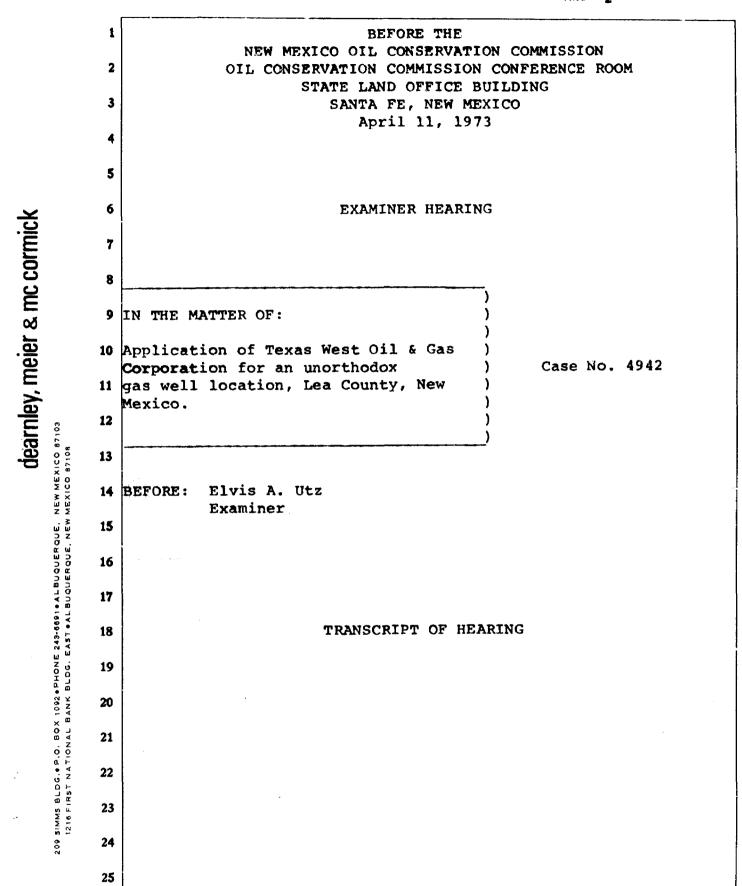
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# CASE 10. 4940

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1	MR. UTZ: Call next case, 4942.
2	MR. CARR: Case 4942, Application of Texas West Oil &
3	Gas Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea
4	County, New Mexico.
5	MR. EATON: If the Examiner please, I'm Paul Eaton of
6	Hinkle, Bondurant, Cox & Eaton representing the Applicant.
7	We have one witness.
8	MR. UTZ: Are there any other appearances?
9	(No response)
10	MR. UTZ: You may proceed.
11	ROY K. VALLA
12	appeared as a witness, and after being duly sworn, testified
13	as follows:
14	DIRECT EXAMINATION
15	BY MR. EATON:
16	Q Please state your name and occupation.
17	A My name is Roy K. Valla. I am Chief Engineer for Texas
18	West Oil & Gas Corporation in Midland, Texas.
19	Q Do you have an official position with Texas West Oil &
20	Gas?
21	A Yes, I am Chief Engineer, Petroleum Engineer.
22	Q Mr. Valla, have you previously testified before this
23	Commission as a petroleum engineer?
24	A Yes, sir, I have.
25	Q And have you testified before other regulatory commissions

1		in the same capacity?
2	A	Yes, I have.
3		MR. EATON: Are the witness' qualifications satis-
4	fac	tory and acceptable?
5		MR. UTZ: Yes, they are.
6	Q	(By Mr. Eaton) You are familiar with the application of
7		Texas West in this matter?
8	A	Yes, I am.
9	Ŏ	Will you please state what your company seeks by the
10		application?
11	A	Texas West seeks approval for an unorthodox location of
12		its State "2" Com Well Number 1 at a point 2310 feet from
13		the North line, 660 feet from the West line of Section
14		2, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New
15		Mexico.
16	Q	Have you prepared a brochure which has been marked for
17		identification as your Exhibit 1, which contains certain
18		exhibits on which you wish to testify?
19	A	Yes, I have.
20	Ç	Will you please refer to the brochure, particularly to the
21		second page and state what that is?
22	A	This is an ownership map of the area with the North half
23		of Section 2 colored in red; this being a lease owned by
24		Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation on which the State "2"
25		Com Number 1 Well was drilled and completed.

- 1 0 Who are the offset owners to the North half of Section 2?
- 2 A The offset operators in this case are Shell, which is the
- 3 operator of the Antelope Ridge Unit to the West, and
- Aztec Oil & Gas Company to the North and South of this
- 5 half section.

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- 6 Q And Kewanee to the East, is that correct?
- 7 A That is correct?
- 8 Q Would you please state why you are seeking the approval for the unorthodox gas well location?
  - A This well was originally anticipated as a Devonian test, and the Northwest quarter of Section 2 and the Southwest quarter of Section 2 were communitized. The South half of Section 2 was obtained by Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation on a format from Aztec Oil and Gas Company. The terms of this format stated that the well must penetrate the Morrow formation or to a depth of approximately 14,000 feet. The proration unit that was originally to be assigned to this well was the West half of Section 2.
  - Q Is that for the Morrow test?
- 20 A That is correct. That was as originally set up for a Devonian test at this location.
- 22 Q Now, go ahead, please.
- 23 A The well encountered abnormally high pressures at approxi-24 mately 12,300 feet. The well was continued to a total 25 depth of 12,473 feet at which time it was determined that

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1		to continue further could provide a hazardous situation.
2		So, the well pipe was run, the well was completed and the
3		tubing formation through perforations from 12,288 feet to
4		12,302 feet.
5	Q	By reason of that completion, did Texas West earn any
6		interest in the South half of Section 2, under that Aztec
7		format?
8	A	No, we did not. We did not reach the objective depth.
9	Q	Does your brochure contain information with respect to this
10		particular well?
11	A	Yes, these forms, the C-105 and the form C-122 are attached,
12		the last four pages in the brochure.
13	Q	Do you wish to summarize any material information from
14		the C-105 report, Mr. Valla?
15	A	No, in this it states that our casing program and a 5
16		and a half liner was set at a depth of 12,464 feet and
17		cemented at this point. The well was perforated at an
18		interval from 12,288 feet to 12,302 feet. The well
19		potentialed going going to C-122 potentialed for
20		21.499 cubic feet of gas per day.
21	Q	Staying with your brochure and going back to what I
22		referred to as the fourth and fifth pages, which are two
23		letters, the one letter addressed by the OCC to Mr.
24		Donovan and the second letter dated March 19, 1973, from
25		Mr. Donovan to the Commission, are these letters placed

1 in here simply to represent the application of Texas 2 West? 3 That is correct. 4 Have you discussed with the offset operators the fact that 5 you are seeking this unorthodox location? 6 Yes, we have and we do have written waivers or letters, 7 waiver letters, from both Shell Oil Company and Aztec Oil 8 and Gas Corporation. 9 Are those letters reflected in the brochure? 10 They are. 11 Now, Mr. Valla, you stated, I believe that by the drilling 12 of this well, or I should say by your inability to go 13 beyond the tubing, you are not able to earn any interest 14 in the South half of Section 2 under your Aztec format, 15 is that correct? 16 That is correct. 17 Have you made additional arrangements with Aztec to earn 18 any rights in the South half of Section 2? Yes, we have amended the commencement dates on the original 19 20 format agreement so that we have until May 5th, 1973, to 21 commence a well on the South half of Section 2, but the 22 original depth is still in the format. In other words, 23 we still have to penetrate at least the Morrow formation 24 or to a depth of approximately 14,000 feet. 25 Do you plan to commence that well by May 5, 1973?

1 Yes, we do. 2 What depth do you propose to drill the well to? 3 We plan on penetrating and testing the Devonian formation which, at this location, will be approximately 14,800 5 feet. 6 At the present time, what is your proposed location in the 7 South half of Section 2? 8 It would be 1980 from the South and 1980 from the West 9 line. 10 Which would put it in the Northeast quarter of the South-11 west quarter of Section 2? 12 That is correct. 13 What formations do you propose or plan to test in the 14 drilling of that well? 15 We propose, of course, to test all potential producing 16 formations, the Bone Spring, Atoka, Morrow, and Devonian. 17 Our original well program, as it now stands, we are anti-18 cipating a Devonian-Morrow dual completion at this location. 19 Now, if the Atoka or the Morrow, if the Atoka tests out as 20 capable of producing and if the well is dry in the Devonian 21 but is capable of producing from the Morrow, what would 22 your plans be? 23 We would plan then on a Morrow-Atoka dual completion, if 24 the Devonian is dry. 25 Would you then dedicate to the Atoka and the Morro the

1 South half of Section 2? 2 Yes, we would. 3 Going back up to your existing well, which is your State 4 "2" Com Number 1 Well. 5 Α Yes. Do you have an opinion whether the entire North half of 6 7 Section 2 will be contributed to this well? I believe that it will. What is the basis for your opinion? The high productivity attributed in this well and also 10 the data obtained from logs on this well. 11 In connection with the logs, are the logs presently under 12 13 a classified category? 14 That is correct. If it were necessary for the Commission to look at the 15 logs, would your company have any objection to that? 16 No, we would not. In fact, we did submit one copy with 17 18 the original completion. In your opinion, will the granting of your application 19 20 have any adverse effect upon anyone else? 21 Possibly the only adverse effect would be Shell Oil Company to the West. However, we have discussed this 22 and they do have a waiver of objection from Shell in this 23 24 case. 25 Do you have any knowledge as to whether or not Shell is

1		going to drill a well in Section 3?
2	A	It is my understanding that they are formulating a program
3		right now to drill a well in Section 3. The exact loca-
4		tion is unknown in that section at this time.
5		MR. EATON: I have no further questions, Mr. Examiner.
6		MR. UTZ: Are there questions of the witness?
7		CROSS EXAMINATION
8	BY	MR. UTZ:
બુ	Q	This well is located 330 feet from the South line of the
10		unit, is that correct?
11	A	That is correct.
12	Q	You had a blow-out in the Atoka and had to stop there?
13	A	Yes.
14	Q	So you are expecting an oil well?
15	A	Well, no, we are expecting Devonian gas. The other
16		Devonian wells are over Shell is the operator in the
17		Antelope Ridge and they are gas wells.
18	Ŏ	Did you originally have a non-standard location for a
19		Devonian well here?
20	A	I believe we did. You see, it encompassed the West half,
21		it was 660 from the West line.
22	Q	I see. You've changed the direction of the unit?
23	A	Yes. The original unit and the original survey plats
24		included the West half of this Section. We were much
25		surprised when the well blew-out in the Atoka; this was

1 not anticipated to say the least. 2 Why are you changing the direction of your unit? 3 Because we did not earn any rights in the South half, 4 by the drilling of this. We had to penetrate the Morrow 5 or approximately a depth of 14,000 feet. We only got to 6 12,473 feet. 7 Really, it is a change of direction in the unit that's 8 caused your non-standard location? 9 That is correct. 10 MR. UTZ: Are there other questions of the witness? 11 (No response) 12 MR. UTZ: He may be excused. Are there statements in 13 the case? 14 MR. CASTLE: Mr. Utz, I am John Castle, Penroc Company, 15 in Midland, Texas, owning a lease in Section 11, 24 South, 16 34 East, one half mile South of the Texas well proposed unit, 17 and would like to make a statement. MR. UTZ: You may make your statement. 18 19 MR. CASTLE: In Case 4939, heard by the Commission 20 earlier today, Penroc also asked for an unorthodox location 21 in the same field and to produce from the same zone as the 22 Texas West well. Mr. Valla at that hearing objected to Penroc's 23 location for Aztec, which, in reality, was for Texas West and 24 Aztec both, since Texas West will earn the South half of 25 Section 2. Under this format agreement, in this proposed

1	second well, he is going to drill. Now, he asks that they
2	not be penalized for their non-standard unit. Penroc's
3	well would be 330 feet closer to a formal location than
4	Texas West's well is. So Penroc would object to a ruling
5	which would give Texas West a greater allowable on their well
Ó	than would be allowed on Penroc's proposed well.
7	MR. UTZ: In other words, if we give them a full
8	allowable, you want a full allowable?
9	MR. CASTLE: Right.
10	MR. UTZ: Are there other statements in the case?
11	(No response)
12	MR. UTZ: Case will be taken under advisement and
13	the hearing is adjourned.
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May 21, 1973

Re: Case No.\_

r. Paul Eaton	Order No. R-4534
inkle, Bondurant, Cox & Eaton ttorneys at Law ost Office Box 10	Applicant:
Roswell, New Mexico 88201	Texas West Oil & Gas Corp.
Dear Sir:	
Enclosed herewith are two copies Commission order recently entere	
A. 1	truly yours,  L. PORTER, Jr.  retary-Director
ALP/ir	
Copy of order also sent to:	
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Artesia OCC	
Aztec OCC	
OTHER Mr. John Castle, Penroc	Oil Corporation, Drawer 831,
Midland, Texas	

# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 4942 Order No. R-4534

APPLICATION OF TEXAS WEST OIL & GAS CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

# ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 11, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 17th day of May, 1973, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

# FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation, seeks approval of its State "2" Com Well No. 1 at a point 2310 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, as an apparent extension to the Antelope Ridge-Atoka Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That said well was originally planned to penetrate the Devonian and Morrow formations as a dual completion, and the W/2 of said Section 2 was to be dedicated to the well.
- (4) That unusually high pressure was encountered in the Atoka formation at a depth of 12,300 feet and the well was completed in that zone.
- (5) That the N/2 of said Section 2 is proposed to be dedicated to the well, thereby rendering the well location unorthodox.
- (6) That no objection to this unorthodox location was raised by offset operators.

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(7) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Atoka formation is hereby approved for the State "2" Com Well No. 1, to be located at a point 2310 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Antelope Ridge-Atoka Gas Pool extension, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the N/2 of said Section 2 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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CASE NO. 4942
Submitted by APPLICANT
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Application of Texas West Oil & Gas
Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location,
Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the
above styled cause, seeks approval for the
unorthodox location of its State "2" Com. Well
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March 20, 1973

Mr. L. N. Dunnavant, President Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation 609 Midland National Bank Building Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Mr. Dunnavant:

Reference is made to your application dated March 19, 1973, requesting administrative approval for the unorthodox location of your State "2" Com Well No. 1 2310 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

Inasmuch as this location is not eligible for administrative approval it is being docketed for hearing on April 11, 1973.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL S. NUTTER Chief Engineer

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19 March 1973

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Request for Administrative Approval of Exception to Statewide Spacing Rules, Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation State "2" Com. #1, 2310' FNL & 660" FWL of Section 2, T-24-S, R-34-E, Lea County, New Mexico.

Attention: Mr. Jim Kapteina

### Gentlemen:

Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation requests administrative approval of an exception to statewide spacing rules for the subject well.

When this well was commenced it was planned to penetrate the Devonian formation at approximately 14,800 feet and dual complete with the Morrow formation at approximately 13,400 feet. The proration unit for the Morrow zone was to be unitized with the NW/4 and the SW/4 ( $320^{+}_{-}$  acres) and the proration unit for the Devonian zone was to be unitized to include the entire section ( $640^{+}_{-}$  acres). Shell Oil Company, offset operator to the west, had provided Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation with a waiver letter approving the non-standard Devonian location. However, abnormally high pressure was encountered in the Atoka formation at a depth of 12,300 feet and the well was completed in this zone as a discovery.

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Texas West owns a lease on the N/2 of Section 2 and has the option to earn the S/2 of Section 2 from Aztec Oil & Gas Company. The N/2 of Section 2 will be assigned to subject well as a standard proration unit for the Atoka (discovery) zone. This procedure and the non-standard location was approved by Aztec Oil & Gas Company and Shell Oil Company, offset operators, waiver letters attached. Texas West plans to start a well on the S/2 of Section 2 at a standard location in the very near future.

Texas West is currently negotiating a gas contract with several gas purchasers for the gas to be produced from subject well. The gas purchase contract should be executed within ten (10) days such that the well will be ready for gas sales in the very near future. Therefore, it would be appreciated if this request is given your immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

TEXAS WEST OIL & GAS CORPORATION

L. N. Dunnavant President

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Attachments

# TEXAS WEST OIL & GAS CORPORATION

600 DIDEAND NATIONAL BANK DUILDING MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701



L. N. DUNMAVANT, President

(915) 684-5836

District OFFICE: Lafayette, Lauisiana 70501 F. L. Dischler, Managar Oil Center Station, Box 52332 (318) 232-8167

2 March 1973

Shell Oil Company Antelope Ridge Unit Operator P. O. Box 1509 Midland, Texas 79701

Re: Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation State "2" #1 Well, 2310' FNL & 660' FWL of Section 2, T-24-S, R-34-E, Atoka Discovery, Antelope Ridge Field Area, Lea County, New Mexico; Waiver Letter.

Attention: Mr. Lane Taylor, Land Department

Gentlemen:

Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation is in the process of submitting an application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission requesting a discovery allowable and an exception to the state-wide spacing rules, to permit the drilling (completion) of subject discovery well at the above described location. Texas West Oil & Gas hereby requests your approval of this procedure and, further, your approval of the subject location by waiving formal hearing on the subject application.

Please indicate your approval by executing in the space provided, below, for that purpose.

Yours very truly,

TEXAS WEST OIL & GAS CORPORATION

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President

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# TEXAS WEST OIL & GAS CORPORATION

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DISTRICT OFFICE: Lefayette, Louisiana 70301 F. L. Dischler, Manager Oil Center Station, Box 52332 (316) 232-8387 (915) 484-5886

8 March 1973

Aztec Oil & Gas Company 2000 First National Bank Building Dallas, Texas 75202

Attn: Mr. Joe E. Starks

Re: Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation
State "2" #1 Well, 2310' FNL &
660' FWL of Section 2, T-24-S,
R-34-E, Atoka Discovery, Antelope
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TEXAS WEST OIL & GAS CORPORATION State "2" Com. #1: Waiver Letter

APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF March , 1973.

AZTEC OIL & GAS COMPANY

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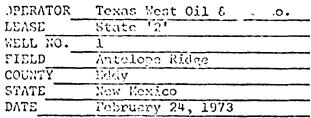
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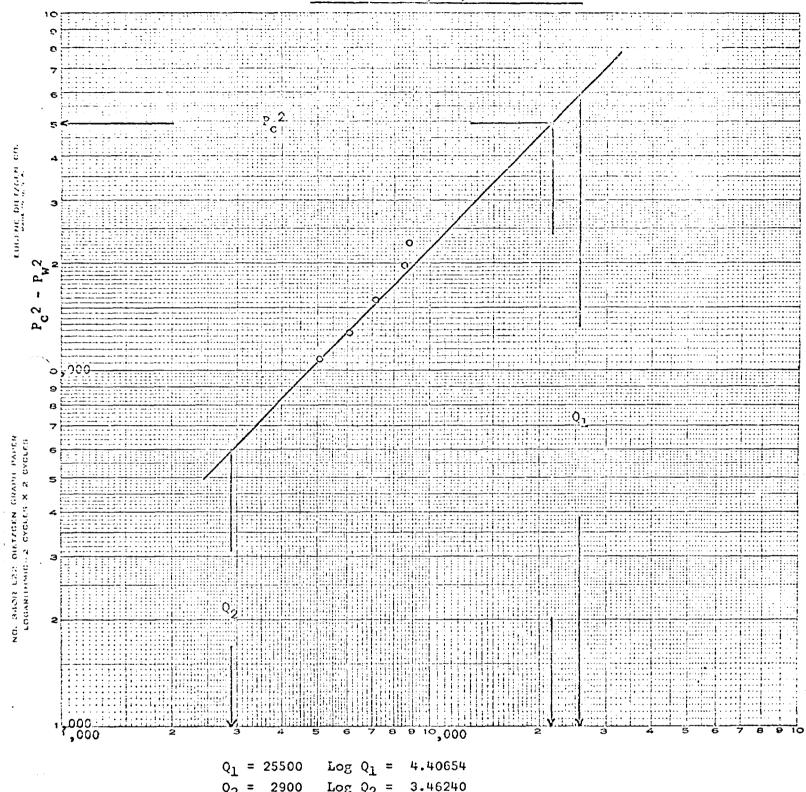
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# OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

March 20, 1973

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Mr. L. N. Dunnavant, President Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation 609 Midland National Bank Building Midland, Texas 79701 DOCKET MAILED

Date 3/28/17

Dear Mr. Dunnavant:

Reference is made to your application dated March 19, 1973, requesting administrative approval for the unorthodox location of your State "2" Com Well No. 1 2310 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

Inasmuch as this location is not eligible for administrative approval it is being docketed for hearing on April 11, 1973.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL S. NUTTER Chief Engineer

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# TEXAS WEST OIL & GAS CORPORATION

609 MIDIAND NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

DISTRICT OFFICE: Lafayette, Louisiana 20501 f. 1. Dischler, Manager Oil Center Station, Box 52332 (318) 232-8387

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, Nev. Mexico 87501

Re: Request for Administrative Approval of Exception to Statewide Spacing Rules, Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation State "2" Com. #1, 2310' FNL & 660" FWL of Section 2, T-24-S, R-34-E, Lea County, New Mexico.

Attention: Mr. Jim Kapteina

Gentlemen:

Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation requests administrative approval of an exception to statewide spacing rules for the subject well.

When this well was commenced it was planned to penetrate the Devonian formation at approximately 14,800 feet and dual complete with the Morrow formation at approximately 13,400 feet. The proration unit for the Morrow zone was to be unitized with the NW/4 and the SW/4 (320 $\pm$ acres) and the proration unit for the Devonian zone was to be unitized to include the entire section (640 ± acres). Shell Oil Company, offset operator to the west, had provided Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation with a waiver letter approving the non-standard Devonian location. However, abnormally high pressure was encountered in the Atoka formation at a depth of 12,300 feet and the well was completed in this zone as a discovery.

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico 3/19/73

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Texas West owns a lease on the N/2 of Section 2 and has the option to earn the S/2 of Section 2 from Aztec Oil & Gas Company. The N/2 of Section 2 will be assigned to subject well as a standard proration unit for the Atoka (discovery) zone. This procedure and the non-standard location was approved by Aztec Oil & Gas Company and Shell Oil Company, offset operators, waiver letters attached. Texas West plans to start a well on the S/2 of Section 2 at a standard location in the very near future.

Texas West is currently negotiating a gas contract with several gas purchasers for the gas to be produced from subject well. The gas purchase contract should be executed within ten (10) days such that the well will be ready for gas sales in the very near future. Therefore, it would be appreciated if this request is given your immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

TEXAS WEST OIL & GAS CORPORATION

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Attachments

# TEXAS WEST OIL & GAS CORPORATION

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2 March 1973

Shell Oil Company Antelope Ridge Unit Operator P. O. Box 1509 Midland, Texas 79701

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Attention: Mr. Lane Taylor, Land Department

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# NEMEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSON WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Form C-102 Supersedes C-128 Effective 14-65

Operator TEXAS WEST OIL & GAS CORP. State 2 Section Range County Unit Letter 2 24 South E 34 East Lea Actual Footage Location of Wells 2310 (eet from the north line and feet from the line Ground Level Elev. Producing Formation Pool Dedicated Acreages Antelope Ridge 320<sup>±</sup> 1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below, 2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty). 3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling. etc? X Yes No If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.). No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commission. **CERTIFICATION** This is the plat NOTE: I hereby certify that the information conapproved by the Commission tained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. 454.6 160<sup>±</sup> Acres TWO&GC President **State Lease** Company Texas West -6601-12-8-72 I hemby certify that the well location 160<sup>+</sup> Acres shown on this plat was plotted from field ec Oil & Gas Company notes of actual surveys made by me ar State Lease under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Date Surveyed Dec 2, 1972 Registered Professional Engineer

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Form C-102 Supersedes C-128 Effective 1-1-65

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 4942

order No. R-453

APPLICATION OF TEXAS WEST OIL & GAS CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY NEW MEXICO.

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# ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

# BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 11 , 19<sup>73</sup> at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz

NOW, on this day of April , 1973, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

# FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Texas West Oil & Gas Corporation, seeks approval Lits State "2" Com Well No. 1 at a point 2310 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of an experience of the Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Antelope Ridge-Atoka Gas Pool extension. Lea County, New Mexico.

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(6)(1) THAT NO OBJECTION TO THIS UNDETHODOX LOCATION WAS RAISED BY OFFSET OPERATORS.

That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Atoka formation is hereby approved for the State "2" Com Well No. 1, to be located at a point 2310 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Antelope Ridge-Atoka Gas Pool extension, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the N/2 of said Section 2 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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