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Mr. Roy O. Yarbrough,
Oil and Gas Inspector,
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission,
Hobbs, New Mexico.

Re: Hoffmann
No. 1 well.

Dear Mr. Yarbrough:

Replying to your favor of August 23, containing blanks and copy of rules and regulations of your Commission, will say that we, of course, wish to comply with all rules and regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, and we agree to cement casing whenever same is required by your commission, whether it be surface string or additional strings of casing.

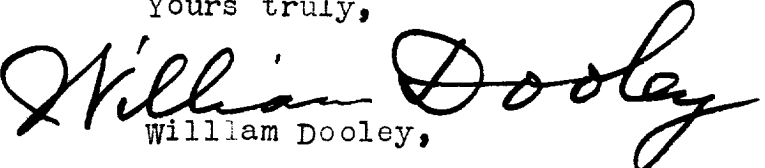
When we submitted the original drilling plans for your approval, we presumed we would encounter surface water, but we have drilled to a depth of 320 feet without encountering any water. However, we do have a dry "pack" sand that caves a little when we dump drilling water into the hole and we are carrying 8½ inch casing as we drill ahead, to protect our drilling tools from any "cavein". If permitted to do so by your Commission, we expect to carry the 8½ inch casing to the top of the lime and cement same in accordance with the regulations of your commission.

We now believe that the 8½ inch casing can be carried more successfully through the "pack" or "run" sand than could the heavier and larger 10 inch casing, and so far we have no difficulty in carrying said surface string down the hole behind our drilling tools, as we drill ahead.

If you could see your way clear to do so, we would like to have you approve our original drilling plans with the exception that we are required to cement the surface string, or any other string of casing that your commission may require, and that we be permitted to run 8½ inch surface string instead of the proposed 10 inch string.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply, I am

Yours truly,


William Dooley,

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