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(orig. sent to  
Bundy 3-29  
for review)

Mr. A. L. Porter  
Secretary-Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Enclosed please find the original and two copies of Texaco, Inc.'s application for administrative approval for an unorthodox location on their proposed gas well in the Basin Dakota Field, San Juan County, New Mexico.

You may remember that Texaco earlier applied for administrative approval on this well which was granted. Unfortunately, the proposed location was only 17 feet away from a previously abandoned well. Texaco and the U.S.G.S. felt that it would not be safe to drill so close to an abandoned well site.

I have discussed this application with Mr. Durrett and he is familiar with our problems.

Very truly yours,

*W. B. Kelly*  
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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TEXACO, INC.  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL ALLOWING AN UNORTHODOX  
LOCATION FOR A PROPOSED GAS WELL, BASIN DAKOTA  
FIELD, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

APPLICATION

Comes now the Applicant, Texaco, Inc., a Delaware corporation,  
duly authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico and respectfully  
presents this application to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico  
and in support of this application shows the following:

1. Texaco, Inc. is the mineral lessee of that certain property  
located in the N<sub>2</sub> of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M.,  
San Juan County, New Mexico, containing 320 acres. Texaco plans to begin in  
the near future drilling a gas well whose objective horizon is the Dakota  
gas pool.

2. Due to extremely rough terrain, it will be impossible for the  
applicant to drill said well at the orthodox location, to wit: 790 feet from  
the boundary line of the proration unit and no nearer than 130 feet to a  
Governmental quarter quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary line.  
The closest location to said orthodox location where the terrain permits  
drilling is 1,122 feet from the north line and 220 feet from the east line  
of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M, San Juan County,  
New Mexico.

3. Applicant shows the Commission that prior to this application,  
Applicant had applied for administrative approval for another unorthodox  
location which approval was granted under Administrative Order NSL-343 on  
February 22, 1965. The first accepted location was only 17 feet from a  
previously abandoned well and Applicant was informed by the United States  
Geological Survey that Applicant must leave adequate space for the owner to  
plug and abandon the earlier drilled well.

1 4. Attached to this application and in support thereof are two plates  
2 showing the rough terrain, the orthodox location and the proposed location  
3 sought by Applicant.

4 5. The following named are offset operators of the proposed well and  
5 Applicant stipulates that it has sent to each of the named offset operators a  
6 copy of this application.

7 D. W. Falls  
8 P. O. Box 2060  
9 Farmington, New Mexico

10 National Drilling Co., Inc.  
11 Chicago, Illinois

12 Pan American Oil Corp.  
13 P. O. Box 480  
14 Farmington, New Mexico

15 Artec Oil & Gas  
16 Mercantile Securities Building  
17 Dallas, Texas

18 Great National Corporation  
19 1126 Mercantile Securities Building  
20 Dallas, Texas

21 Benson-Montin-Greer  
22 158 Petroleum Center Building  
23 Farmington, New Mexico

24 Albert Greer  
25 158 Petroleum Center Building  
26 Farmington, New Mexico

27 Southern Union Production Company  
28 P. O. Box 808  
29 Farmington, New Mexico

WHEREFORE Applicant prays that if no objection is filed with this  
Commission to the unorthodox location within twenty days that this Commission  
give administrative approval to the unorthodox location.

GILBERT, WHITE & GILBERT

By S/ W.B. Kelly  
Attorneys for Texaco, Inc.

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[Signature]

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# AZTEC OIL & GAS COMPANY

920 MERCANTILE SECURITIES BLDG.

DALLAS 1, TEXAS

LAND DEPARTMENT

KENNETH A. SWANSON, MANAGER

March 29, 1965

Mr. A. L. Porter, Secretary-Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 1871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

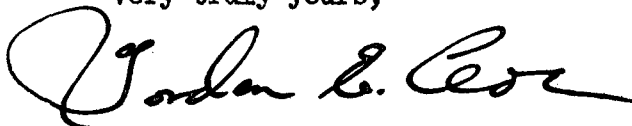
RE: Application of Texaco, Inc. for  
Administrative Approval Allowing  
An Unorthodox Location for a  
Proposed Gas Well, Basin Dakota Field  
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Aztec Oil & Gas Company has been furnished a copy of Texaco's captioned application for an unorthodox location for a proposed Dakota gas well at 1,122 feet from the north line and 220 feet from the east line of Section 15, T-28-N, R-13-W, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico

Aztec has no objection to the approval by the Commission of the captioned application and hereby waives its right to notice and hearing.

Very truly yours,



Gordon E. Coe

GEC/sc

cc: Gilbert, White and Gilbert  
Attorneys at Law  
Bishop Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

*Letter  
Jim Dunnett*

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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MAIN OFFICE  
APR 5 AM

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BOX 871  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

DATE 3-31-65

Re: Proposed NSP \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed NWU \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed NSL ✓ \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed NFO \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed DC \_\_\_\_\_

Gentlemen:

I have examined the application dated 3-30-65

for the Lexaco Inc Navajo 1122/N 220/E 15-28N-3W  
Operator Lease and Well No. S-T-R

and my recommendations are as follows:

Topography verified - approved  
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Yours very truly,

Ernest C. Cline