

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Well #1-22

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF X  
LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC., X  
FOR AN EXCEPTION TO RULE 104(d)(2) X  
FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION FOR A X  
WELL TO BE DRILLED TO THE DAKOTA X  
FORMATION IN THE EAST HALF OF X  
SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, X  
RANGE 6 WEST, RIO ARriba COUNTY, X  
NEW MEXICO X

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 one hundred and seventy feet (170') from the South line and one hundred and three feet (103') from the East line of Section 22, 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 22, 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. Due to topographic conditions in the E/2 of Section 22 any other location would lie below the sixty one hundred feet (6100') contour line and 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, with the exception Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp., said owners being J. Glenn Turner, Frank A. Schultz and William G. Webb. Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp. has been requested by copy of this application to furnish you with a consent to the proposed location.

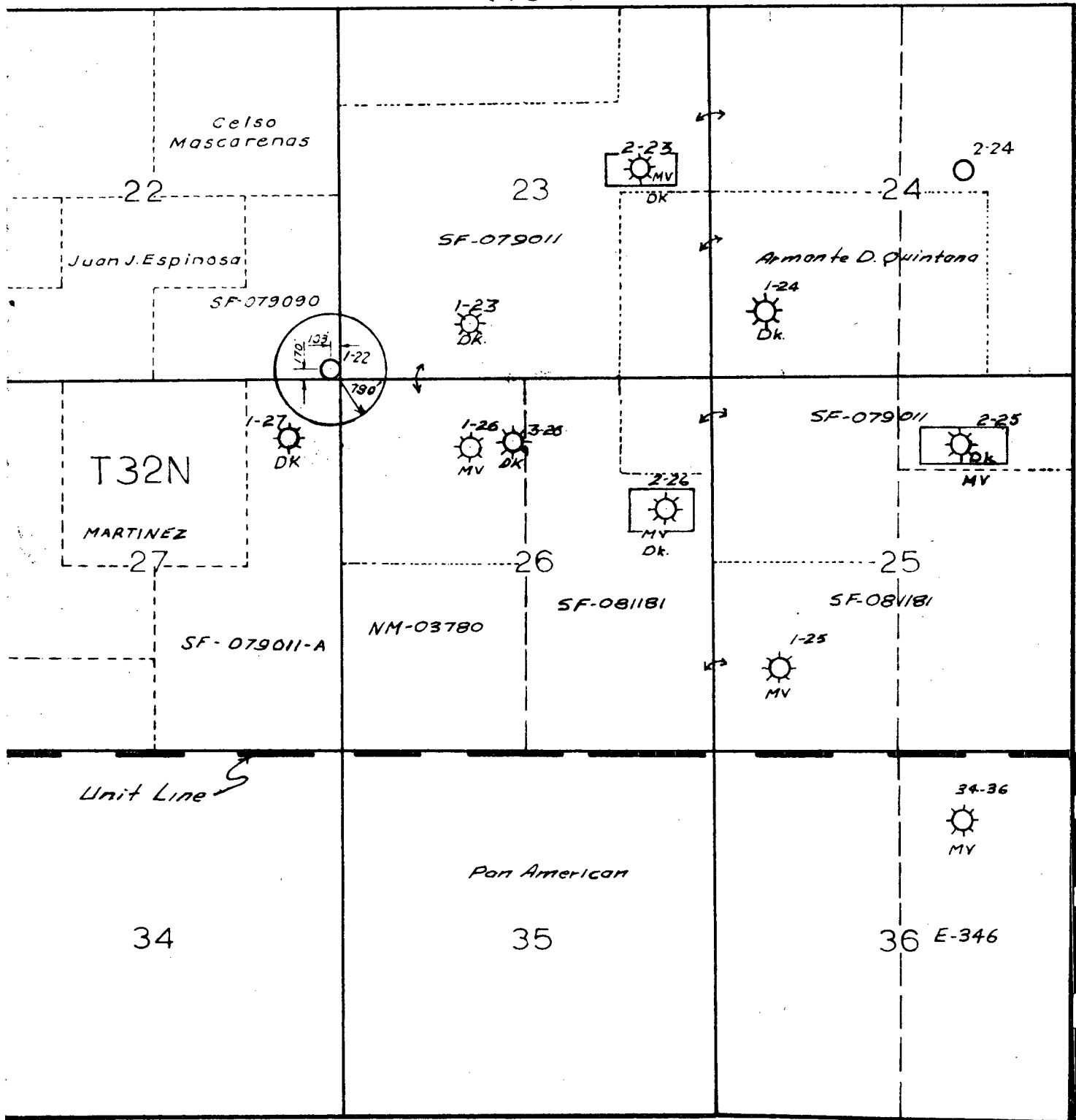
Premises considered, the undersigned, as Operator of the San Juan 32-5 Unit Area, respectfully requests the Secretary of the Commission to grant an exception to the well location requirement of Rule 104(d)(2) without notice or hearing pursuant to the authority granted by the Commission's Rule 104(f).

Respectfully submitted,

LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.

By   
William G. Webb, Vice President

# EXHIBIT A R6W



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

## Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat

Section A.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Operator LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM Lease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Well No. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Letter P Section 22 Township 32 NORTH Range 6 WEST, NMPM  
 Located 170 Feet From the SOUTH Line, 103 Feet From the EAST Line  
 County RIO ARriba G. L. Elevation 6321.0 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.

3. If the answer to question two is "no", list all the owners and their respective interests below:

OwnerLand Description

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.

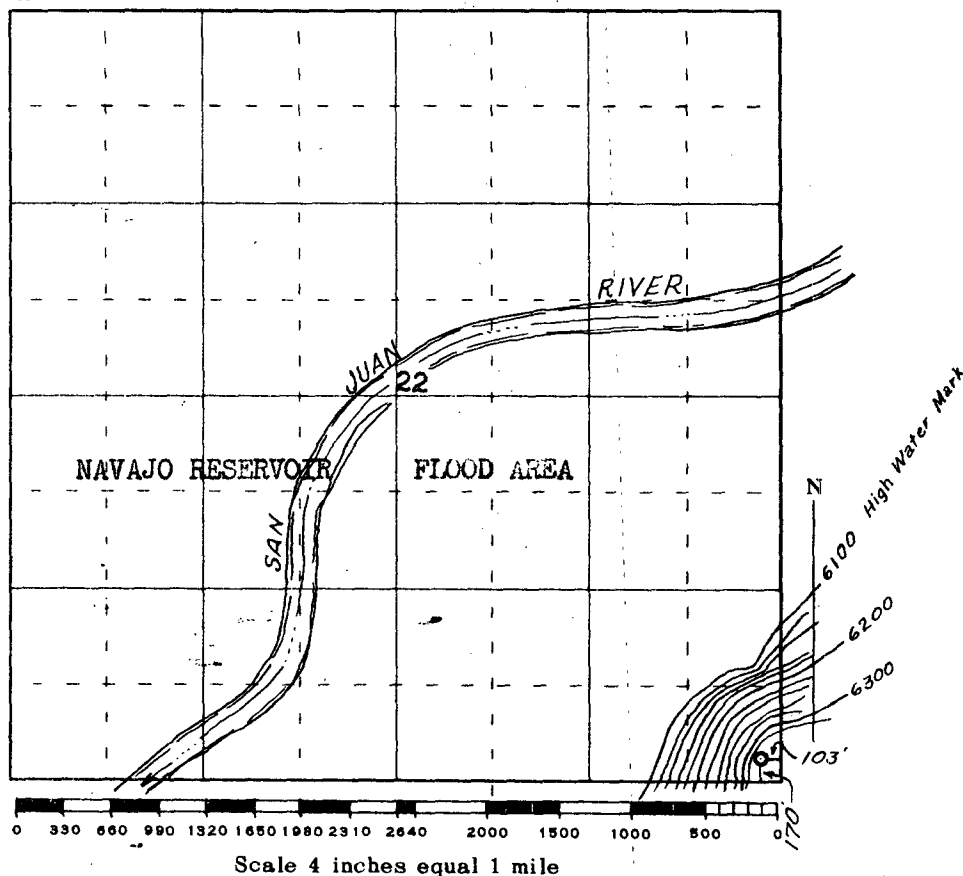
(Operator)

(Representative)

(Address)

Ref: GLO plat dated 29 June 1887

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

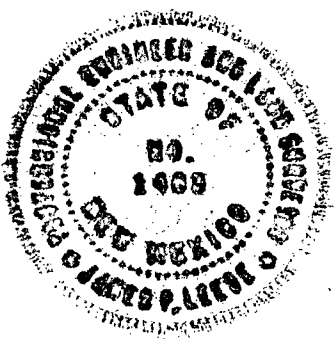


This is to certify that the above plat was prepared from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed 16 October 1961

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

Farmington, New Mexico



(Seal)

October 18, 1961

Oil Conservation Commission  
of the State of New Mexico  
State Land Office  
Post Office Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

We have been furnished with a copy of La Plata Gathering System, Inc.'s application for an exception to Rule 104(d)(2) for an unorthodox location for a well to be drilled to the Dakota Formation at a location one hundred and seventy feet (170') from the South line and one hundred and three feet (103') from the East line of Section 22, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

This letter will evidence the consent to such location by Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp. as the owner of an interest in the oil and gas lease covering the W/2 of Section 23, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, notwithstanding the fact that these leases lie less than seven hundred and ninety (790') from the proposed location.

Yours very truly,

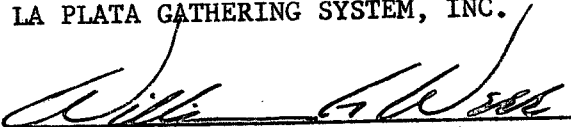
BENSON-MONTIN-GREER DRILLING CORP.

By 

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

Yours very truly,

LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.

  
William G. Webb, Vice President

WCW:ss

Enclosure

cc: Mr. E. C. Arnold, Supervisor  
Oil Conservation Commission  
1000 Rio Brazos Road  
Aztec, New Mexico

LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.

1940 MERCANTILE DALLAS BUILDING

DALLAS 1, TEXAS

October 18, 1961

NSL-280

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

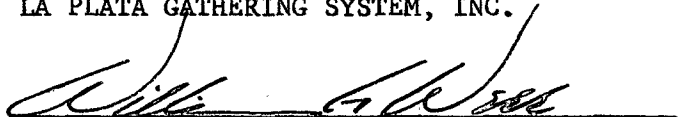
Dear Mr. Porter:

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 22, 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,

LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.



William G. Webb, Vice President

WGW:ss

Enclosure

cc: Mr. E. C. Arnold, Supervisor  
Oil Conservation Commission  
1000 Rio Brazos Road  
Aztec, New Mexico

**OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD

AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

September 21, 1961

LaPlata Gathering System  
c/o C. Beeson Neal, Agent  
Box 728  
Farmington, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Attached is your copy of an approved Notice of Intention to Drill for your #1-22 San Juan 32-5 Unit well located 2310 feet from the North Line and 990 feet from the East Line of Section 22, T32N, R6W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

This letter is written to advise that this well is located in the San Juan River valley at a point which will be inundated by water when Navajo Lake is filled. As the surface elevation at this location is 5940 feet and as the eventual high water mark on Navajo Lake will be 6100 feet, the well is located at a point which may be 160 feet under water.

In the event that you should wish to change your plans and move the location in the light of the above information, I feel sure that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission will give full consideration to the above facts in considering approval of an application for unorthodox location if this becomes necessary.

Yours very truly

Emery C. Arnold  
Supervisor, District #3

ECA:ks

cc: Mr. A. L. Porter ✓  
OCC, Santa Fe, N.M.

Bureau of Reclamation  
Farmington, N.M.  
Attn: Mr. Cornelius

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Form C-101  
Revised (12/1/55)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DRILL

Notice must be given to the District Office of the Oil Conservation Commission and approval obtained before drilling or recompletion begins. If changes in the proposed plan are considered advisable, a copy of this notice showing such changes will be returned to the sender. Submit this notice in QUINTUPLICATE. One copy will be returned following approval. See additional instructions in Rules and Regulations of the Commission. If State Land submit 6 Copies Attach Form C- 128 in triplicate to first 3 copies of form C-101

Farmington, New Mexico

(Place)

September 12, 1961

(Date)

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that it is our intention to commence the Drilling of a well to be known as

La Plata Gathering System, Inc.

(Company or Operator)

San Juan 32-5 Unit

(Lease)

Well No. 1-22

in H

The well is

located 2,310

feet from the

North

line and

990

feet from the

East

Line of Section 22

T. 32-N

R. 6-W

NMPM.

(GIVE LOCATION FROM SECTION LINE)

Basin Dakota

Pool,

Rio Arriba

County

If State Land the Oil and Gas Lease is No.

If patented land the owner is Celso Mascarenas

Address Route 2 - Ignacio, Colorado

We propose to drill well with drilling equipment as follows:

Rotary drilling rig. Complete with cable tools.

The status of plugging bond is On file in Santa Fe

Drilling Contractor Not yet selected

We intend to complete this well in the Dakota

formation at an approximate depth of 8,100 feet.

CASING PROGRAM

We propose to use the following strings of Casing and to cement them as indicated:

Size of Hole	Size of Casing	Weight per Foot	New or Second Hand	Depth	Sacks Cement
12-1/4	8-5/8	24#	New	600	250
7-7/8	5-1/2	15.5#	New	8,100	400 (2 stages)

If changes in the above plans become advisable we will notify you immediately.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (If recompletion give full details of proposed plan of work.)

Approved 9-13, 1961  
Except as follows:

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By *Emory L. Amund*  
Supervisor Dist. # 3

Sincerely yours,

La Plata Gathering System, Inc.

(Company or Operator)

By *Ben Neal*

Position C. Beeson Neal, Agent in Farmington

Send Communications regarding well to

Name C. Beeson Neal

Address Box 728 - Farmington, New Mexico





NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

FORM C-128  
Revised 5/1/57

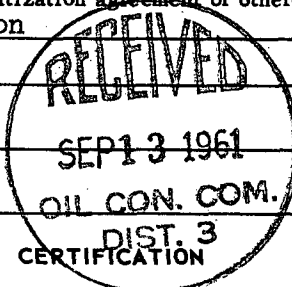
SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM ON THE REVERSE SIDE

SECTION A

Operator La Plata Gathering System, Inc.		Lease San Juan 32-5 Unit		Well No. 1-22
Unit Letter H	Section 22	Township 32-North	Range 6-West	County Rio Arriba
Actual Footage Location of Well: 2,310 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line				
Ground Level Elev. 5,940	Producing Formation Dakota	Pool Basin	Dedicated Acreage: 320 Acres	

1. Is the Operator the only owner in the dedicated acreage outlined on the plat below? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X ("Owner" means the person who has the right to drill into and to produce from any pool and to appropriate the production either for himself or for himself and another. (65-3-29 (e) NMSA 1935 Comp.)
2. If the answer to question one is "no," have the interests of all the owners been consolidated by communitization agreement or otherwise? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_. If answer is "yes," Type of Consolidation Communitization
3. If the answer to question two is "no," list all the owners and their respective interests below:

Owner	Land Description



SECTION B

		-- Celso Mascarenas --	2310'
		--- Celso Mascarenas ---	* - 990'
		Juan J. Espinosa	SF 079090 Sunshine Royalty
		SF 079090 Sunshine Royalty	SF 079090 Sunshine Royalty

I hereby certify that the information in SECTION A above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name C. Beeson Neal  
Position C. Beeson Neal  
Agent in Farmington  
Company La Plata Gathering System, Inc.  
Date September 12, 1961

I hereby certify that the well location shown on the plat in SECTION B was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed Not yet surveyed  
Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor

Certificate No.

0 330 660 990 1320 1650 1980 2310 2640 2000 1500 1000 500 0