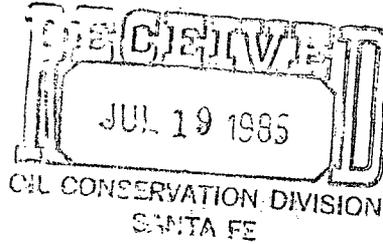


Release 8-8-85

By DRC

El Paso
Exploration Company
Natural Gas Company



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July 16, 1985

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Basin Dakota
~~320.05 Acres~~

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Project Drilling Engineer

encl.

WAIVER

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By: _____

Date: _____

cc: Tenneco Oil Petroleum
Koch Industries
Mesa Petroleum
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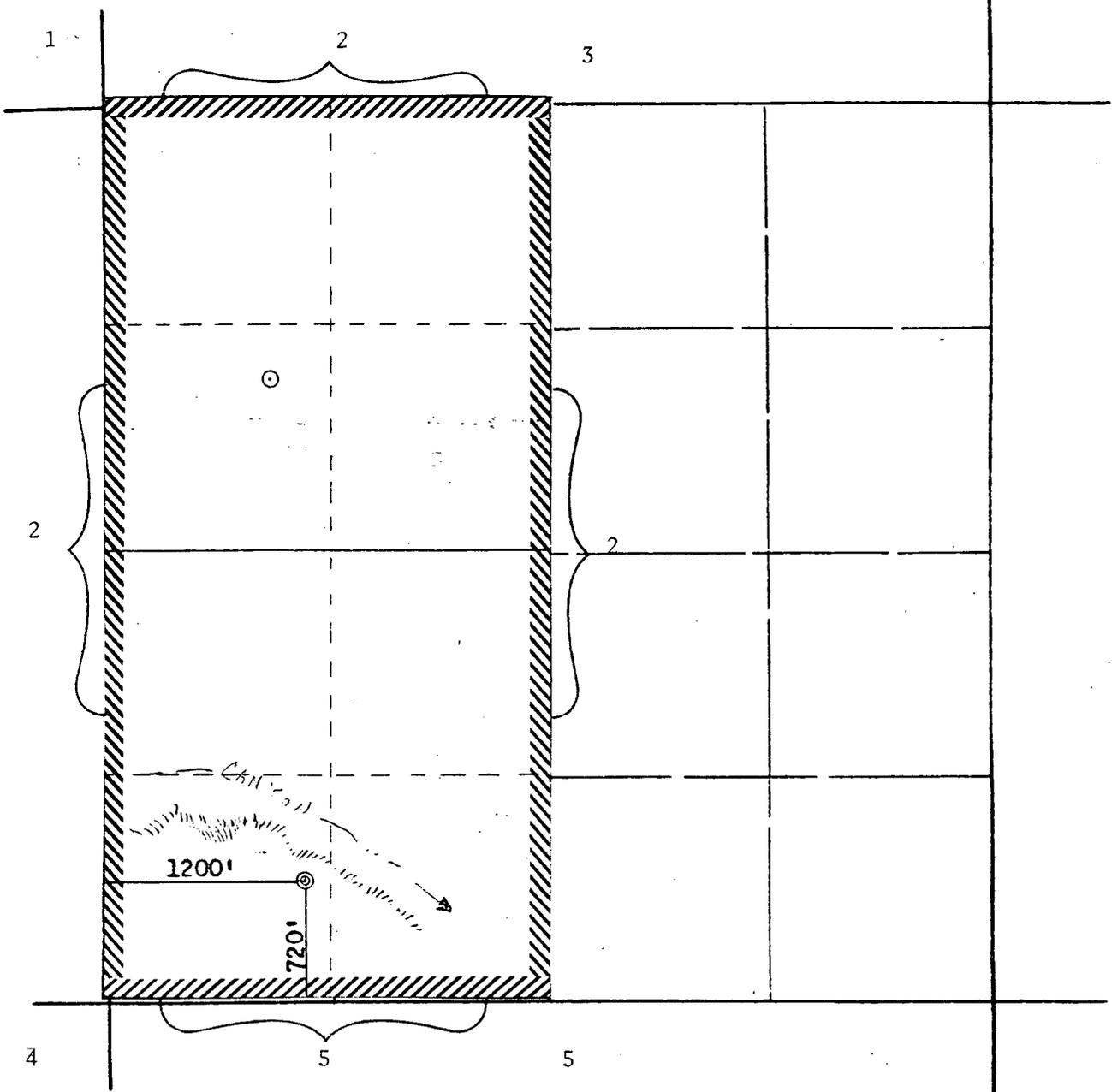
EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

Well Name Howell A #4E, Basin Dakota

Footage----- 720' FSL, 1200' FWL

APPLICATION FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION

County San Juan State New Mexico Section 4 Township 30N Range: 8W



REMARKS:

- (1) Mesa Petroleum Company
- (2) Tenneco Oil Company
- (3) Koch Industries
- (4) Texaco & Koch Industries
- (5) El Paso Natural Gas Company

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Form C-102
Supersedes C-128
Effective 1-1-65

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

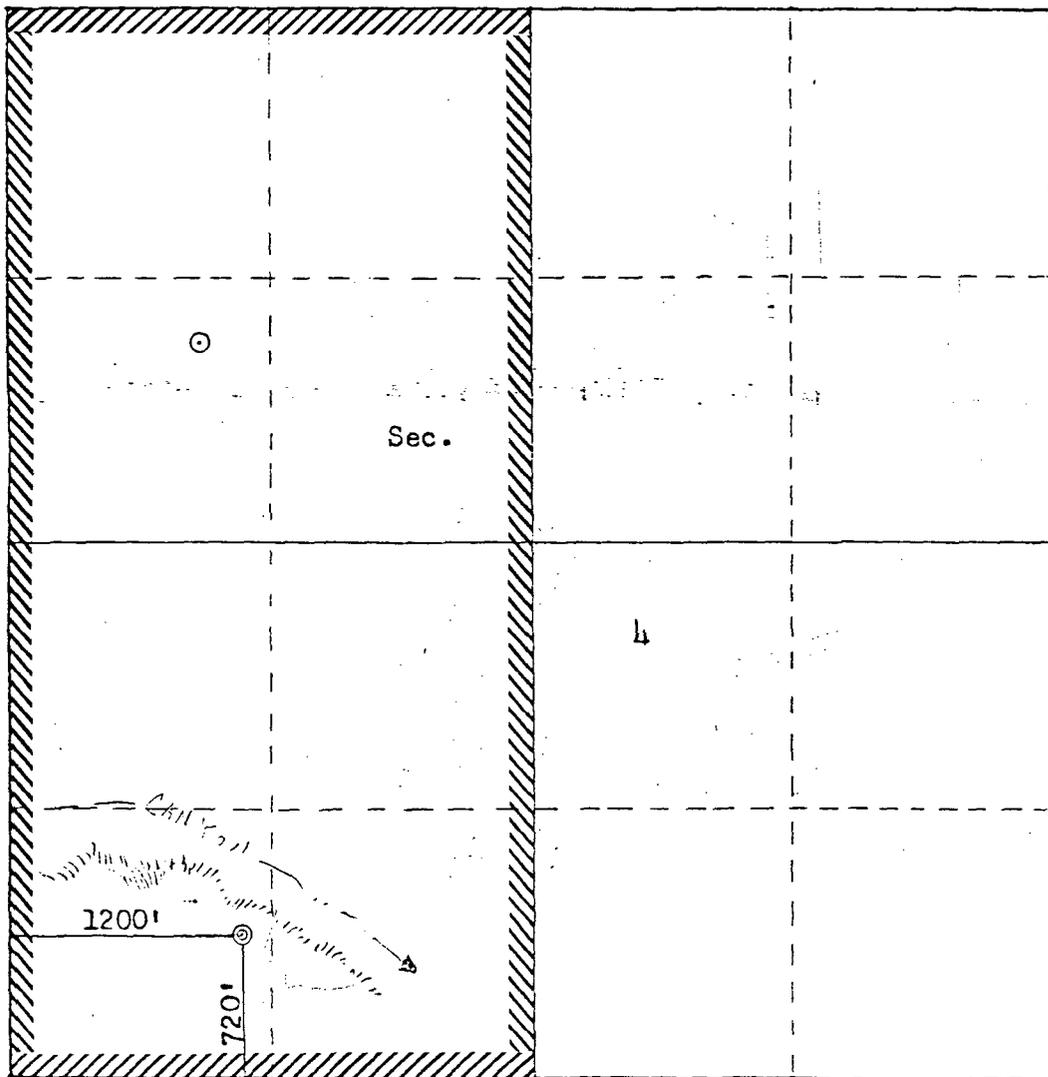
Operator EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY			Lease HOWELL "A" (SF 078580)		Well No. LE
Unit Letter M	Section 4	Township 30N	Range 8W	County San Juan	
Actual Footage Location of Well: 720 feet from the South line and 1200 feet from the West line					
Ground Level Elev. 6223	Producing Formation Dakota	Pool Basin		Dedicated Acreage: 320.50 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 interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc?

Yes No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation _____

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) _____

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 interests, has been approved by the Commission.



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name
Drilling Clerk
Position
El Paso Natural Gas
Company

Date

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 supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

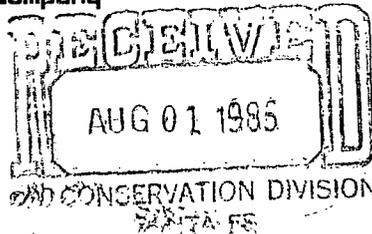
Date Surveyed
July 2, 1985

Registered Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor

Fred B. Kerr Jr.
Fred B. Kerr Jr.

Certificate No. _____

El Paso
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By: R. S. Freeman, Jr.
R. S. Freeman, Jr., as Attorney-in-Fact

Date: 7/29/85

cc: Tenneco Oil Petroleum
Koch Industries
Mesa Petroleum
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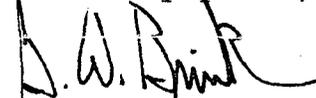
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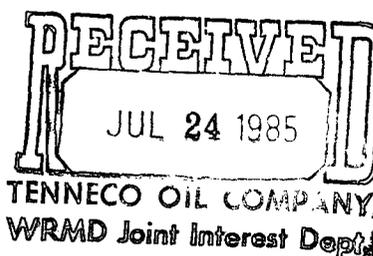
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Project Drilling Engineer

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WAIVER



TENNECO OIL COMPANY hereby waives objection to El Paso Natural Gas Company's application for an unorthodox location for their Howell A #4E as proposed above.

By: Robert A. Giv

Date: 7/21/85

cc: Tenneco Oil Petroleum
Koch Industries
Mesa Petroleum
Texaco & Koch Industries

El Paso
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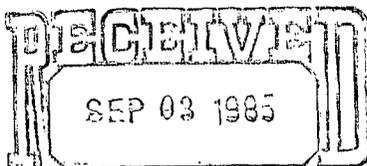
Koch Exploration Co. hereby waives objection to El Paso Natural Gas Company's application for an unorthodox location for their Howell A #4E as proposed above.

BY: jff ctm

Date: 7/26/85

cc: Tenneco Oil Petroleum
Koch Industries
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WAIVER

Texaco Inc. hereby waives objection to El Paso Natural Gas Company's application for an unorthodox location for their Howell A #4E as proposed above.

By: J. A. Schell
Manager - Operations

Date: August 27, 1985

cc: Tenneco Oil Petroluem
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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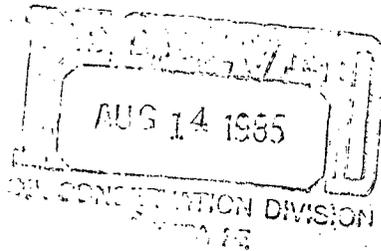
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DATE 8-12-85

- RE: Proposed MC _____
- Proposed DHC _____
- Proposed NSL X _____
- Proposed SWD _____
- Proposed WFX _____
- Proposed PMX _____



Gentlemen:

I have examined the application dated 7-17-85

for the El Paso Natural Gas Co. Howell A-4E M-4-30N-86
Operator Lease and Well No. Unit, S-T-R

and my recommendations are as follows:

Approve

Yours truly,

E. Busch