

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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In the Matter of the Nelson-Moore     )  
Development Company, a partnership.    )

PETITION FOR AN EXCEPTION TO  
RULE 104, PARAGRAPH (b)

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Comes now the Nelson-Moore Development Company, a partnership, by its attorneys, Crampton, Robertson & Skinner, and respectfully requests the Commission to grant an exception to Rule 104, paragraph (b), revision No. 1, and as ground therefor shows as follows:

1. That Petitioner desires to drill an exploratory well for carbon dioxide gas on the north flank on what is known as the Des Moines Dome structure on the uplift of Sierra Grande in Section 33, T. 30 N., R. 29 E.

2. That Petitioner has filed form C-101, Notice of Intention to Drill, and has further filed a one-well bond, all in due and proper form.

3. That the location of the drill site desired is 165 feet east of the west boundary and 165 feet north of the south boundary of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, T. 30 N., R. 29 E, and that such location is in conflict with said Rule 104, paragraph (b), for the reason that said Rule requires that any well classified as a wildcat shall be located within 100 feet of the center of a 40 acre subdivision, whereas the desired location is 660 feet from the center of said 40 acre subdivision.

4. Petitioner submits that an exception to said Rule is justified for the following reasons:

(a) This is a wildcat well and no producing unit boundaries are involved.

(b) The Colorado & Southern Railroad right of way and certain long distance telephone lines bisect this 40 acre subdivision from northwest to southeast in such a manner as to prohibit drilling at the point prescribed by said Rule, all as more clearly shown by the surveyor's drawing submitted herewith.

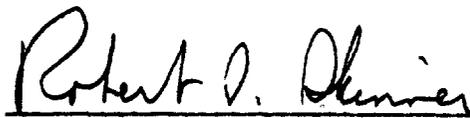
(c) The structure in which the drilling is proposed contains a sharp uplift from the northeast toward the southwest, and drilling farther to the north and east would necessitate a great outlay of time, materials and expense, and also would endanger the possibility of discovering carbon dioxide gas in marketable quantities.

(d) Such location will create neither waste nor hazards conducive to waste.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for an exception to Rule 104, paragraph (b), and for approval of the Notice of Intention to Drill heretofore filed.

Dated this 30th day of July, 1951.

CRAMPTON, ROBERTSON & SKINNER



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
                                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF COLFAX     )

L. E. NELSON, being first duly sworn, upon oath states: That he is one of the Petitioners in the above entitled cause, that he has read the above and foregoing Petition, knows the contents thereof, and the same is true to the best of his information and belief.

L. E. Nelson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of July, 1951.

Margaret Siemantel  
Notary Public

My commission expires

July 16, 1952