CASE 3813: Application of TENNECO FOR A WATERFLOOD PROJECT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case Number

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- 9 A.M. OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
- The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or A. L. Porter, Jr., Alternate Examiner:
- CASE 3809: Application of Solar Oil Company for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its Travis Well No. 2 located in Unit J of Section 21, Township 23 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to produce oil from the Teague-Blinebry and undesignated Tubb-Drinkard pools through parallel strings of tubing.
- CASE 3810: Application of Bronco Oil Corporation for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its Saltmount Well No. 2 located in Unit O of Section 21, Township 23 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to produce oil from the Teague-Blinebry and undesignated Tubb-Drinkard pools through parallel strings of tubing.
- CASE 3811: Application of Charles B. Read for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill his Marathon State Well No. 1 at a location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Scharb-Bone Springs Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, in exception to the pool rules which require the first well drilled on a unit to be located in the NE/4 or the SW/4 of the quarter section.
- CASE 3812: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Southwest Henshaw (Premier) Unit Area comprising 1720 acres, more or less, of Federal lands in Township 16 South, Range 30 East, West Henshaw-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3813: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in its Southwest Henshaw (Premier) Unit Area by the injection of water into the Premier sand through nine injection wells in Sections 7, 8, 17, 18 and 19, Township 16 South, Range 30 East, West Henshaw-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

- CASE 3814: Application of Humble Oil & Refining Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Penrose zone of the Queen formation in the perforated interval from 3818 feet to 3838 feet in its New Mexico "G" State Well No. 17 located 330 feet from the South line and 1850 feet from the West line of Section 23, Town-ship 21 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. If said Penrose zone does not prove satisfactory, then the applicant proposes to deepen said well and dispose into the San Andres formation.
- CASE 3815: Application of Humble Oil & Refining Company for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Abo formation in the interval from 5670 feet to 6030 feet in its Chalk Bluff Draw Unit (A) Well No. 19 located 990 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 16, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Empire Abo Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3816: Application of Humble Oil & Refining Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Wolfcamp formation in the interval from 10,199 feet to 10,530 feet in its H. A. Townsend Well No. 6 located 1980 feet from the North and East lines of Section 9, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, Townsend Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3817: Application of Continental Oil Company for reinstatement of cancelled underproduction, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the general rules and regulations for prorated gas pools of Southeastern New Mexico promulgated by Order No. R-1670, as amended, to permit the reinstatement of underproduction accumulated by its Stevens A-35 Well No. 2 located in Unit J of Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, cancelled December 31, 1967. Applicant requests that its Stevens A-35 Well No. 1 located in Unit L and its Stevens A-35 Well No. 2 located in Unit J, both in the aforesaid Section 35 and dedicated to the same non-standard gas proration unit, be permitted to produce the aforesaid cancelled underproduction.

- CASE 3818: Application of Continental Oil Company for an exception to Rule 506, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the statewide limiting gas-oil ratio of 2,000 feet of gas per barrel of oil as promulgated by Commission Rule 506 for its Warren Unit Well No. 11, located in Unit A of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, Warren-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3819: Application of Cities Service Oil Company for the institution of gas prorationing in the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the limitation of gas production from the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to reasonable market demand and to the capacity of gas transportation facilities, and that the subject pool be governed by the general rules and regulations for the prorated gas pools of Southeastern New Mexico insofar as said general rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the special rules and regulations governing the subject pool. Further, the applicant proposes that the allowable production from the pool be allocated among the wells in the pool on a 100% surface acreage basis.
- CASE 3820: Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Harvey "A" Well No. 3 at a point 890 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 32, Township 27 North, Range 7 West, Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, in exception to the pool rules which require locations to be in either the Northeast or Southwest quarter of the section.
- CASE 3821: Application of Marathon Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the SE/4 of Section 22, Town-ship 20 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 660 feet from the South and East lines of said Section 22, and within one mile of the Southeast Lea-Wolfcamp Gas Pool.

Case 3822: Application of Aztec Oil & Gas Company for commingling,
Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled
cause, seeks authority to commingle San Andres production
from its State "AJ" lease comprising the SW/4 and the
W/2 NE/4 of Section 1 and its Amerada State lease comprising the N/2 NW/4 of Section 12, all in Township 18
South, Range 36 East, Arkansas Junction-San Andres Pool,
Lea County, New Mexico, allocating production to each
lease on the basis of periodic well tests.

CASE 3805: CONTINUED FROM THE JULY 10, 1968, EXAMINER HEARING

Application of Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation and Lloyd B. Taylor for Pressure Interference Tests and Back Allowable, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, seek authority to extend for an additional 60-day period from July 8, 1968, the shut-in test period authorized for one well in the La Plata Gallup Oil Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, by Commission Order No. R-3399 and to also extend the back allowable make-up period for said well. Applicants further seek authority to drill three additional La Plata oil wells in Section 6 of Township 31 North, Range 13 West, and Sections 31 and 32, Township 32 North, Range 13 West, and to shut said wells in immediately after recovery of load oil and the establishment of initial potentials, for a period of up to 180 days for the purpose of conducting pressure interference tests, and to make-up the production lost during said test period at a later date. Applicants further seek a provision for administrative extension of the shut-in test period and the make-up period.

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Oil Conservation Commission Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico *68 JUL 18 PH 1 09

Gentlemen:

We enclose herewith in triplicate application of Tenneco Oil Company for a water flood project for the Southwest Henshaw (Premier) Unit Area, together with 3 copies of the exhibits referred to in the application.

The information concerning this case was conveyed to Mr. George Hatch by telephone and has been included as Case No. 3813 on the examiner's docket for July 24.

Yours very truly,

HINKLE, BONDURANT & CHRISTY

By Clarence 6-Kinhle

CEH:cs Enc.

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A WATER FLOOD PROJECT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOUTHWEST HENSHAW (PREMIER) UNIT AREA BY THE INJECTION OF WATER INTO THE PREMIER SAND THROUGH 9 INJECTION WELLS LOCATED IN SECTIONS 7, 8, 17, 18 AND 19, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, N.M.P.M. EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, WEST HENSHAW - GRAYBURG POOL.

No. 3813

Oil Conservation Commission Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Comes Tenneco Oil Company, with offices at Midland, Texas, acting by and through the undersigned attorneys, and hereby makes application for approval of a water flood project in connection with the Southwest Henshaw (Premier) Unit Area by the injection of water into the Premier Sand through 9 injection wells located in Sections 7, 8, 17, 18 and 19, Township 16 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M. Eddy County, New Mexico, West Henshaw - Grayburg Pool, and in support thereof respectfully shows:

1. That applicant has made application to the Oil Conservation Commission for approval of the Southwest Henshaw (Premier) Unit Agreement embracing 1,720 acres of federal lands in Township 16 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M. Eddy County, more particularly described as follows:

Section 7 - E_2 SW $_2$, SE $_2$ Section 8 - S_2

Section 17 - Nz, SWz, NWZSEZ

Section 18 - E₂W₂, E₂

Section 19 - NEZNWZ, NZNEZ

Section 20 - NWINWI

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- 2. That the primary objective of the unit agreement is to carry on a water flood project, said unit agreement being limited to the formation commonly referred to as the Premier zone and which is specifically defined in the unit agreement as being "that interval occurring between the depths of 2,744 feet and 2,788 feet as shown on the Gamma Ray-Microlaterolog of the Tenneco Oil Company's Hagerty Federal Well No. 5 located 660 feet north from the south line and 660 feet west from the east line of Section 18, Township 16 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M.".
- 3. That there are filed herewith plats, referred to for purposes of identification as exhibits 1 and 2, showing the location of the proposed injection wells and the location of all other wells within a radius of 2 miles from the proposed injection wells and the formations from which said wells are producing or have produced. Exhibit 1 also indicates the owners of the oil and gas leases within said radius of 2 miles.
- 4. That the proposed injection wells are more particularly described as follows:
- (a) Tenneco Oil Company (Leonard Oil Co.) Hagerty-Federal No. 3 located 660 feet from the north line and 1980 feet from the east line Section 19.
- (b) Tenneco Oil Company (Leonard Oil Co.) Hagerty-Federal No. 4 located 660 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the west line Section 18.
- (c) Tenneco Oil Company (Leonard Oil Co.) Hagerty Federal No. 5 located 660 feet from the south line and 660 feet from the east line Section 18.
- (d) Tenneco Oil Company (Leonard Oil Co.) Hagerty Federal No. 7 located 1650 feet from the south line and 1650 feet from the east line Section 7.
- (e) Tenneco Oil Company (Leonard Oil Co.) Hagerty Federal No. 11 located 1980 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the east line Section 18.
- (f) Tenneco Oil Company (Leonard Oil Co.) Hagerty Federal No. 12 located 660 feet from the north line and 1980 feet from the east line Section 18.

- (g) Mobil Oil Corporation (John H. Trigg) Federal "D" No. 2 located 660 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the west line Section 17.
- (h) Mobil Oil Corporation (John H. Trigg) Federal "D" No. 3 located 1980 feet from the east line and 660 feet from the south line Section 8.
- (i) Mobil Oil Corporation (John H. Trigg) Federal "D" No. 8 located 1980 feet from the south line and 660 feet from the west line Section 17.

Diagrammatic sketches, referred to as Exhibits 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 19, are filed herewith showing all casing strings, including diameters and setting depths, quantities used and tops of cement, perforated or open hole intervals, tubing strings, including diameters and setting depths, and location of packers.

- 5. That there are also filed herewith electrical logs of each of the injection wells except the Mobil Oil Corporation Federal "D" No. 2 and the Mobil Oil Corporation Federal "D" No. 8 wells, the logs of which are not available; said electrical logs are identified as Exhibits 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 18.
- 6. That applicant desires that a project allowable be assigned to the Southwest Henshaw (Premier) water flood project in accordance with Rule 701(E) of the rules and regulations of the Oil Conservation Commission.
- 7. Applicant also seeks the right to have approved administratively by the Commission any additional injection wells which may be necessary or required to effectively and efficiently carry on said water flood project.
- 8. That a copy of this application, together with copies of all exhibits herein referred to, is being mailed to the State Engineer, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 9. Applicant requests that this matter be set down for hearing at the examiner's hearing to be held on July 24, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,

TENNECO OIL COMPANY

Member of the Firm of

HINKLE, BONDURANT & CHRISTY Attorneys for Applicant

Box 10

Roswell, New Mexico

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

August 1, 1968

Mr. Clarence Hinkle Hinkle, Bondurant & Christy Attorneys at Law Post Office Ben 10 Noswell, New Mexico 68201

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Reference is made to Commission Order No. R-3461, recently entered in Case No. 3813, approving the Tenneco Southwest Henshaw Waterfleed Project.

Initial injection is to be through the nine authorised water injection wells, each of which is to be equipped with 2 3/8-inch cement- or plastic-lined tubing set in a packer. The packers shall be set approximately 50 feet above the uppermost perforation or in the case of open-hele completions, approximately 50 feet above the casing shoe. The casing-tubing annulus shall be loaded with corrosion-inhibited fluid and left open at the surface or equipped with a pressure gauge to facilitate detection of tubing or packer leaks.

As to allowable, our calculations indicate that when all of the authorised injection wells have been placed on active injection, the maximum allowable which this project will be eligible to receive under the provisions of Rule 701-2-3 is 630 barrels per day when the Southeast New Mexico normal unit allowable is 42 barrels per day or less.

Please report any error in this calculated maximum allowable immediately, both to the Santa Pe office of the Commission and the appropriate district proration office.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO 87501

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August 1, 1968

Mr. Clurence Minkle Minkle, Bondurant & Christy Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 10 Boswell, New Mexico 88201

In order that the allowable assigned to the project may be kept current, and in order that the operator may fully benefit from the allowable provisions of Rule 701, it behooves him to promptly notify both of the aforementioned Commission offices by letter of any change in the status of wells in the project area, i.e., when active injection commences, when additional injection or producing wells are drilled, when additional wells are acquired through purchase or unitisation, when wells have received a response to water injection, etc.

Your cooperation in keeping the Commission so informed as to the status of the project and the wells therein will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

ALP/DSM/eer

cc: Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Best 1980 Hobbs, New Mexico

> Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD Artesia, New Mexico

Mr. D. H. Gray State Engineer Office Capitol Building Santa Fe, New Mexico

United States Geological Survey Drawer U Artesia, New Mexico

BEFORE THE OIL COMSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE NATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL COMSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE No. 3813 Order No. R-3461

APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY FOR A WATERFLOOD PROJECT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE CONGUSSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 24, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Mutter.

MOW, on this lst day of August, 1968, 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, Tenneco Oil Company, seeks permission to institute a waterflood project in its Southwest Henshaw (Premier) Unit Area, West Henshaw-Grayburg Pool, by the injection of water into the Premier sand of the Grayburg formation through nine injection wells in Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, and 19, Township 16 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the wells in the project area are in an advanced state of depletion and should properly be classified as "stripper" wells.
- (4) That the proposed waterflood project should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.

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(5) That the subject application should be approved and the project should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Tenneco Oil Company, is hereby authorised to institute a waterflood project in its Southwest Henshaw (Premier) Unit Area, West Henshaw-Grayburg Pool, by the injection of water into the Premier sand of the Grayburg formation through the following-described wells in Township 16 South, Range 30 Bast, MMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico:

LEASE	WELL NO.	UNIT	SECTION
Tennéco Oil Co. Hagerty Federal	7	J	7
Mobil Oil Corp. Federal "D"	3	0	-8
Mobil Oil Corp. Federal "D"	2	D	17
Mobil Oil Corp. Federal "D"	8	L	17
Tenneco Oil Co. Hagerty Federal	12	В	18
Tenneco Oil Co. Hagerty Federal	11	J	18
Tenneco Oil Co. Hagerty Federal	4	n	18
Tennaco Oil Co. Hagerty Federal	5	P	18
Tenneco Oil Co. Hagerty Federal	3	В	19

(2) That the subject waterflood project is hereby designated the Tenneco Southwest Henshaw Waterflood Project and shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That the Secretary-Director of the Commission may approve expansion of the Tenneco Southwest Henshaw Waterflood Project to include such additional lands and injection wells in the area of said project as may be necessary to complete an efficient water injection pattern; that the showing of well response as required by Rule 701 E 5 shall not be necessary before obtaining administrative approval for the conversion of additional wells to water injection.

(3) That monthly progress reports of the waterflood project herein authorised shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

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(4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DOME at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL COMBERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

esr/

GOVERNOR DAVID F. CARGO CHAIRMAN

State of New Mexico

Bil Conservation Commission

LAND COMMISSIONER GUYTON B. HAYS MEMBER



STATE GEOLOGIST A. L. PORTER, JR. SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE

August 1, 1968

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Re: Case No. 3813
Order No. R-3461
Applicant:
TENNECO OIL COMPANY

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case. Letter pertaining to conditions of approval and maximum allowable to follow.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

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Carbon copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC X
Artesia OCC X
Aztec OCC
State Engineer X

Other_____

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120 SIMMS BLDG. . P. O. BOX 1092 . PHONE 243-4691 . ALBUQUERQUE,

BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
July 24, 1968

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Tenneco Oil Company for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Application of Tenneco Oil Company for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Case No. 3812

Case No. 3813

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter

Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING



MR. NUTTER: We'll call Case 3812.

MR. HATCH: Case 3812. Application of Tenneco Oil Company for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. HINKLE: If the Examiner please, Clarence Hinkle of Hinkle, Bondurant and Christy appearing on behalf of Tenneco. We would like to also call Case 3813 and I'd like to move that these two cases be consolidated due to the fact that we have one witness and one set of exhibits for both cases.

MR. NUTTER: We'll call the next case, 3813.

MR. HATCH: Case 3813. Application of Tenneco Oil Company for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. NUTTER: Case 3812 and Case 3813 will be consolidated for the purpose of testimony.

MR. HINKLE: Mr. Examiner, we have one set of exhibits under one cover, and I'd suggest that it be identified as Exhibit A because all the exhibits under the cover are identified from exhibits 1 through 16 so that we can refer to them.

MR. NUTTER: The brochure will be identified as Exhibit A and it relates to both cases, Mr. Hinkle?

MR. HINKLE: Yes.

(Whereupon, Applicants Exhibit A was marked for identification.)

MR. HINKLE: Were you sworn?

MR. LACEY: No.

MR. HINKLE: I'd like to have the witness sworn, please.

(Witness sworn.)

JOHN J. LACEY

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HINKLE:

- Q State your name.
- A John J. Lacey.
- Q By whom are you employed?
- A By Tenneco Oil Company.
- Q In what capacity?
- A As District Reservoir Engineer in their Production Office in Midland, Texas.
- O Have you heretofore testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission?
 - A Yes, I have.
- Q And your qualifications as a petroleum engineer are a matter of record with the Commission?
 - A Yes, they are.
- Q Are you familiar with the applications of Tenneco Oil Company in Cases 3812 and 3813?
 - A Yes, I am.

- Q What is Tenneco seeking to accomplish by its application in Case Number 3812?
- A Tenneco Oil Company is seeking approval of the Southwest Henshaw (Premier) Unit Agreement in Case 3812.
 - Q And what is it seeking in Case Number 3813?
- A Tenneco Oil Company is seeking approval of a waterflood project which would be co-extensive with the unit.
 - Q Are you familiar with this proposed unit area?
 - A Yes, I am.
 - Q Have you made a study of all the wells in the area?
 - A Yes, I have.
- Q And of all the production history and information, generally?
 - A Yes, I have.
- Q Have you prepared certain exhibits which you would like to present in this case?
 - A Yes, I have.
- Q Refer to Exhibit Number 1 under Exhibit A and explain to the Commission what this is and what it shows.
- A Exhibit Number 1 is a plat showing the location of the proposed Southwest Henshaw (Premier) Unit and the locations of the nearby producing wells within a two-mile radius of this unit boundary.

Q Does it also indicate the location of other unit areas in the general area?

A Yes, it does. The West Henshaw (Premier) Unit operated by Mobil, and to the immediate northeast of the Southwest Henshaw Unit, and East High Lonesome Penrose Sand Unit operated by General American Oil Company immediately to the west of the proposed unit.

- O Does it show the ownership of all the leasehold interests in the area?
 - A Yes, it does.
- Q Does it also show the formations from which the various wells are producing?
- A Yes, it does. It shows all the wells in the zone from which they are currently producing.
- Q What are the character of the lands within the proposed unit area, that is, whether it is Federal, State or private land?
- A All of the lands within the proposed unit area are Federal land.
- Q Has this area heretofore been designated by the United States Geological Survey as an area logical for unitization?
 - A Yes, it has.

- Q Are you familiar with the proposed form of unit agreement, copies of which have been filed with the application?
 - A Yes, I am.
- Q Is this form in substantially the same form as other unit agreements having the general purpose of secondary recovery that have heretofore been approved by the Oil Conservation Commission?
 - A Yes, it is.
 - Q Has this form been approved by the U.S.G.S.?
 - A Yes, they have. We've obtained preliminary approvals.
- Q Who is designated in the unit agreement as the unit operator?
- A Tenneco Oil Company has been designated as the operator for the unit.
- Q Is this unit agreement, does it cover all formations from the surface on down, or is it limited to a particular formation?
- A No. This unit agreement only covers the Premier Sand vertical limits which are described in Article II, Section 6.
 - Q That is the definition of --
 - A Of the Premier Sand to be unitized.
 - Q And that would be the only zone that is unitized in

the area.

- A Right.
- Q How many working interest owners are there within the unit area?
- A Within the unit area, there are only three working interest owners.
 - Q Who are they?
- A Tenneco Oil Company, Mobil Oil Corporation and General American Oil Company.
- Q Has Tenneco extended an invitation to Mobil and General American to join in the unit to commit the acreage to the unit?
 - A Yes. Yes, we have.
 - Q Have they agreed to commit their interest to the unit?
- A Mobil Oil Company has agreed to commit their acreage to the unit; however, General American has indicated that they do not wish to commit their acreage, but would cooperate with the unit.
 - Q How much acreage does General American have?
- A General American has approximately 400 acres within the unit outlined.
 - Q What's the total acreage within the unit area?
 - A 1,740, I believe.

Q You said that General American had indicated their cooperation. What do you mean by that?

A Well, in previous discussions with General American, they have indicated that if the unit is formed and the water-flood projects approved, that they would convert some of their producing wells to water injection and work out a cooperative agreement with the unit.

Q Now, what is the status of the commitment of the overriding royalties and production payments of Mobil and Tenneco, that is, on their leases as far as commitment to the unit is concerned?

A At the present time, Tenneco has approximately half of its overriding royalty interest committed and we anticipate that we will obtain complete sign-up of all the production payment interest and overriding interest in both Tenneco and Mobil's acreage.

- Q Does this unit agreement contain a participation formula?
- A Yes, it does.
- O What is it based on?
- A The formula is based on 80% acre feet and 20% cumulative production.
 - Q Has this been agreed to by Mobil?
 - A Yes, it has.

- Q In your opinion, will this unit be in the interest of protection of correlative rights of all of the leaseowners?
 - A Yes, it will.
- Q As well as the owners of the override and production payments?
 - A Yes, it will.
- Q What is the status of the wells that are within the unit area? Are they stripper wells or in primary production or what?
- A At the present time, I think there's several wells that are shut in and all of the -- the wells that are producing in the unit area are at a very low stripper stage, a barrel a day or so.
- Q Now, refer to Exhibit Number 2 under Exhibit A and explain what this is and what it shows.
- A Exhibit Number 2 of Exhibit A is a plat showing the boundaries of the unit and an isopac of the net pay of the Premier Sand to be waterflooded and the location of the proposed injection wells and it also shows the location of two future injection wells that would be converted by General American.
 - Q How many injection wells are there all together?
- A Tenneco is asking for the approval of a total of seven, converting seven presently producing wells to water injection and the approval of two wells that are presently

plugged and abandoned which we wish to re-enter and convert the water there.

- Q Does this indicate the location of General American's acreage and the injection wells that would be on its acreage through the cooperative agreement?
 - A Yes, it does.
- Q Now, refer to Exhibit Number 3 and explain what this shows.
- A Exhibit Number 3 of Exhibit A is a pertinent data sheet relative to the proposed unit and waterflood project showing our estimates of secondary oil to be recovered, our source of water which will be purchased from Double Eagle Corporation, and the original our estimate of original oil in place and primary recovery which has been unusually low.
- Q Also shows the amount you expect to recover on the secondary recovery?
 - A Yes, it does.
 - Q And the porosity and permeability and water saturations?
- A Porosity and permeability and water saturations, yes, it does.
 - Q You have your average pay thickness.
 - A Thickness.

MR. HINKLE: Mr. Examiner, I might state this, that

Exhibits 4 through 19 are diagrammatic sketches of the proposed injection wells and following each diagrammatic sketch is an electrical log of the wells. I'm going to ask the witness to refer to these exhibits, 4 through 19, and explain them, pointing out the differences that are involved in the different injection wells.

A All right. Exhibits 4 through 19 are diagrammatic sketches of the wells that we propose to convert to injection and the subsurface installation we plan to employ. Generally, all of the wells were originally completed of two general categories. They were either open hole completions or with production casing strings set through the pay and perforated. In every case, we plan to install tubing and packer and inject the water down the tubing and down the packer into the pay zone and although it doesn't show on the diagrammatic sketches, we plan to load the annulus sizing of the casing with some type of corrosion inhibited fluid. There were two wells for which we had no logs available.

- Q Why was that?
- A These two wells are Mobil Oil Company's Federal D-2 and Federal D-8. They were not available in their files nor were they available from commercial reproduction companies.
 - Q Are these wells located on properties which were

acquired by Mobil?

- A Yes, they were. Mobil's properties within the proposed unit were acquired in their purchase of John H. Trigg properties.
- Q And there were no logs available to these wells so far as you were able to --
 - A Right. We've been unable to obtain any logs on them.
- Q How did you get the information through which the diagrammetic sketches were made of these two wells?
- A The diagrammatic sketches are based on our well files and the well files that we obtained from Mobil Oil Corporation.
- Q Anything else that you would like to comment on with respect to any of these exhibits?
- A Well, two of the proposed injection wells, as I previously stated, are presently plugged and abandoned. One is the Mobil Oil Company's Federal D-2 which does not now have production casing in it, and the other well is the Tenneco Oil Company's Haggerty Federal Number 4 which does have a production string in it, casing string. We plan to re-enter.
 - Q Two wells will be re-entered?
 - A Yes, they will, and converted.
 - Q And re-converted?
 - A Recompleted or converted.
 - Now, into what formation do you propose to inject the

water in these injection wells?

A We propose to inject the water and confine it to the Premier Sand or the zone.

- Q That's the Henshaw-Grayburg Pool?
- A The West Hen -- I believe it's that --
- Q The West Henshaw?
- A I believe it is. The leases are now included in the West Henshaw.
- Now, your application and I believe your testimony also shows that you would like to have the Order of approval show that you may obtain administrative approval of additional injection wells. What do you contemplate by this?
- A Our plans are once the unit and the project is in operation and we obtain favorable response from a water injection, there is a portion in the center part of this unit that is undeveloped and we plan to drill new injection wells and possibly new producing wells, in which case we would like to be able to obtain administrative approval to complete any new well to convert to injection.
- Q Is Tenneco seeking a project allowable for this waterflood project?
- A Yes. We would like to obtain a project allowable for all of the acreage that is committed to the unit.
 - Q And that's in accordance with Rule 71-E of the

Commission?

- A Yes.
- Q Now, would that project allowable include the acreage of General American?
- A If General American does not commit its acreage to the unit, it would not include their acreage.
- Q In other words, it would only include the acreage, the working interests, which is committed to the unit?
 - A Yes, it would. It would be Mobil and Tenneco.
- Q Now, if this unit agreement is approved and you go ahead with the waterflood project, in your opinion, would it be in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste?
 - A Yes, it would.
- Q And it would tend to promote the greatest ultimate recovery of the unitized substances?
 - A Yes, it would.

MR. HINKLE: We'd like to offer Exhibit A in evidence.

MR. NUTTER: Applicant's Exhibit A will be admitted in evidence.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit A was admitted in evidence.)

MR. HINKLE: That's all of the direct testimony.

CROSS EXAMINATION

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 - A Yes.
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 - A Yes.
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 - A Right.
- Q Section 19, we would have one. Section 8, you have one injection well there on the Mobil lease, correct?
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- A That are presently developed and we --
- Q Nine of those would be injection wells and six of them would be producers.
- A Yes, producers. And like I mentioned previously, we anticipate some additional development.
- Q Evidently, that thin spot there in the Mobil dry hole in the northwest northwest of 17 discouraged development up in that area.
 - A Yes, it did.
- Q Now, on your next page, where you mentioned that the required injection volume will be five and a half million barrels --
 - A Yes.
- Q -- is this total water that will be injected over the life of the flood or is this the volume of the new water that will be required?
- A This is the total volume of water that would be required. We anticipate that once we obtain response in some produced water that we would reinject it.
- Q So the 750,000 barrels is the fill-up water or the initial water that's required?
- A Right. I would anticipate that our make-up water would be, maybe, slightly more than that.

Q Now, actually, by comparison with some of the other floods, this anticipated secondary recovery is relatively low. Why would that be, in this case, Mr. Lacey? I mean -- Well, I beg your pardon. I beg your pardon. I was thinking that the 4.9 million was the cumulative production. That was the original oil in place.

A No. Our estimate of secondary recovery is substantially larger than what has been produced by primary.

Q I was comparing 900,000 to 4,900,000. I should compare 900,000 to 400,000.

A Yes. We feel that because of the lack of development in the center portion of this unit, that it's probably been pressure depleted, but oil was left behind.

- Now, with respect to your schematic diagrams, I notice that the distance there on the first well from the packer down to the casing shoe is forty-four feet. On the next well, it's 48 feet, and so forth. It never exceeds 50 feet except in the case of one well, that is, 59, and I presume that you more or less follow this same pattern on the one well that doesn't have the casing in it at the present time.
 - A Yes. Yes, we would, Mr. Examiner.
- Q I notice here on the exhibit, that is, Exhibit 16, that you show the packer to be set at 2680 and that the top

of the pay would be 2730, so your perforations would be approximately fifty feet below the packer or you'd set the packer approximately fifty feet above the uppermost perforation when this perforation is made.

- A Yes.
- Q And the annulus will be loaded. Do you plan to use cement or plastic coated tubing?
- A I don't know exactly what we will use. I would anticipate that we would probably use cement lined or plastic coated.
- Q Now, the annulus then can be either left open or equipped with a pressure gauge to detect leakage in the tubing or packer.
 - A Yes.
- Q Some of these wells don't have any surface pipe in them, is this correct?
- A Yes, some. I believe some of these wells are cable tools, were drilled with cable tools and I think some casing was set and pulled. We acquired, the Tenneco Oil Company properties were acquired from Leonard Oil Company and some cases or well records are not very clear, very complete.
- Q Most of the wells have from four to 500 feet of surface pipe. However, this Haggerty Number 11, which is an old Leonard well, has no surface pipe. The Haggerty Number 12, an old

Leonard well, has no surface pipe. I guess those are the only two.

- A Yes.
- Q You don't know the top of the cement on those long strand …
- A Well, like I stated previously, Mr. Examiner, we've calculated a theoretical top of cement. However, the well files that we acquired did not have temperature surveys run and there was no record of any actual measured --
- Q The only way to do it would be to calculate the theoretical fill-up and that's using an actual fill-up without any safety factor.
 - A Now, this is a hundred percent fill factor.
 - Q Hundred percent fill factor.
- A We wouldn't know what to use. But in all probability, the actual top would be somewhat lower than --
 - Q This is maximum theoretical fill-up?
 - A Right.
- Q We may want to discuss these two wells with you prior to the conversion for water injection. There may be something that will be considered necessary on these two wells.
 - A Right.

MR. HINKLE: All right.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions of

Mr. Lacey?

MR. HINKLE: I might ask Mr. Lacey another question here.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HINKLE:

Q You testified that there was a possibility that you would drill additional wells and for production as well as injection in the event you got a good response from the waterflood project, those wells that are being drilled at the undrilled locations toward the center of the unit area.

If you should do this, would you anticipate that the recovery, of secondary recovery would be larger than you anticipated on Exhibit 3?

A No. The recovery estimates shown on exhibit, on the pertinent data sheet have included in them that possibility, these additional injection and producing wells to be drilled.

MR. HINKLE: That's all.

MR. NUTTER: That's based on the per acre feet of pay that you have indicated in here?

MR. LACEY: Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions of the witness? He may be excused. Do you have anything further, Mr. Hinkle?

MR. HINKLE: No, that's all we have in these cases.

MR. NUTTER: Have you offered Exhibit A in these cases?

MR. HINKLE: I believe I did.

MR. NUTTER: Okay. Does anyone have anything they wish to offer in Case 3812 or 3813? We'll take the cases under advisement.

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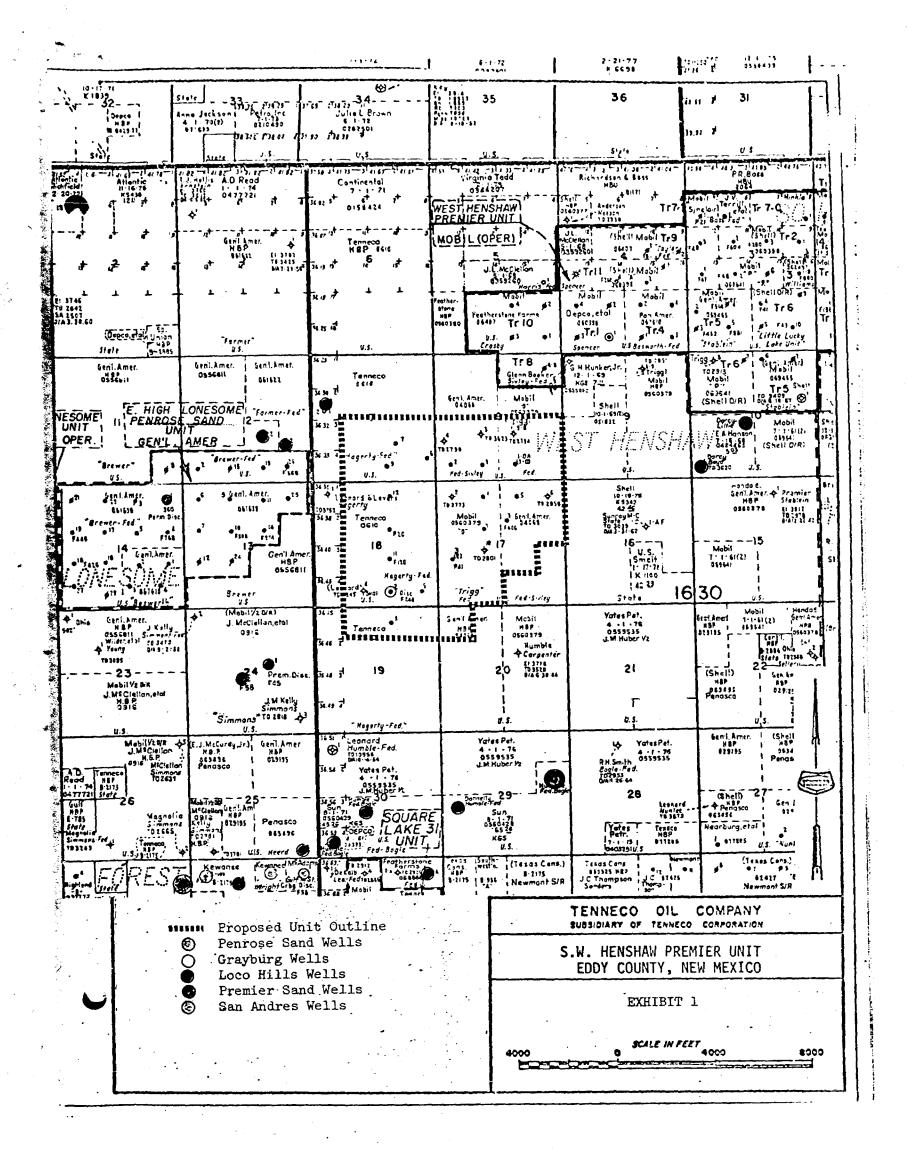
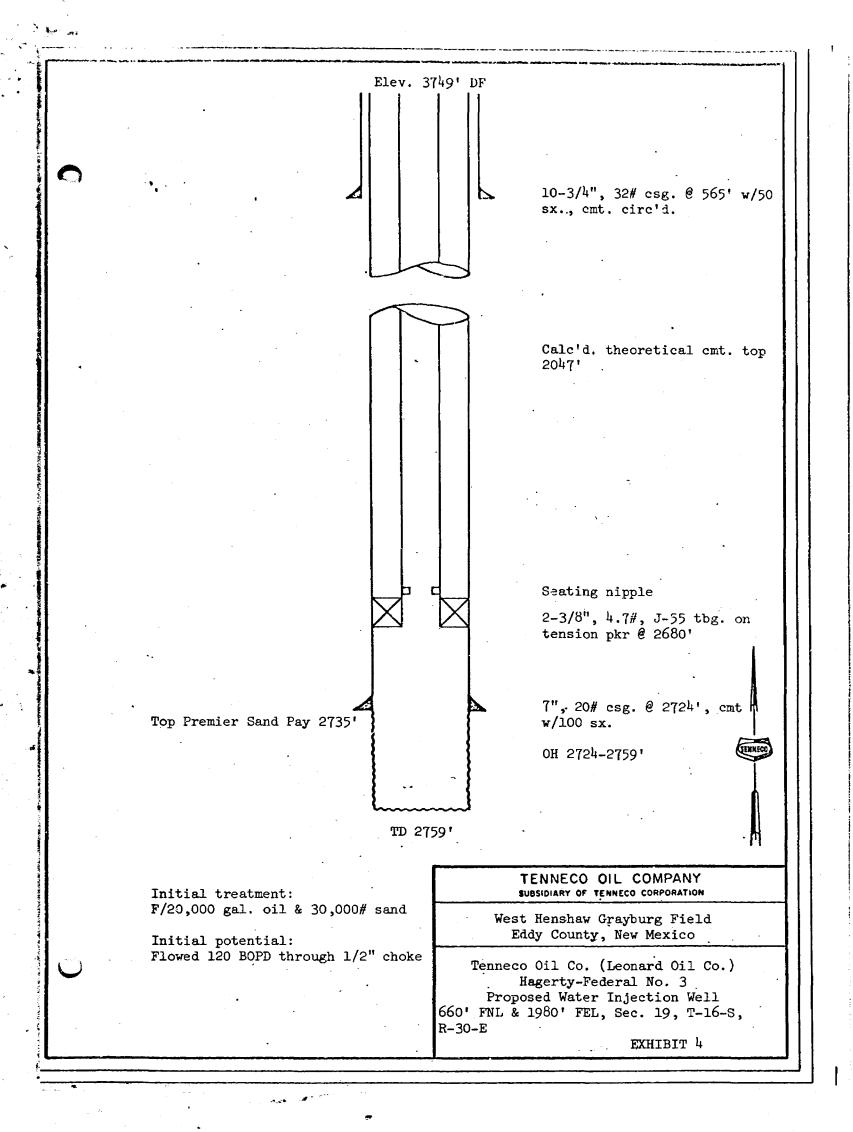
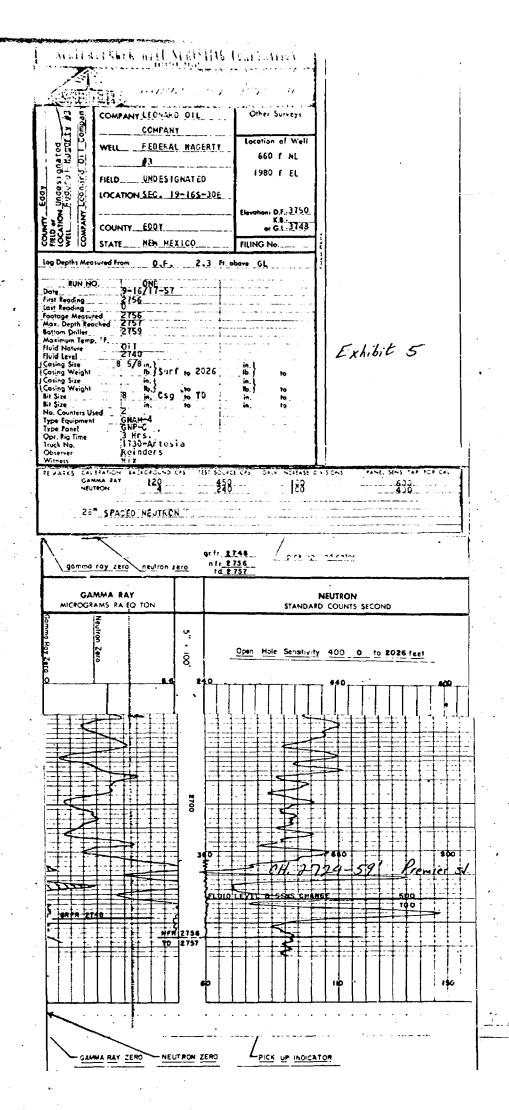


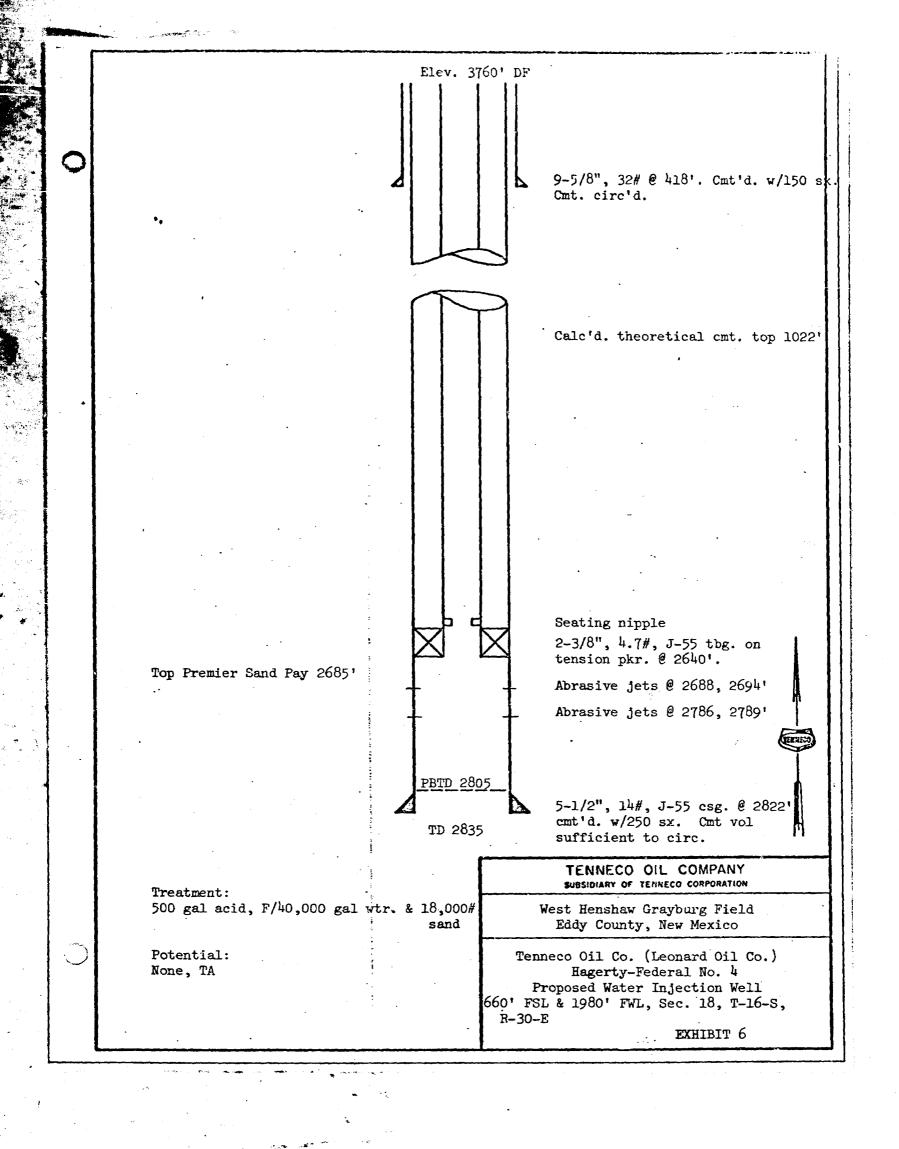
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PERTINENT INFORMATION PROPOSED UNIT AREA

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7.	Vertical coverage (%)	90
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9.	Porosity (%)	17.4
10.	Permeability (md.)	6.5
	Water saturation (%)	35
	Original formation volume factor (RB/STB)	1.176
13.	Estimated current formation volume factor (RB/STB)	1.05
14.	Productive area - isopach map (acres)	1,349
15.	Average net pay thickness (feet)	4.9
16.	Original oil in place (STB)	4,923,600
17.	Cumulative primary recovery to 10-1-67 (STB)	383,837
18.	Remaining economical primary reserves	0
19.	Primary reservoir volume (Ac.Ft.)	6,600
20.	Primary recovery factor (%)	7.8
21.	Floodable reservoir volume (Ac.Ft.)	4,992
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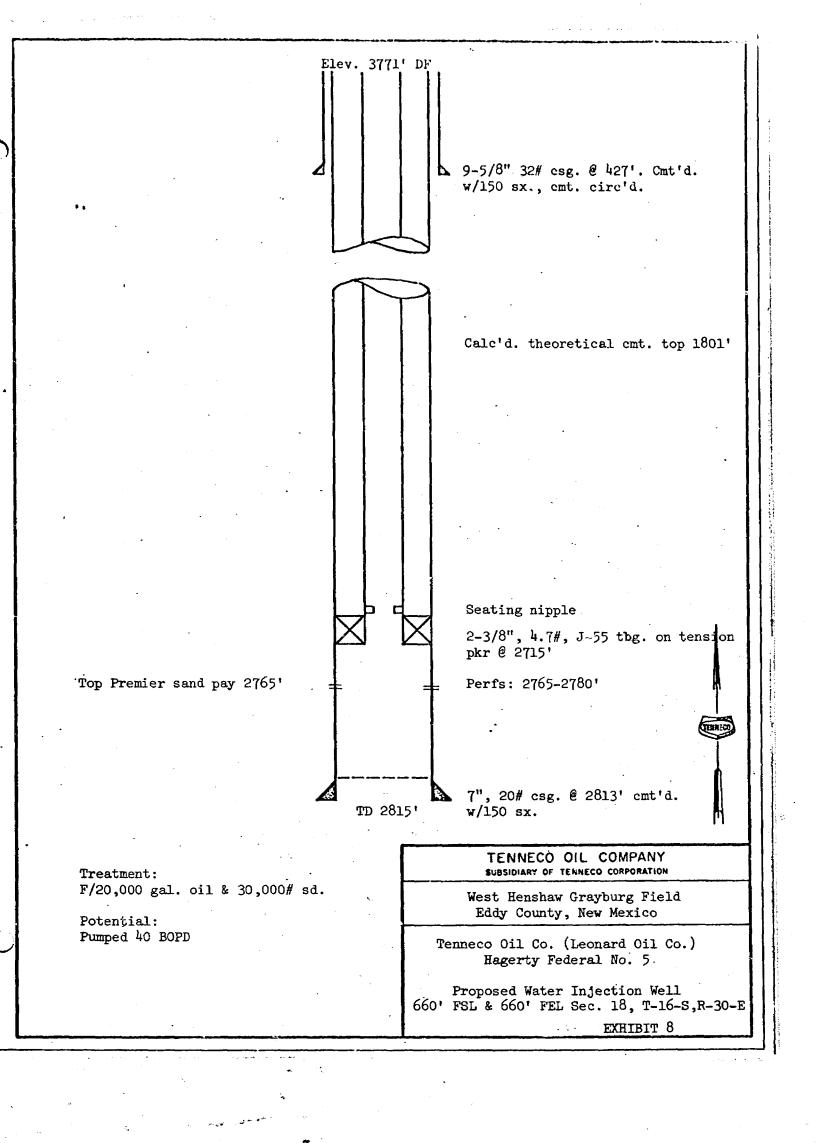




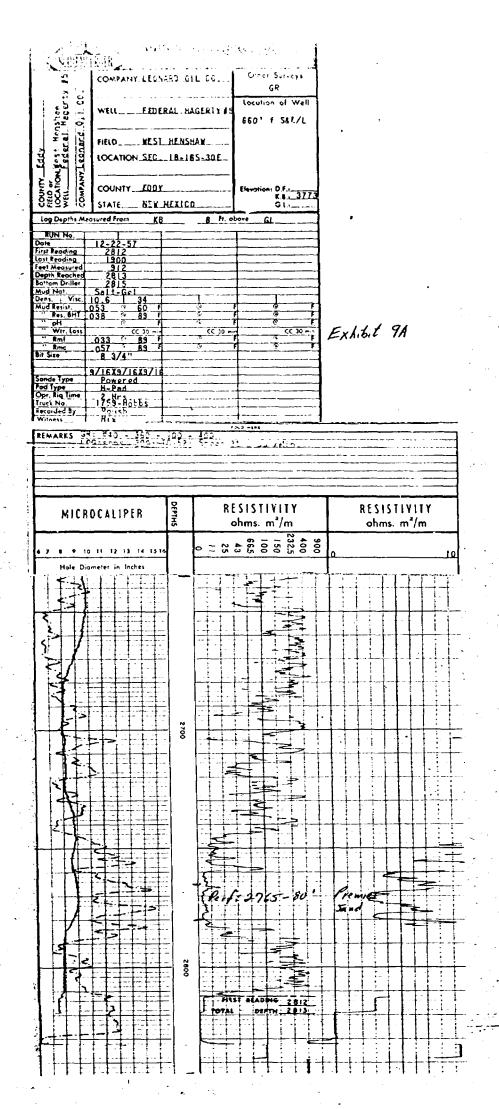
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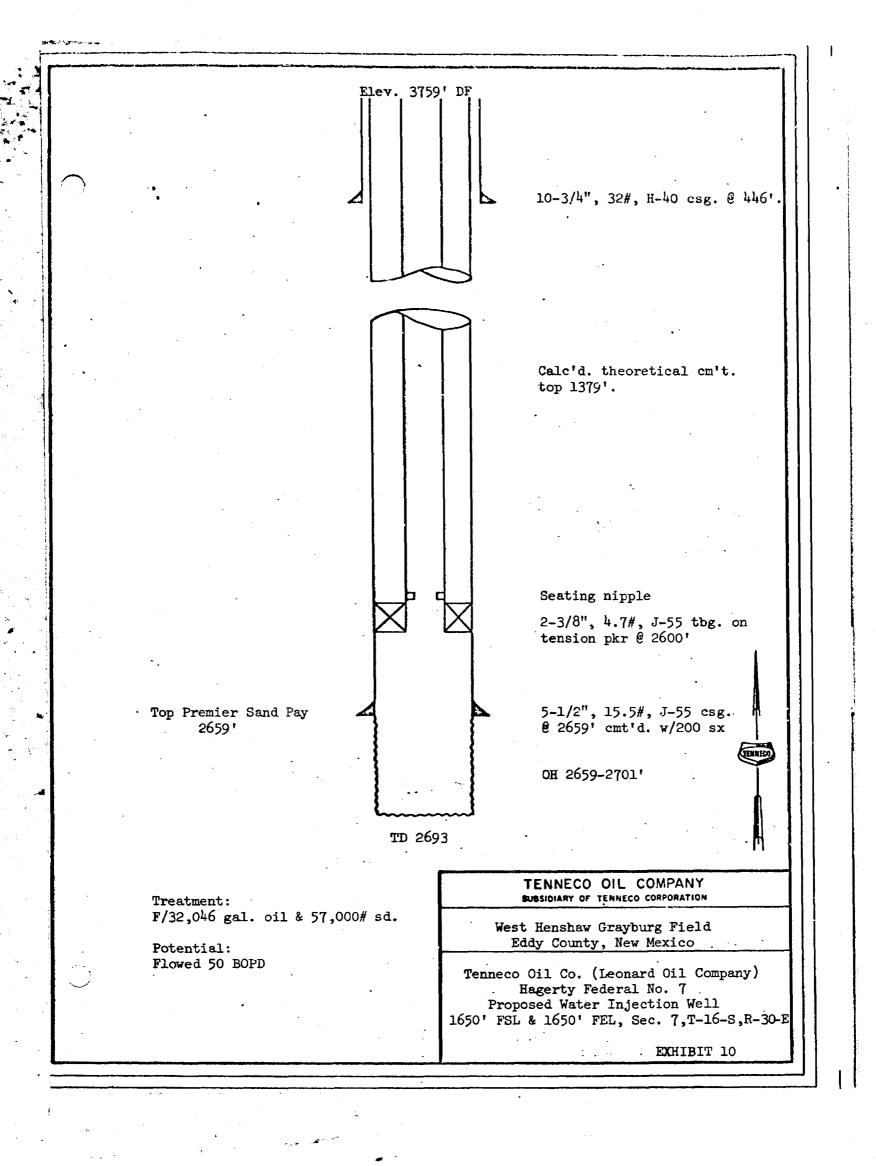
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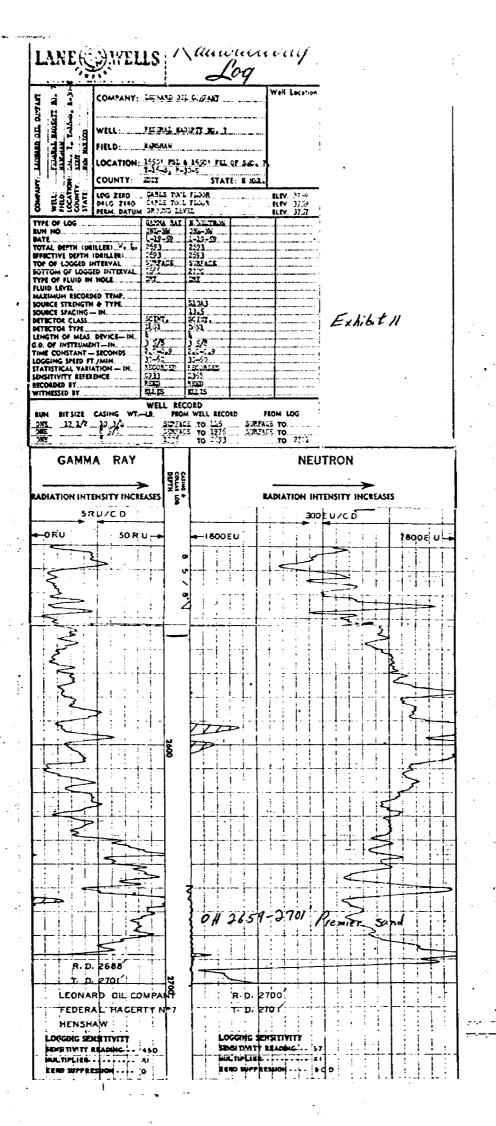
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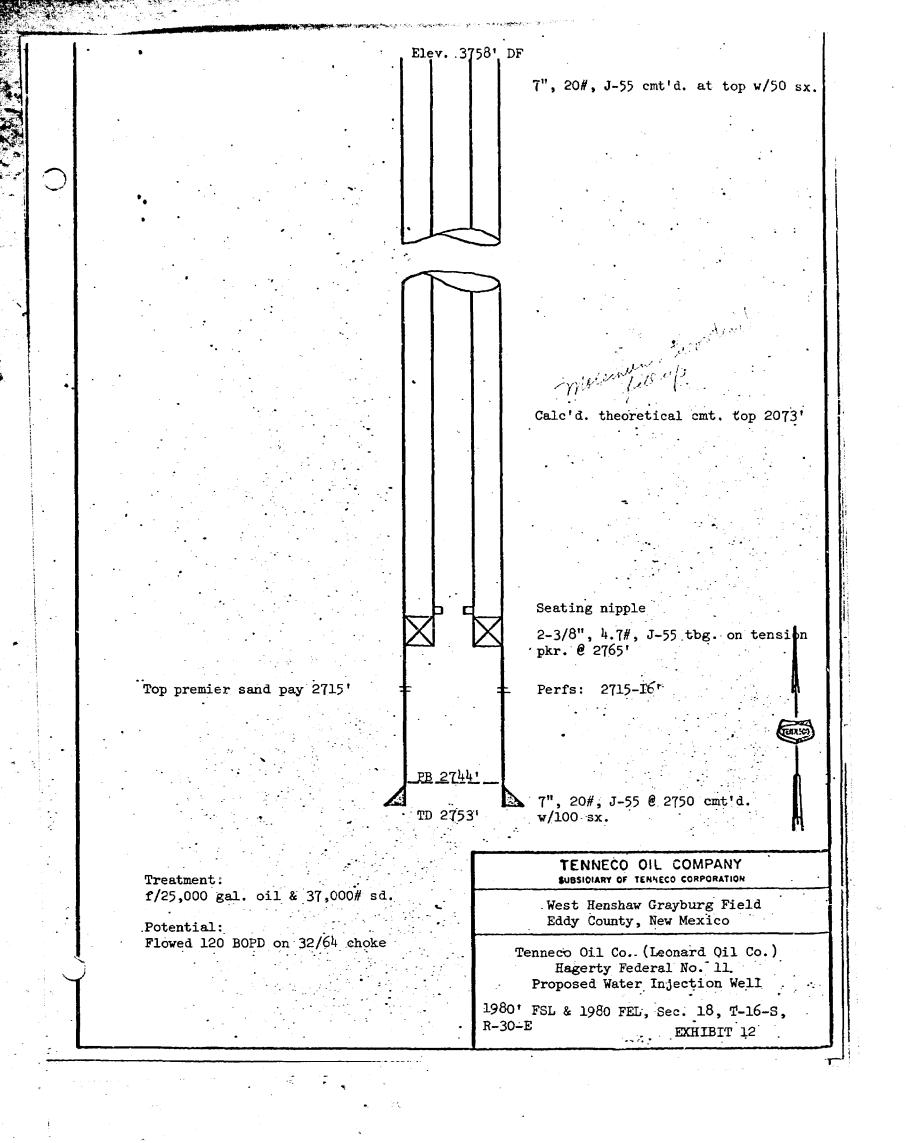


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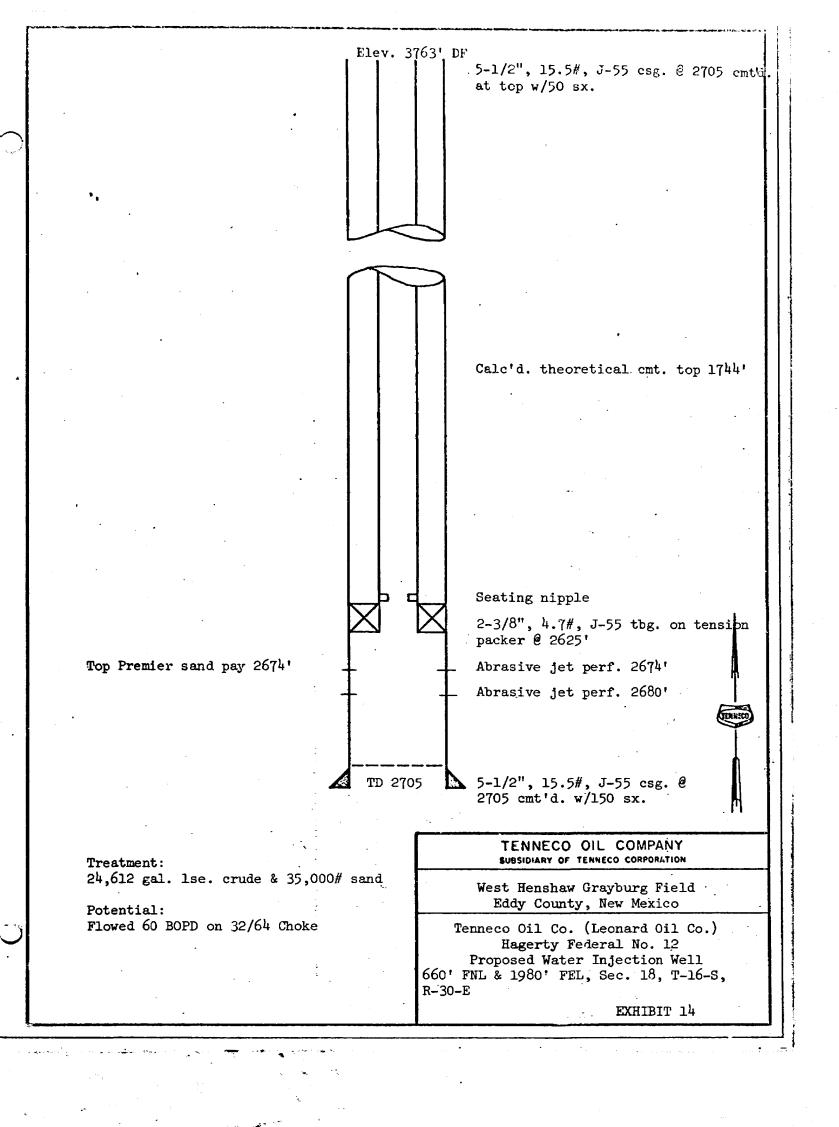


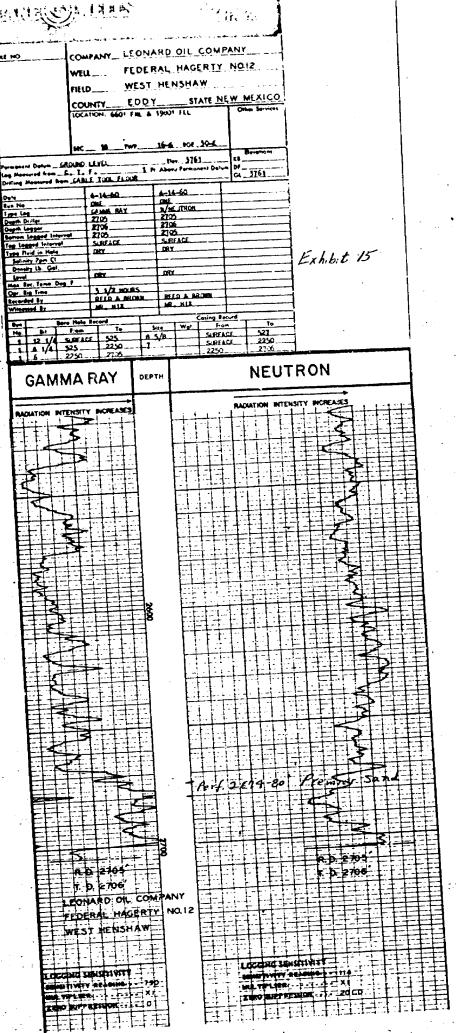


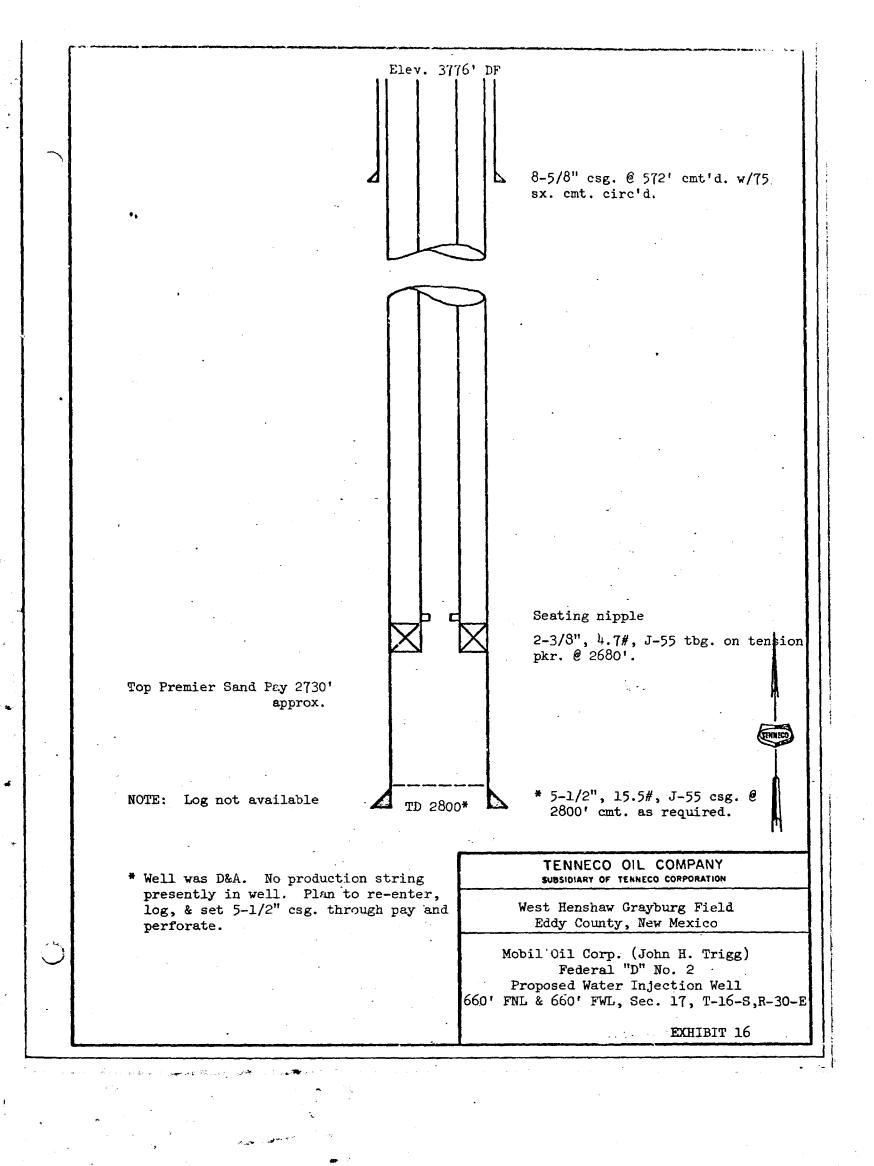


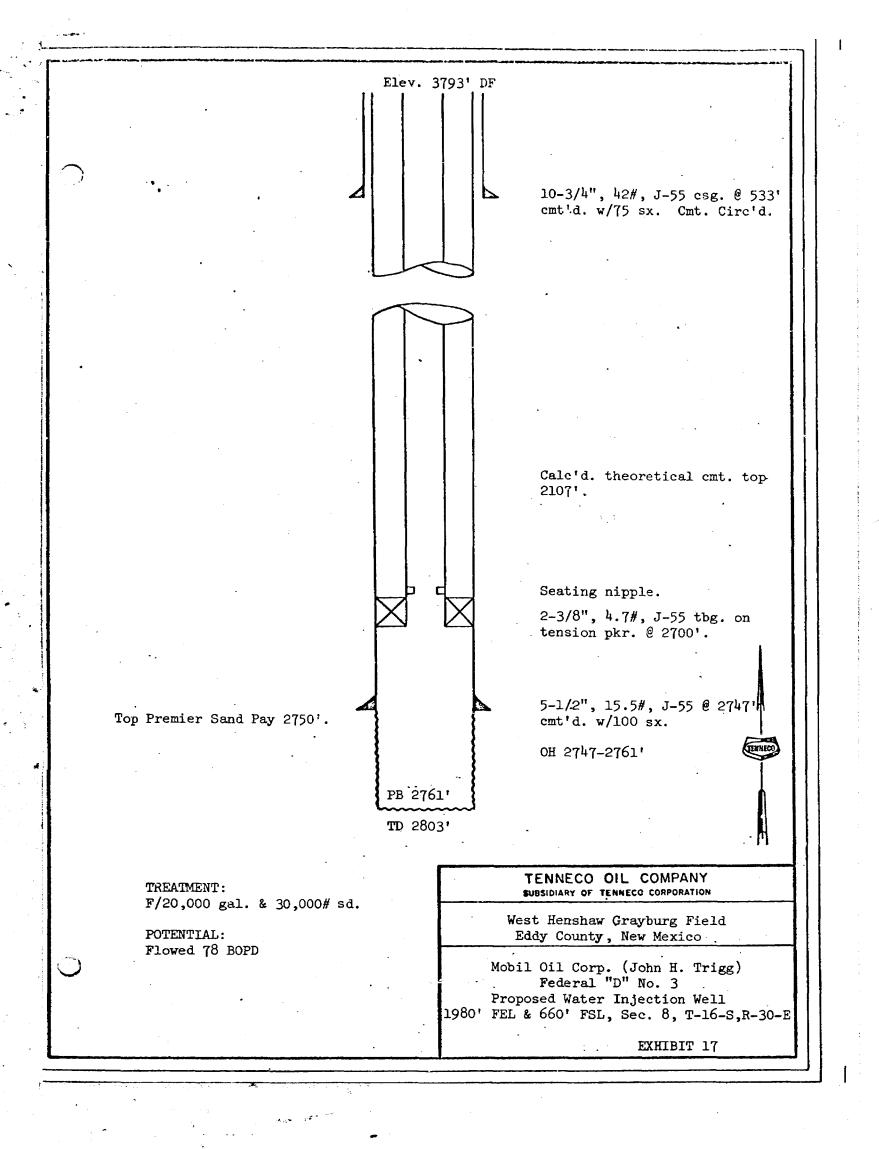


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