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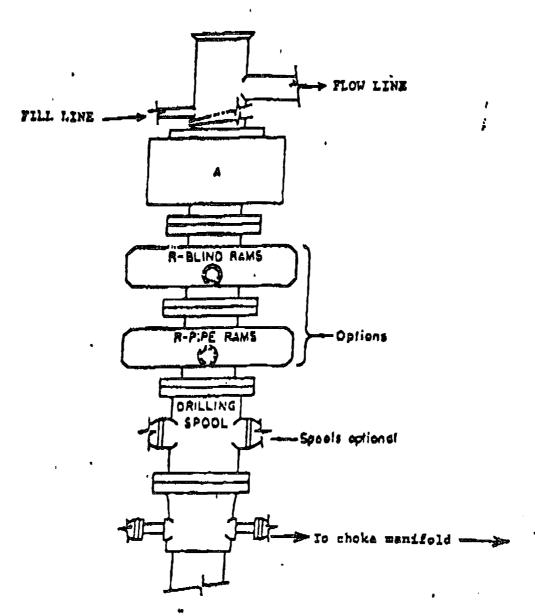
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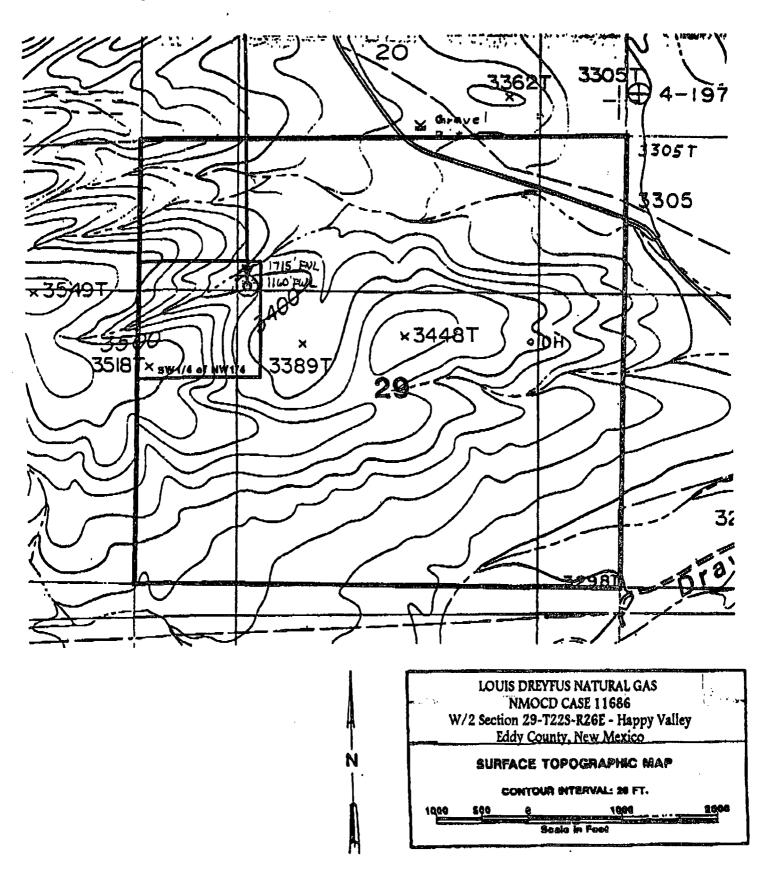
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Attention: Mike Stagner, Examiner

Re: Application for Unorthodox Location McKittrick Federal Com 29 No. 22 Section 29 - T22S - R26E, 1715 FNL 1160 FWL Eddy County, New Mexico 11600' Morrow

Dear Mr. Stagner:

Per our telephone conversation today, I have faxed you copies of our APD (C-101), location and acreage dedication plat (C-102), and a topo map for the referenced well application. Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas as operator of the proposed well, asks the NMOCD's permission to drill and produce the well at this unorthodox location due to severe sloping conditions at standard locations for this 40 acre drillsite. We have a rig contracted to spud the well by February 15, 1997.

While the proposed location is not a location exception, it is not 330 feet from the Inside boundary between the SW NW and the SE NW of the W/2 spacing unit. As the topo map indicates, there is a severe wash or ravine to the west of the location. Our production foreman in Carlsbad, Gene Simer, walked this quarter-quarter with the surveyor and reported this as the only feasible location.

Penwell Energy, who represents the SE NW of the section, has signed our operating agreement, and is aware of the encroachment. They have agreed not to oppose our producing horizons subject to 40 acre spacing rules in this well at such time as the deep horizons are abandoned.

I appreciate you help in expediting this application. If you need anyting else or have questions, don't hesitate to call me at 405-748-2759.

Sincerely.

∕∕ay M. Gabbard, P.E. Reservoir Engineer

cc: T. Kellahin