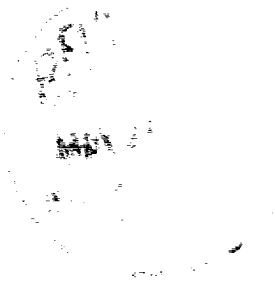


El Paso Natural Gas Company

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Mr. W. M. Porter, Secretary & Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 141
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

This is a request for administrative approval for an unorthodox gas well location in the Blanco Mesa Vermejo Pool.

It is intended to locate the well, El Paso Natural Gas Co. unit well No. 64-9, 1450 feet from the North line and 2250 feet from the East line of Section 3, Township 2, North, Range 8 West, N.M.L.S., Santa Fe County, New Mexico. The $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3 is dedicated to the well.

As shown on the enclosed plat, the $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ consists of steep bluffs and ledges with scattered Indian ruins. A portion of the royalty interest of the NWNE $\frac{1}{4}$ is not committed to the unit. The only accessible land for a well in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ is that which makes the location unorthodox. It is, therefore planned to make the location unorthodox in order that the extremely high cost of constructing an orthodox location be avoided.

El Paso Natural Gas Co. has control of offset leases, approval for an unorthodox location has not been sought from other operators.

I am enclosing two copies of the certified well location plat, and two copies of the notice of intention to drill.

Yours very truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED E.S. OVERLY
E. S. Overly,
Division Petroleum Engineer

cc: Regis
cc: Harry Arnold
cc: Sam Church
cc: Phil McGrath (U.S.C.S.)

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