

New Mexico
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Aztec, New Mexico

March 6, 1958

Mr. William J. Cooley
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Request for approval of Unorthodox
Oil and/or Gas Well Location
NE¹/₄ Section 19-30N-14W

Dear Jack:

Reference is made to your letter of February 24, 1958 regarding Humble's request for an unorthodox location at a point 1230 feet from the East line and 998 feet from the North line of Section 19-30N-14W.

I have inspected the above location on the ground and affirm Humble's position that locating the well as a standard location for either oil or gas will entail considerable extra expense. I would estimate the extra expense to be at least \$4000.

As this is a wildcat well and the question of possible production is problematical I would suggest that approval be granted for a non-standard gas well location at this time as the well is located more than the prescribed number of feet from the quarter-section boundary. I suggest that approval of the location as an oil well location be deferred until after the well has been drilled. In the event that Humble does not wish to chance drilling the well under those conditions then it would probably be better if the matter was brought to hearing before granting the oil well location.

It is my understanding that this acreage is all committed to Humble's proposed North Kirtland Unit; therefore the ownership under the entire quarter-section would be common even so far as royalty interests are concerned. This being the case there would be very little chance of objection from other operators.

Yours very truly

ECA:ske

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

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