

## **OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

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STATE GEOLOGIST A. L. PORTER, JR. SECRETARY – DIRECTOR

Union Oil Company of California 500 North Marienfeld Midland, Texas 79701

Attention: Mr. G. W. Coombes

Re: Administrative approval for an unorthodox location for T. Lee Well No. 1 to be located 1230 feet from the North line and 1500 feet from the West line of Section 29, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

An inspection of the area by a member of the Commission staff reveals that topography is a valid reason for the location 1230 feet from the North line but that topography is not a valid reason for the location 1500 feet from the West line.

If you desire an unorthodox location 1230 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line, it can be handled administratively. If you still desire the location 1230 feet from the North line and 1500 feet from the West line, the matter will have to be set for hearing. Please let me know which you wish.

Yours very truly,

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GEORGE M.<sup>47</sup> HATCH Attorney

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