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July 20, 1984

Mr. Richard L. Stamets  
Examiner  
State of New Mexico  
Energy and Minerals Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Case 8245

Dear Mr. Stamets:

Our Corporation is the operator of two Blanco Mesa Verde Pool gas wells in Section 26 of Township 27 North, Range 8 West, San Juan County. Our wells, Hammond #55 and Hammond #55-A, are in the east half of that Section.

The Tenneco, Dawson Federal #1 well is in the west half of that Section. This well is the subject of Tenneco's application for Hardship Well Classification which is coming before your Commission Hearing of subject case on July 25, having been continued from July 11, 1984.

Though it may be considered only a technical violation, we wish to call to your attention that Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production has not complied with Rule 409B relating to notification of offset operators of their application in this Case 8245. We learned of their application only through your Docket listings.

In view of possible drainage across both proration unit and lease lines and to protect our correlative rights, we believe that we should be provided with a copy of the Tenneco application and a reasonable period to review it. We would be happy to talk directly with a Tenneco representative if desired.

Mr. Richard L. Stamets

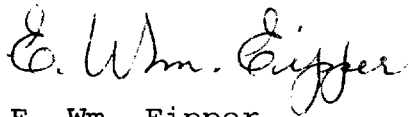
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From telephone conversation with your office we understand that Tenneco did not list our Corporation as an offset operator, indicating that they must have relied upon an inadequate or incorrect source of information.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Wm. Eipper". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

E. Wm. Eipper  
Consultant

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