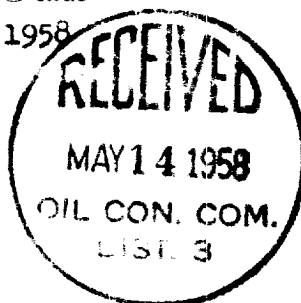


# El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas

May 13, 1958



ADDRESS REPLY TO  
POST OFFICE BOX 997  
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

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

Dear Mr. Porter:

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

The well, El Paso Natural Gas Company San Juan 32-9 Unit No. 57, is located 2070 feet from the North line and 800 feet from the East line of Section 2, Township 31 North, Range 9 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico.

The E/2 of Section 2 is dedicated to this well. The relief in the NE/4 is extremely rugged; that is, a canyon runs southeasterly from the northwest corner to the center of the NE/4, thence southwesterly to the southwest corner of the NE/4. The walls sloping up from the canyon bed are steep and rocky, making it almost impossible to construct a well location on them. A small bench on the East side of the canyon, and not far from the top of the mesa, does provide enough room to build a well location; also a road to the location may be built at a cost not too prohibitive.

It is therefore, planned to construct an unorthodox location on this bench as the only alternative to the prohibitive cost of building an orthodox location in the NE/4 and a road leading to it.

The NESE/4 of Section 2 is held by El Paso Natural Gas Company. The NWSE/4 of Section 2 is held by Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation. Since the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation lease falls within the 790 foot radius of the proposed well location, we have notified Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation of the proposed well location. Their approval has been received and we are forwarding a copy of their letter of approval with this request.

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

Yours very truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED E. S. OBERLY

E. S. Oberly,  
Division Petroleum Engineer

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cc: Sam Smith

O. C. C. (Emery Arnold) ✓

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