

# EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

102 $\frac{1}{2}$  North Court Avenue  
Farmington, New Mexico

July 23, 1951

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sirs:

Please consider this letter as El Paso's opinion covering Case No. 283 concerning Blanco Gas Company's application for an order granting exception to Section 4-A of Order 799 regarding casing requirements in San Juan County, New Mexico.

Please be advised that El Paso Natural Gas Company fully concurs with Blanco Gas Company's ideas and petition. Since Blanco Gas Company has found no water above 300 feet in cable tool water wells that they have drilled, we feel that 100 feet of surface pipe is sufficient for Pictured Cliffs wells in the Blanco Field and see no reason why 100 feet of surface pipe would not be sufficient for Mesa Verde wells in said field.

Yours very truly,

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

*W. T. Hollis*  
W. T. Hollis  
Chief Petroleum Engineer

*Ex. 2 Case 283*

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~~Call bearing to strike  
250' minimum, in Blanco order~~

(Case 283)

Mr. R. R. Spurrier  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

This is to advise you that the Executive Committee of the San Juan Basin Operators Committee had its meeting in Farmington on July 23, 1951, and adopted a resolution to recommend that a minimum of 100 feet of surface casing be permitted for Pictured Cliffs and Mesa Verde wells.

Very truly yours,

*Scott R. Brown*

Scott R. Brown  
Secretary-Treasurer

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DELHI OIL CORPORATION  
1315 PACIFIC AVENUE  
DALLAS 1, TEXAS

Farmington District Office  
305 West Main Street  
Farmington, New Mexico

February 6, 1951

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*Gene ...*

Mr. Al Greer  
New Mexico Conservation Commission  
Aztec, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

We have filed Intention To Drill a Pictured Cliff test well 1650' from the South Line and 1650' from the West Line of Section 8, T-30N, R-8-W, San Juan County, New Mexico in the Blanco Field.

We respectfully ask approval to set approximately 100' of surface casing instead of the 250', which is at present required for wells in the Blanco Field.

For your information we drilled a well to T.D. of 750' approximately 800' South of the proposed well site in an attempt to secure drilling water for our C. F. Moore Well No. 1 and later plugged and abandoned same for lack of water.

Your early approval by letter to the U.S.G.S. with copy for our files would be greatly appreciated.

*This is alright in this specific instance because of the proximity of the water well. However, it should not become a "precursor" to a long line of exceptions based on this precedent.*

Yours very truly,

Blanco Gas Company

By:

*J. B. Howell*  
J. B. Howell-Superintendent

*JCB*

New Mexico  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR



AZTEC. NEW MEXICO

February 7, 1951

Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Director  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

Enclosed is a letter from the Blanco Gas Company by Mr. J. B. Howell, Superintendent, which is self explanatory.

Although we do have casing requirements in the Blanco Field which require 250 feet of surface casing, I believe in this case it would be absolutely unnecessary, and inasmuch as casing is so hard to get, I think the Company should be allowed to go ahead as indicated in their letter. Therefore, I recommend that you approve their plan as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Al Greer".

Al Greer  
Oil and Gas Inspector Dist. #3.

AG:ho

cc - Blanco Gas Co.  
- U.S.G.S.

March 2, 1951

Mr. J. B. Howell, Superintendent  
Delhi Oil Corporation  
Farmington, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Howell:

In answer to your request of February 6, 1951, we wish to advise that sub-section a, Section 4 of Order No. 799, effective February 25, 1949 requires that a minimum of 250 feet of casing be set through the shallow potable water beds.

We cannot set this ruling aside without notice and hearing.

We regret the impossibility of being able to grant your request.

Very truly yours,

RRS:bpw

Secretary and Director

cc: Al Greer  
USGS, Farmington

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

The State of New Mexico by its Oil Conservation Commission hereby certifies pursuant to law and the regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder in the following public hearing to be held June 21, 1951, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M. on that day in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the Council

Chamber of the City Hall.  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:**  
All named parties in the following case and notice to the public.  
**Case 293:**

In regard to the application of Blanco Gas Company by J. B. Howell, Superintendent, for a special exception to Section 4-A of Order No. 799 (Blanco Pool casing requirements, San Juan County, New Mexico).

Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on May 28, 1951.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION  
(SEAL) R. R. SPURRIER,  
Secretary

Legal No. 271—Published in the Farmington Daily Times, Farmington, N. M., Saturday, June 2, 1951.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO }  
COUNTY OF SAN JUAN } ss.

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- 2nd Publication on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_.
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Robert S. Magee  
Publisher-Advertising Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of June, 1951.

Lele Smith  
Notary Public

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 Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on May 29, 1951.  
 State of New Mexico  
 Oil Conservation Commission  
 (SEAL) R. R. SPURRIER.  
 (Pub. May 31, 1951).

# Affidavit of Publication

State of New Mexico }  
 County of Santa Fe } ss.

I, Will Garrison, being first duly sworn, declare and say that I am the (Business Manager) (Editor) of the Santa Fe New Mexican, a daily newspaper, published in the English Language, and having a general circulation in the City and County of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico, and being a newspaper duly qualified to publish legal notices and advertisements under the provisions of Chapter 167 of the Session Laws of 1937; that the publication, a copy which is hereto attached, was published in said paper once each week for 1 time consecutive weeks, and on the same day of each week in the regular issue of the paper during the time of publication, and that the notice was published in the newspaper proper, and not in any supplement, once each week for 1 time weeks consecutively, the first publication being on the 31st day of May, 1951, and the last publication on the 31st day of May, 1951; that payment for said advertisement has been (duly made), or (assessed as court costs); that the undersigned has personal knowledge of the matters and things set forth in this affidavit.

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June 14, 1953