

Case 530

Lowry Oil Company

616 East Central Avenue

Albuquerque, New Mexico

March 20, 1953

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Mr. R. R. Spurrier,
State Geologist
Post Office Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

We have encountered some confusion due to our operations in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, being in a Field under two Field names, namely, the Dogie Canyon Pictured Cliffs and the Pettigrew-Tocito Field. We would like to request that these Field names be changed to one name.

We would like to have the pool called the "Erkan Pictured Cliffs", the "Erkan Tocito" and the "Erkan Dakota", and any other formations which may be developed in the future to come under the same name. The reason we would like to have the name of "Erkan" used is that this is the name of our Camp and Lease operations in this area, and this name is known by a great number of people in the oil business.

We are also in the process of obtaining a post office at this point, which will be known under the same name as Camp Erkan. We feel that this change would be a great advantage to all people concerned with the oil and gas operations in this area. We would be very much pleased if it would be possible for the Commission to make this change for us.

Yours very truly,



A. A. Hunt

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FOUR CORNERS GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Box 1589, Durango, Colorado

April 10, 1953

Subject: New Mexico Oil and Gas Pool Names

Mr. Emery Arnold
Aztec, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Arnold:

This body wishes to go on record as favoring geographic nomenclature in the naming of new oil and gas fields or pools.

It is brought to our attention that a new name has been petitioned by the operators for the Dogie Canyon-Pictured Cliffs gas field in Rio Arriba County, also for the Pettigrew-Tocito oil field in the same area. We oppose the use of names or combinations of names of individuals for these fields and all other fields where terms of geographic significance are applicable.

Inasmuch as the ultimate inclusion of the so-called Dogie Canyon and Pettigrew-Tocito pools in the greater Blanco Field is anticipated, we suggest the names South Blanco Pictured Cliffs and South Blanco Tocito respectively for these fields.

Sincerely,



Wm. H. Roberts III

Secretary

CC: Jack Cooper

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PETROLEUM AND ITS PRODUCTS

GULF OIL CORPORATION

BURNS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

P. O. BOX 1589 · DURANGO, COLORADO

GYPSY PRODUCTION
DIVISION

EXPLORATION DEPARTMENT
OTTO E. BROWN
AREA MANAGER

April 10, 1953

Mr. Emery C. Arnold
State Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 55
Aztec, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Arnold:

It was a pleasure to meet you yesterday, and your discussion relative to the problems you have in delineating some of the gas and oil pools located in New Mexico are fully appreciated.

The information that a request had been made to change the name of the Pettigrew-Tocito pool to the Erkan pool is not looked upon very favorably by the few oil company representatives in Durango with whom the matter has been discussed. Since it appears that the Blanco pool is extending to the north limits of the Dogie Canyon pool, and the Pictured Cliffs gas production is developing across the Pettigrew-Tocito pool, your suggestion that the name South Blanco Pool be given to the Dogie Canyon and Pettigrew-Tocito pools is logical and acceptable. We also favor the name Blue Hill Pool for the new gas development in 36-32N-18W, San Juan County, New Mexico. The consensus of opinion among those with whom we have discussed the naming of pools is that they should always be a geographical name.

In the event the Nomenclature Committee would like to include some representatives of oil and gas companies, it is recommended that representatives of some of the more active companies, such as Phillips Petroleum or El Paso Natural Gas, be considered.

If at any time we can be of service to you, please call upon us.

Very truly yours,

Otto E. Brown

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CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY

P. O. Box 1121
Durango, Colorado
April 10, 1953

Mr. Emery C. Arnold
State Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 55
Aztec, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Arnold:

As a follow-up to my visit with you yesterday concerning the naming of oil and gas fields of New Mexico, I am in favor of calling the Pictured Cliffs gas fields in the vicinity of Townships 26 & 27 North, Ranges 6, 7 & 8 West, the South Blanco Field, Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool. Concerning the Pettigrew-Tocito Field, I would prefer to leave the name alone.

Very truly yours,


Jack C. Cooper
Division Geologist
Durango Division

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CITIES SERVICE OIL COMPANY

PRODUCERS-REFINERS-MARKETERS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

BOX 338
DURANGO, COLORADO

April 10, 1953

Mr. Emery Arnold
New Mexico Conservation Commission
Box 55
Aztec, N. M.

Dear Mr. Arnold:

I have been advised that a proposal is before your group to rename the "Doswell" pool in T. 26N- R. 6W. Inasmuch as the proposed name has no special significance to the majority of operators either geographically, geologically or otherwise, it is my suggestion that the field be named South Blanco, with appropriate appendages, as South Blanco Pictured Cliffs, South Blanco Tocito, etc.

I believe every effort should be made to avoid confusion, simplify nomenclature and plainly identify each new field. Developments subsequent to the discovery of this field tend to connect it with the Blanco field and therefore it can be identified with that field.

Respectfully yours,

C. W. Sellon,
District Geologist.

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Durango, Colorado
April 10, 1953

Mr. Emery Arnold
New Mexico Conservation Commission
Aztec, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

The Durango Petroleum Club had a discussion on the naming of new fields and the renaming of established fields at a meeting Friday, April 10, 1953. The members, representing 12 companies, decided that the following names be suggested:

1. Blue Hill - for the Southern Union Gas discovery in 32N-18W, San Juan County, New Mexico.
2. South Blanco (Pictured Cliffs) - for what is now called the Dogie Canyon Pictured Cliffs field.

Change concerning the renaming of the Pettigrew-Tocito field was controversial. Some desired no change and a few were in favor of changing the name to South Blanco (Tocito). All were against names other than these, however.

It is respectfully requested that in the naming or renaming of these fields, the above suggestions be given consideration.

Sincerely,

DURANGO PETROLEUM CLUB

R. E. DeOtte

R. E. DeOtte, Secretary

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P. O. Box 926
Durango, Colorado
April 13, 1953

Mr. Emory Arnold
State Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 55
Aztec, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

We understand that there is an application before the State Conservation Commission of New Mexico, to change the present names of several oil and gas fields. We would like to enter our objections to these changes.

In the case of the present Pettigrew-Tocito field the name has already been changed once and we feel that more confusion will result from an additional change.

We suggest that a nomenclature committee be set up, if one does not already exist, with the committee proposing names for oil and gas fields on a geographic basis. For gas fields which develop to the size where this is no longer practical, we recommend that the most common or first name for the field be used, using the term consolidated, as well as indicating the producing horizon. For example "Blanco, consolidated - Mesa Verde gas field."

If we can be of any further assistance on this or similar matters, feel free to call on us.

Very truly yours

Philip A. Williams
The Carter Oil Company

James H. Hafenbrack
By: James H. Hafenbrack

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