

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
2 ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
3 OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
4 STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG.  
5 Santa Fe, New Mexico

6  
7 17 June 1987

8 EXAMINER HEARING

9 IN THE MATTER:

10 Application of Tenneco Oil Company  
11 for an unorthodox gas well location,  
12 San Juan County, New Mexico  
13 and

CASE  
9155

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15 for an unorthodox gas well location,  
16 San Juan, County New Mexico.

CASE  
9156

17 REPORT: Michael E. Stogner, Examiner

18 TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

19 A P P E A R A N C E S

20 For the Division: Jeff Taylor  
21 Legal Counsel to the Division  
22 Oil Conservation Division  
23 State Land Office Bldg.  
24 Santa Fe, New Mexico

25 For the Applicant:

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No. 9155.

MR. TAYLOR: The application of  
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(Hearing concluded.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO  
HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before  
the Oil Conservation Division (Commission) was reported by  
me; that the said transcript is a full, true, and correct  
record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my  
ability.

Sally W. Boyd CSR

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
a correct and true transcript of  
the Executive hearing of Cases Nos. 9155 & 9156  
heard by me on 17 June 1987  
Michael R. Stagner  
Oil Conservation Division

# Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production

A Tenneco Company

Rocky Mountain Division

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*Case 9155*

Re: Application for approval of Unorthodox  
Location  
Fields #15  
470' FSL, 1475' FEL  
Sec. 25, T32N, R11W  
San Juan County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Tenneco Oil Company plans to drill the referenced well during the 2nd quarter of 1987. Attached in duplicate (to each office) is a well location plat C-102 and an ownership plat identifying offset operators.

The proposed site of the Fields #15 is staked in an unorthodox location due to geological considerations and topographical features. The enclosed C-102 identifies the topography that contributed to the locations current staking (example: pipeline, drainage, and surrounding ridges). Because of these conditions, this is the only feasible location.

A copy of this request is being submitted to all offset operators by certified mail with a request that they furnish your Santa Fe office with a waiver of objection.

Pursuant to authority of Rule 104-E we respectfully request your approval of an exemption to the standard well location requirements.

*Mesa objected*  
*May 18, 1987*

Very truly yours,

TENNECO OIL COMPANY

*Mike McCredie*  
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Administrative Analyst

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\_\_\_\_\_ hereby waives objection to Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production's application for an unorthodox location for their Tenneco Fields #15, proposed above.

# WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Supersedes 1-1-61  
Effective 1-1-61

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

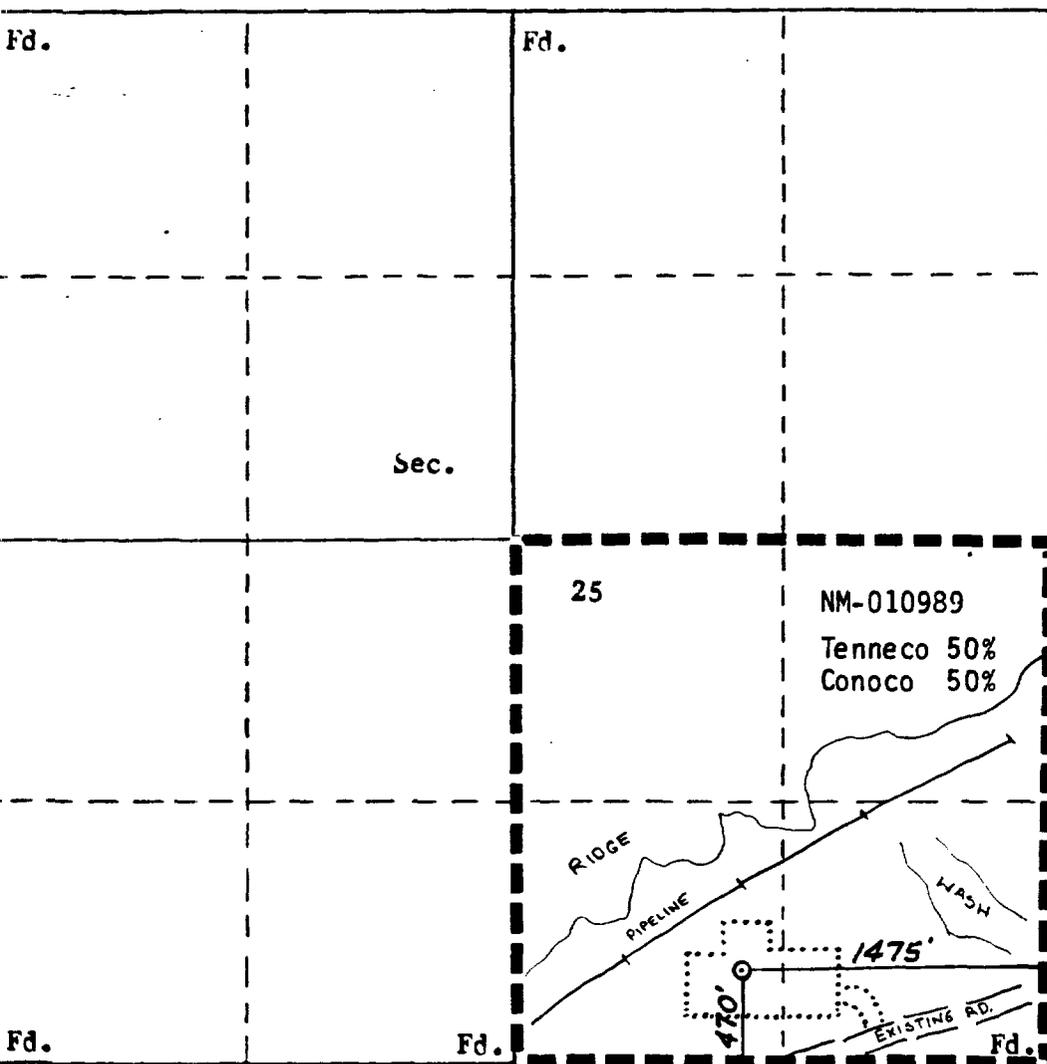
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Ground Level Elev. <b>6176</b>	Producing Formation <b>Pictured Cliffs</b>		Pool <b>Blanco</b>	Dedicated Acreage: <b>160</b> Acres	

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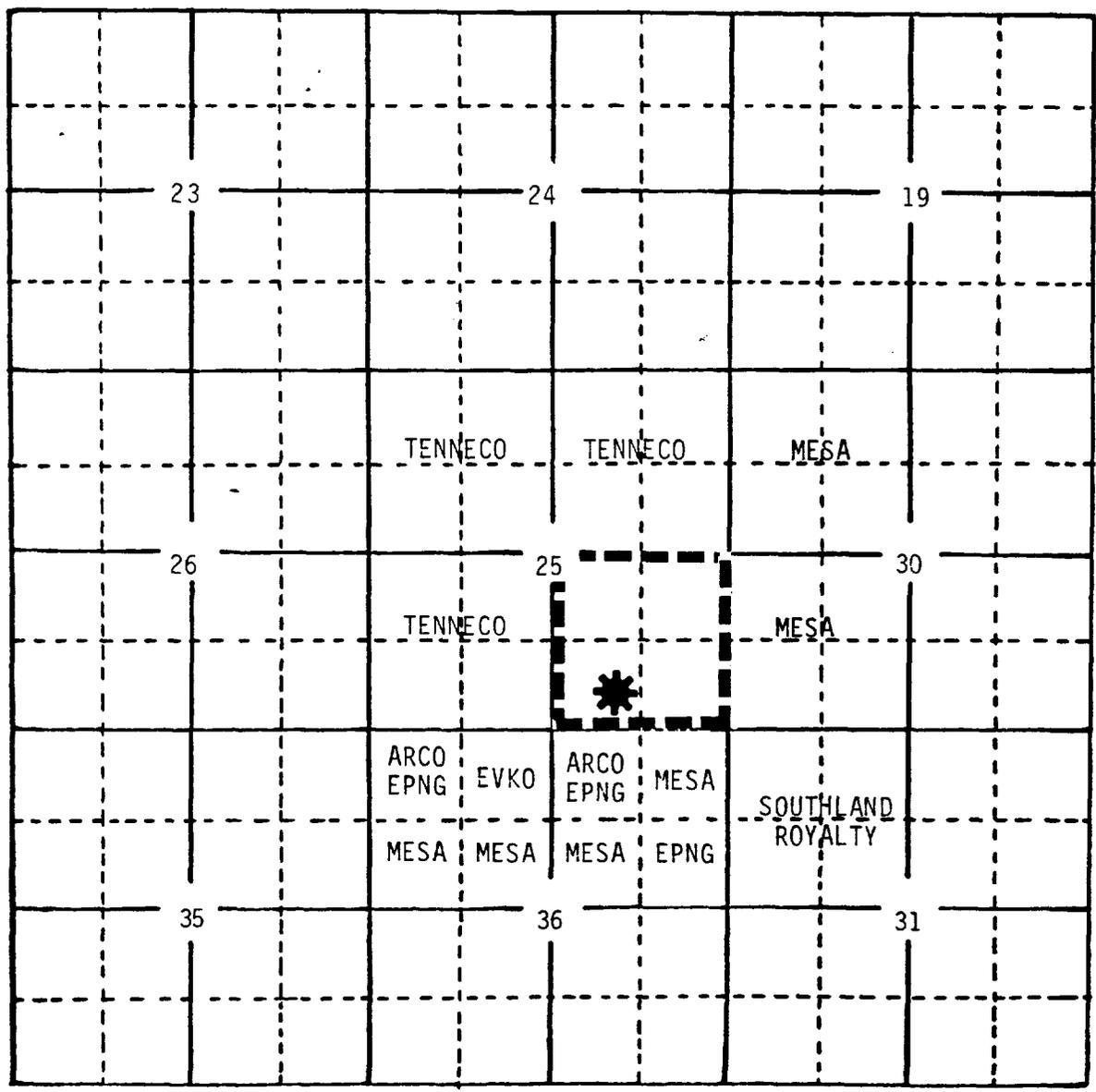


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<b>CERTIFICATION</b>
I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
<i>Mike M. McCredie</i>
Name <b>Mike M. McCredie</b>
Position <b>Administrative Analyst</b>
Company <b>Tenneco Oil Company</b>
Date <b>4/24/87</b>
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.
3-30-87
Date Surveyed <b>William E. Mahoney</b>
Registered Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor <b>#8466</b>
Certificate No. <b>8466</b>

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EPNG is Meridian



● Existing PC Well  
 \* Proposed Location for New Well

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Midland, Texas 79702

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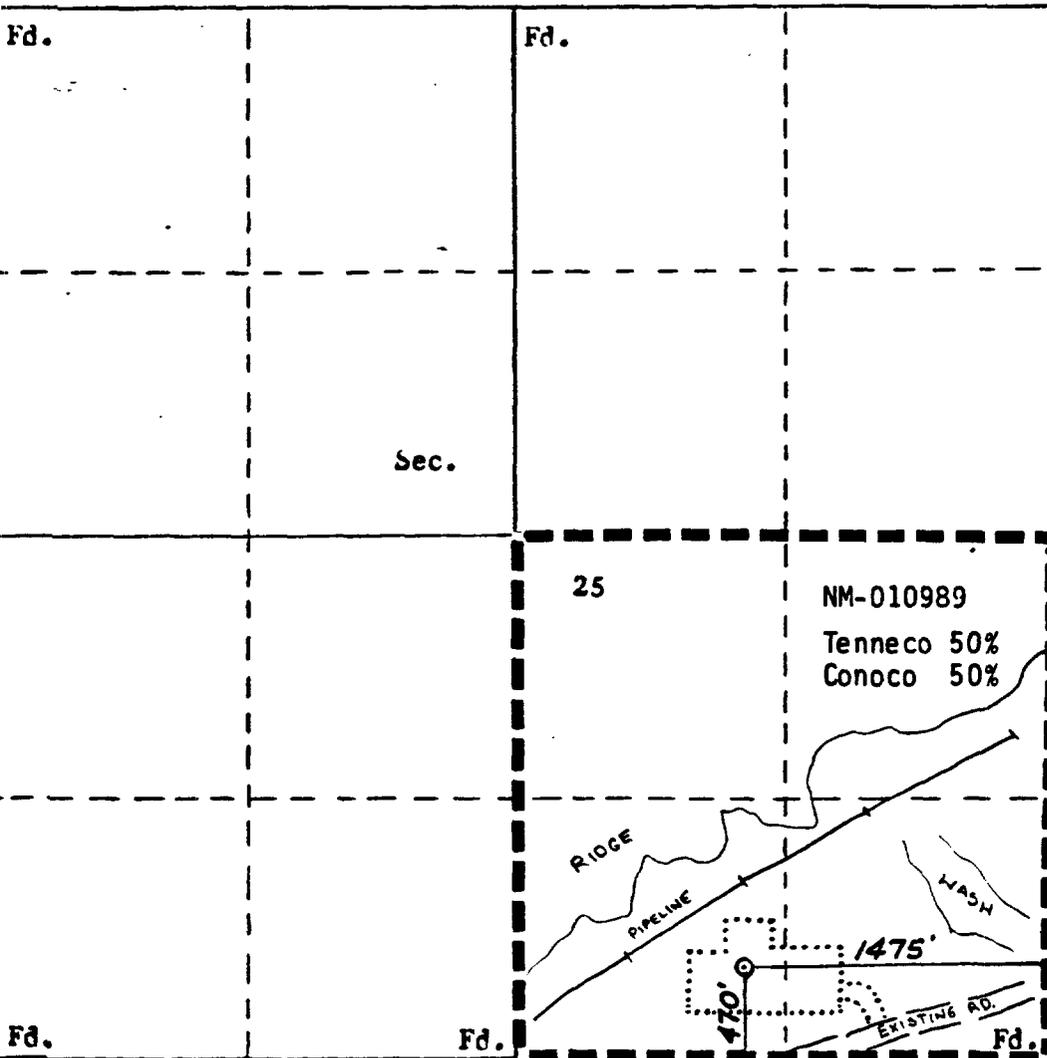
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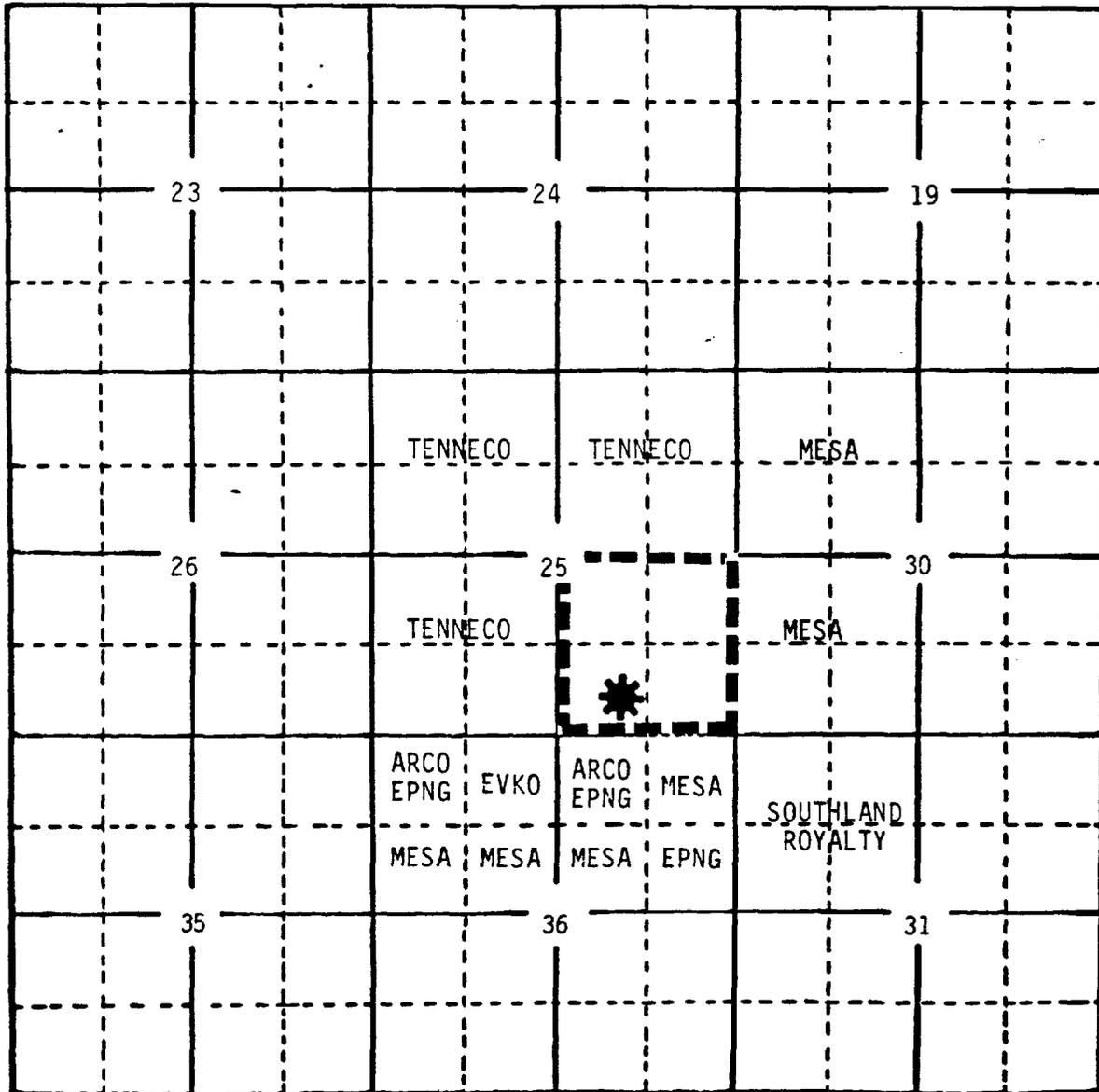


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Gentlemen:

Subject: Objection to Application  
For Unorthodox Location  
Fields #15 Well  
470' FSL, 1475' FEL  
Township 32 North, Range 11 West  
Section 25  
San Juan County, New Mexico

*Case 9155*

Mesa Operating Limited Partnership, as an owner of leasehold rights in the NE/4 of Section 36-T32N-R11W, opposes Tenneco Oil Company's request for administrative approval of their unorthodox location of 470' FSL, 1475' FEL in Section 25-T32N-R11W, San Juan County, New Mexico for the drilling of the Fields #15 well.

In Mesa's opinion the Blanco Pictured Cliffs Field Rules were promulgated to prevent drainage. Mesa is of the opinion that Tenneco's location, falling only 470' from the NE/4 of Section 36-T32N-R11W will subject its leasehold to drainage.

Mesa hereby requests that this matter be set for hearing at the earliest possible date.

If you have any questions or which to discuss this matter further, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

*Mark W. Seale*

Mark W. Seale  
Landman

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Copy to: Mr. Kevin Heringer  
Tenneco  
Box 3249  
Englewood CO 80155

MESA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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