STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

April 9, 1951

Mr. Clyde B. Neill P. O. Box 57 Springer, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Neill:

This is in answer to your letter of March 25, 1951.

We have not yet accumulated sufficient information on the Silverstein and Legerwood wells to justify calling them in for a hearing, but this we intend to do as soon as we have sufficiently investigated these wells.

Regarding the location of the Adams and McGahey well, I would suggest that you have your surveyor make a certified plat as to his findings, as no one in this office is a registered surveyor. However, I still intend to become more familiar with the situation in Harding County, but have not had the time or the opportunity to do this yet.

I have consulted with Spurrier and our attorney, Mr. Graham who inform me that the state does not care to enter into your controversy with Adams regarding the meter readings.

It would not be possible for me to make any statements of any consequence regarding the meter reading of the well or wells in question unless I had spent more time at the location as I am not familiar with the type of meter they have or the significance of the readings on the chart. I would suggest in this regard that you consult an engineer who could inform you as to the accuracy of the readings and charts. Before any statement as to volume could be made with any accuracy it would be necessary to make a 24 hour chart of the period for which the volume computations are desired. I doubt if just one chart would have real value.

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I do not believe that the Commission could do anything regarding your collecting damages from Adam and McGahey should they be crowding your lease line, but if you would care to petition the commission for a hearing I believe the commission would schedule such a hearing and make whatever decision the evidence in the hearing might show regarding the protection of correlative rights.

Trusting that this answers your questions satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours,

ELVIS A. UTZ, Gas Engineer

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