



# MARATHON OIL COMPANY

PRODUCTION - UNITED STATES AND CANADA

P. O. BOX 552  
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

August 2, 1968

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Marathon Oil Company  
Proposed Federal Gas "Com" Well No. 1  
Springs Upper Penn Gas Pool  
Section 3, T-21-S, R-25-E  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Marathon Oil Company, as operator for itself and others, herewith makes application and respectfully requests administrative approval for a non-standard gas proration unit and an unorthodox well location for its proposed Federal Gas "Com" Well No. 1. The proposed well will be an 8200 foot Pennsylvanian test and is a southwest extension to the Springs Upper Penn Gas Pool. It is to be located 1919.2 feet FNL and 1849.0 feet FWL, Section 3, T-21-S, R-25-E, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. The proposed gas proration unit will consist of all of Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Section 3, and contain 297.69 acres, more or less (based on acreage recitations in the leases). The necessity for a non-standard gas proration unit and unorthodox well location is the result of a variation in the legal subdivision of the U. S. Public Land Survey in Section 3. The well is located 816.3' FEL of Lot 6 in order to avoid a 69,000 volt power line which is reflected on the attached plat.

Enclosed herewith, in triplicate copies, is USGS Form 9-331 C and NMOCC Form C-102. Copies of these forms have been submitted to the USGS for approval. Also enclosed is an additional plat showing the proposed unorthodox well location, proposed non-standard gas proration unit, and names of all offset operators. Also enclosed is a waiver letter from each of the offset operators.

In further support of this application and request, the following facts are submitted.

1. The proposed non-standard gas proration unit consists of less acreage than a standard proration unit of 320 acres for wells projected to pools of Pennsylvanian age.
2. The proposed non-standard gas proration unit consists of contiguous lots of a legal subdivision of the U. S. Public Land Survey.
3. The proposed non-standard gas proration unit lies wholly within a single governmental half section.
4. The entire acreage in the proposed non-standard gas proration unit may reasonably be presumed to be productive of gas from the Springs Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool.
5. The unorthodox well location is a result of the irregular size and shape of the Section 3 of the U. S. Public Land Surveys.

Based upon the facts as related above and the attachments hereto, Marathon Oil Company respectfully requests that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission approve administratively the non-standard gas proration unit and unorthodox well location as described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY



B. G. Howard  
District Operations Manager

BGH:mc  
Enclosures

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

## 1a. TYPE OF WORK

DRILL ☒DEEPEN ☐PLUG BACK ☐

## b. TYPE OF WELL

OIL  
WELL ☐GAS  
WELL ☒

OTHER

SINGLE  
ZONE ☒MULTIPLE  
ZONE ☐

## 2. NAME OF OPERATOR

Marathon Oil Company

## 3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR

P. O. Box 220, Hobbs, New Mexico

## 4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)\*

At surface

1849' FWL &amp; 1919.2' FNL

At proposed prod. zone

same

## 14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE\*

12 Miles NW of Carlsbad, New Mexico

15. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED\*  
LOCATION TO NEAREST  
PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT.  
(Also to nearest drlg. unit line, if any)

## 16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE

17. NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED  
TO THIS WELL18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION\*  
TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED,  
OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT.

## 19. PROPOSED DEPTH

8200'

## 20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS

- Rotary

## 21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)

GL 3313.7'

## 22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START\*

August 26, 1968

## 23.

## PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
17-1/2"	13-3/8"	48#	200'	400. SXS
11"	8-5/8"	24#	2700'	1400 SXS
7-7/8"	5-1/2"	17#	8200'	1150 SXS

We plan to drill this well to a total depth of 8200'. The objective formation is the Cisco-Canyon (Upper Pennsylvanian). All casing will be set and cemented in accordance with approved methods.

Blow out equipment to be used is: 900 Series Cameron Pipe Rams, Blind Rams and Hydrill. Remote controls will be located on derrick floor with closing unit located a minimum of 75' from wellhead.

\*Includes Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen or plug back, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

## 24.

SIGNED

TITLE

Area Supt.

DATE

7-24-68

(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT NO.

APPROVAL DATE

APPROVED BY

TITLE

DATE

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

\*See Instructions On Reverse Side

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.

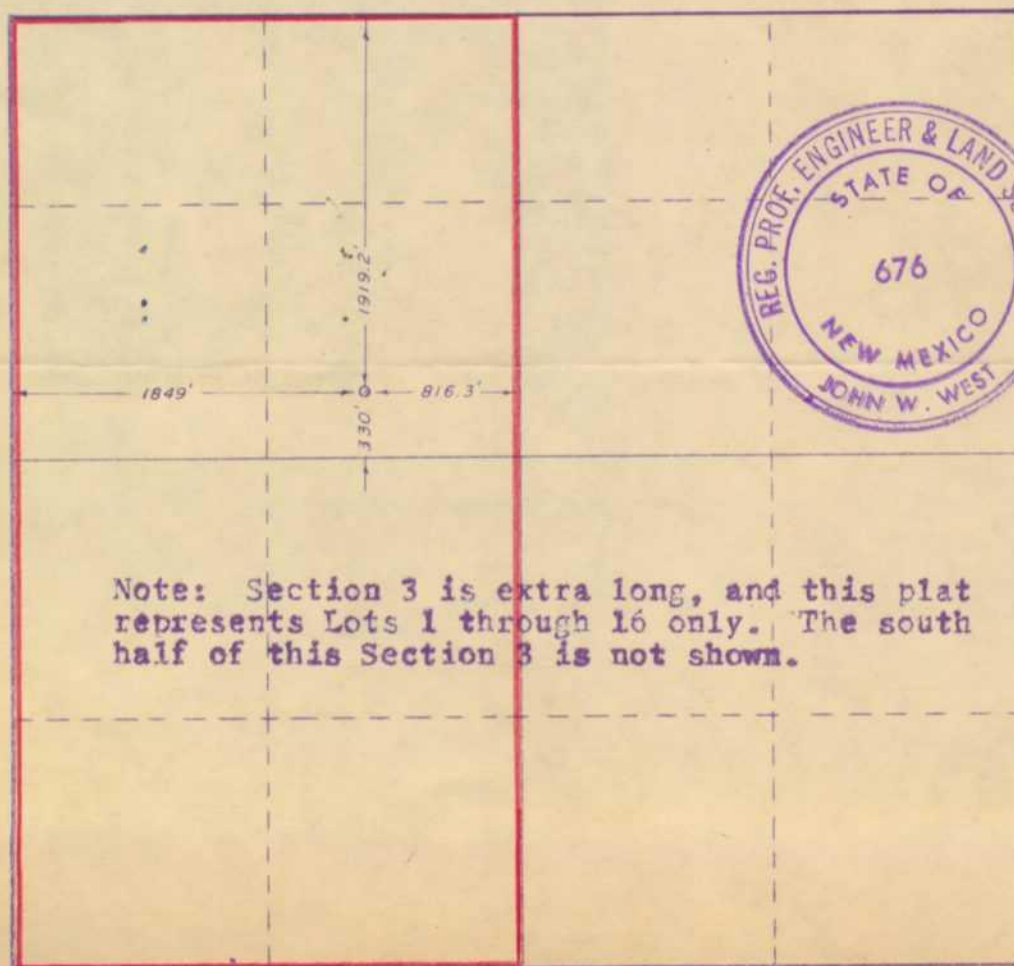
Operator <b>Marathon Oil Company</b>		Lease <b>Federal Gas Com</b>		Well No. <b>1</b>
Unit Letter <b>F</b>	Section <b>3</b>	Township <b>21 South</b>	Range <b>25 East</b>	County <b>Eddy</b>
Actual Footage Location of Well: <b>1849</b> feet from the <b>west</b> line and <b>1919.2</b> feet from the <b>north</b> line				
Ground Level Elev. <b>3313.7</b>	Producing Formation <b>Upper Penn</b>	Pool <b>Springs Upper Penn Gas</b>	Dedicated Acreage: <b>297.69</b> 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 Communitization Agreement

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.

*J. W. Younger*  
Name  
J. W. Younger  
Position  
Area Petroleum Engineer  
Company  
Marathon Oil Company

Date  
July 19, 1968

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 19, 1968

Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor

*John W. West*  
Certificate No. 676

0 330 660 990 1320 1650 1980 2310 2640 2970 3300 3630 3960 4290 4620 4950 5280 5610 5940 6270 6600



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20  
S

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Cit. Serv.

R-26-E

Pan Amer. 33

Gulf  
Pan Amer.

Gulf 34  
Pan Am

Pan Am

Gulf  
Phillips  
Cities Serv.

Pan Amer.  
Cities Service



Gulf

Cont'l  
&  
Gulf

69,000 VOLT  
POWER LINE

U. S.

"Springs Unit"  
U. S.

U.

Gulf  
Phillips  
Cit. Ser.



4

28.92 4

28.77 3

28.62 2

28.47 3

Continental

2

Gulf  
Phillips  
Cit. Ser.

Marathon 6

Gulf 7

8

1849.0' 1

816.3' 1

1919.2' 1

Hanson 12

Atl. Rich. 11

10

9

Marathon 13

Pan Am 14

15

16

Gulf

Gulf

Atl. Rich.  
Union

So. Roy.

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W. M. Truitt

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Marathon 9

Marathon

So. Royalty 10

Atlantic Richfield

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Union

Cont'l

W. M. Truitt

Atl. Richfield

R. W. Cox

W. M.  
Truitt

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State

U. S.

R-25-E

LEGEND



Springs Upper Penn Gas



Morrow Gas Completions



Proposed Non-Standard Gas Unit



Proposed Federal Gas "Com" Well No. 1

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MARATHON OIL COMPANY  
FEDERAL GAS "COM" WELL NO. 1  
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EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

SCALE 1" = 2000'



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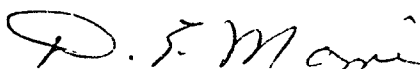
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Yours very truly,

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D. E. Morris, Acting  
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DEM:mc  
Attachment

The undersigned offset operator hereby waives objection to the granting of the unorthodox location and non-standard proration unit requested in the above described application.

GULF OIL COMPANY - U.S.  
Company

By 

District Production Manager

Date July 24, 1968

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MARATHON OIL CO.  
District: Chattanooga, Miss.  
Midland, Texas





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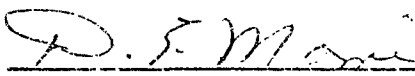
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ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY  
Company  
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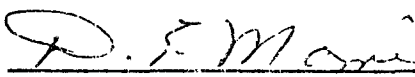
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**CITIES SERVICE OIL CO.**

Company \_\_\_\_\_  
By  \_\_\_\_\_  
ASSISTANT REGION MANAGER  
PRODUCTION DIVISION  
Date 7-26-68



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Phillips Pet Co.  
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By W. H. McConnell

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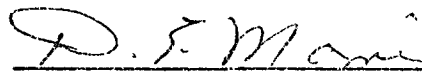
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Southland Royalty Company  
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By Alton C. Goodrich

Date July 24, 1968



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July 23, 1968

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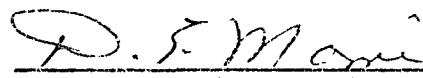
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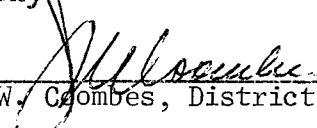
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Company

By   
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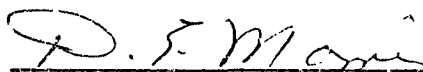
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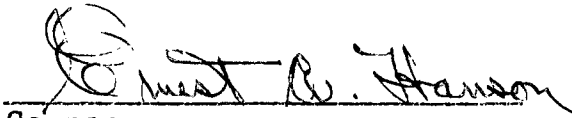
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