

February 9, 1961

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.
Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Back Allowable

Dear Pete:

We have today received and are forwarding, herewith, one copy of an application for back allowable for the Yates Drilling Co. Inc. Sinclair State 1-M, 35-17S-28E, Artesia Pool. The application is self-explanatory as to its cause. Normally, I know this would be a case of "the way the cookie crumbles". However, this is the well on which we issued a 90-day test allowable because it was located in the same pool and unit with, though not producing from the same formation, as the Donnelly Drilling Co. well by the same name and number, see January 1961 supplement No. A-31. Thus far forty days of the test period have passed and the well has not yet been able to produce a single barrel of oil as the tanks are full of un-run lead oil.

Perhaps these extenuating circumstances are sufficient reason to grant back allowable. I feel, however, that this would be pulling a San Andres well quite hard. Perhaps a thirty or forty day extension of the test period would be in order if the application is not granted.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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R. L. Stamets
Geologist

February 8, 1961

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Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
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Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Back Allowable

Dear Sirs:

We have today received and are forwarding, herewith, one copy of an application for back allowable for the Yates Drilling Co. Inc. claim State 1-4, 32-172-22E, Archaic Pool. The application is self-explanatory as to the cause. Normally, I know this would be a case of "the way the cookie crumbles". However, this is the well on which we issued a 90-day test allowable because it was located in the same pool and unit with, though not producing from the same formation, as the Donnelly Drilling Co. well by the same name and number, see January 1961 supplement No. A-31. Thus far forty days of the test period have passed and the well has not yet been able to produce a single barrel of oil as the tanks are full of run-in lost oil.

Perhaps these extenuating circumstances are sufficient reason to grant back allowable. I feel, however, that this would be pulling a fast one on the State. Perhaps a thirty or forty day extension of the test period would be in order if the application is not granted.

Very truly yours,

Oil Conservation Commission

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Geologist

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