

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD  
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

June 5, 1964

Consolidated Oil & Gas, Inc.  
4150 East Mexico Avenue  
Denver, Colorado

Attn: Mr. Robert B. Tenison, Vice President

Re: Consolidated #1 Ripley  
N-26-32N-13W

Dear Mr. Tenison:

We have received your letter of May 25, 1964 requesting that your company be allowed to produce this well as a Mesaverde gas well without being first required to permanently plug and abandon the Dakota formation.

We have reviewed the mechanical completion of this well and also past production and the tests which have been run and feel that the evidence indicates that the Dakota is not in communication with the Mesaverde Formation.

Due to the fact that the acreage appears to be extremely marginal in either formation and due to the fact that if we require you to plug the Dakota formation it will possibly result in the necessity for your plugging the Mesaverde Formation, thereby causing the loss of Mesaverde gas which will not be recovered, we are approving your request, at least temporarily to produce this well as a Mesaverde single completion. We should be able to determine from the annual Shut-in Pressure tests whether or not the Dakota formation is effectively shut off.

Yours very truly

Emery C. Arnold  
Supervisor, District #3

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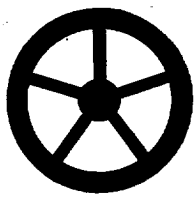
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whether or not the Board Commission be effectively shut off. It should be able to determine from the annual Unit-in-Presence report tentatively to produce this will be a necessary single compilation of data which will not be requested, we are improving upon request, as being the necessary information, thereby ensuring the loss of data. In order to obtain it will inevitably result in the necessity for a similar presentation and we in the fact we are requiring you to give us as to the fact that the Board Commission is extremely in need of it.

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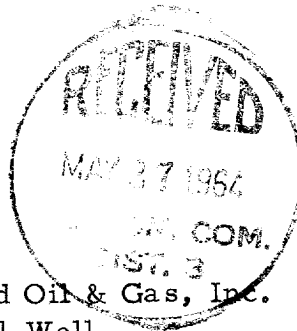
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PHONE: 757-5441

May 25, 1964

Mr. Emery Arnold  
Oil & Gas Conservation Commission  
1000 Rio Brazos Road  
Aztec, New Mexico



Re: Consolidated Oil & Gas, Inc.  
Ripley No. 1 Well

Dear Mr. Arnold:

We would appreciate your considering an unorthodox request with reference to our Ripley No. 1 well which was originally completed as a dual Mesaverde and Dakota well. Due to unfortunate mechanical problems the tubing parted in this well and this was followed by an expenditure in excess of \$25,000 in an attempt to remedy the situation. This was not successful!

The well in its present condition is plugged off going to the Dakota and we are unable to reach a depth sufficient to leave cement on top of the Dakota. The last packer leakage test run on the well before this rework indicated that there was no packer leakage. We were never able to move the Dakota tubing and feel quite strongly that there is an effective seal between the Dakota and Mesaverde.

The Dakota, during its short life, was a very marginal producer that is lost forever in this well. The Mesaverde which is a relatively weak zone still produces twenty-five million cubic feet per year with the help of a compressor at the surface.

Admittedly, we cannot prove beyond all reasonable doubt that there is no communication between the Dakota and Mesaverde, but we also are very reluctant to plug this well completely and forever lose the gas reserves remaining in the Mesaverde.

Mr. Emery Arnold

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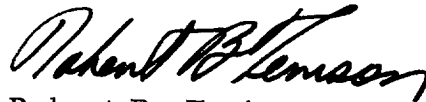
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Your consideration and approval to permit us to produce this well for the balance of its economic life as it now exists would be a benefit to all concerned as the well would never be redrilled.

Should you desire additional information, please do not hesitate to call me collect.

Very truly yours,

CONSOLIDATED OIL & GAS, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert B. Tenison".

Robert B. Tenison, Vice President

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