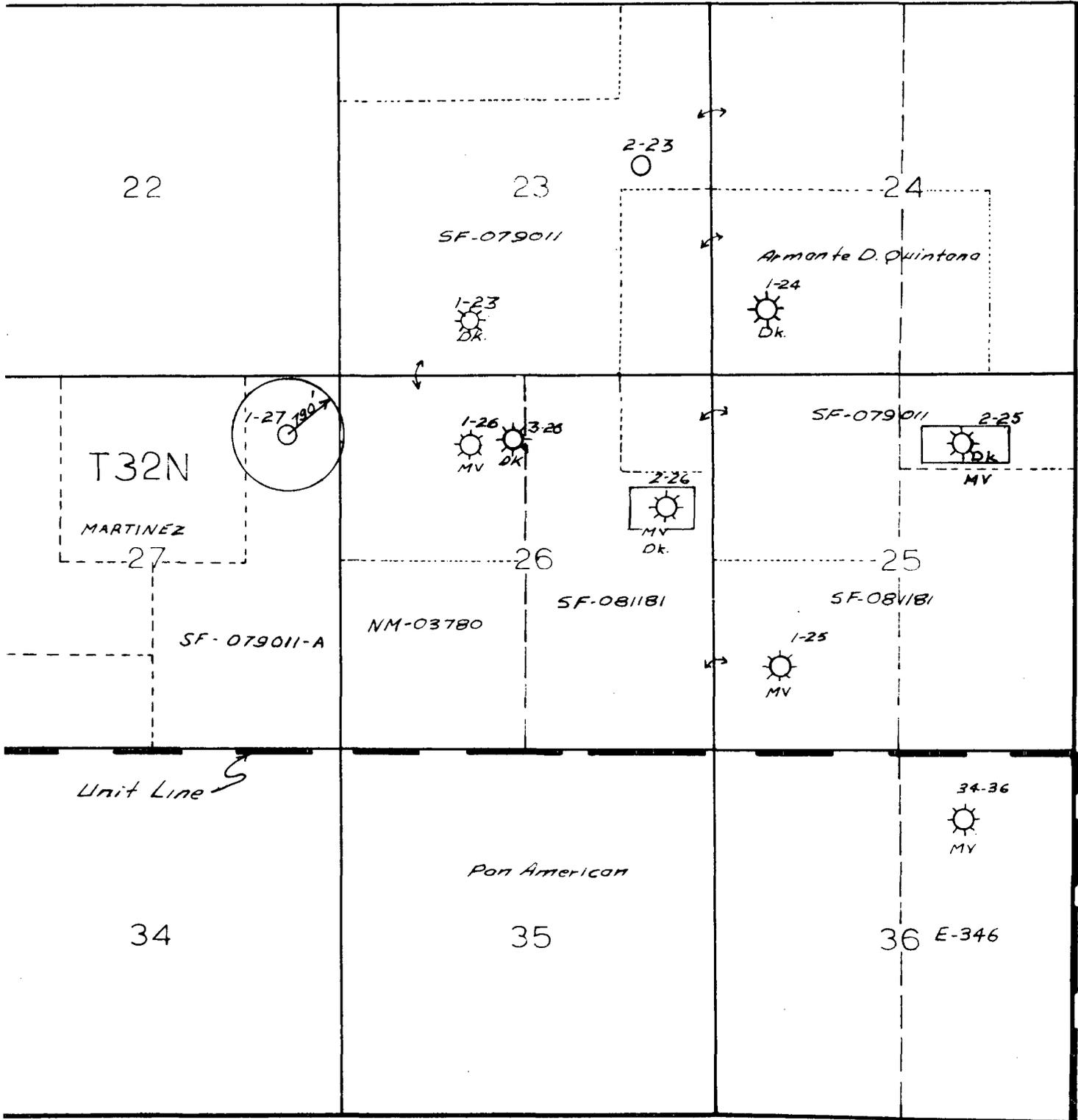


This is to certify that the above plat was prepared from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed 30 May 1961

James P. Leese  
 Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor  
 James P. Leese N. Mex. Reg. No. 1463  
 San Juan Engineering Company

EXHIBIT A  
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RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
scale: 1"=2000'