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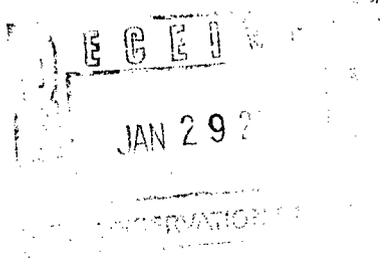


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January 25, 2001

Mr. Michael Stogner
Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504



RE: Application for a Unorthodox Well Location
Indian Basin "D" # 3
1980' FSL & 1870' FEL
Sec, 34, T-21-S, R-23-E
Eddy Co. New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Marathon Oil Company has identified an existing pipeline and topographical conditions preventing us from locating the well in a Standard Location in Unit Letter "J" of Section 34. All other standard location sites are not feasible projects due to a pipeline running East and West at the location site. Accordingly, please find enclosed our application for an unorthodox well location requesting administrative approval under conditions of OCD Rule # 104.

Marathon Oil Company is applying to the New Mexico Conservation Division to drill this well at an unorthodox location of 1980' FSL & 1870' FEL, Unit Letter "J", of Section 34, T-21-S, R-23-E, NMPM. Said well is dedicated to a standard 640 Acre Proration Unit of Section 34.

In Support Thereof:

- 1) This Indian Basin Upper Penn gas well is subject to the Division's statewide rules and regulations specifying that a well shall be located not closer than 1650 feet to the outer boundary of a lease and no closer than 330 feet to any quarter/ quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary. The proposed well is located at a legal setback of 1980 feet from the outer boundary. This location is unorthodox to the internal governmental 330 feet quarter/ quarter section line.
- 2) Due to an existing pipeline and topographical constraints, the only possible drill location must be 1980' FSL & 1870' FEL of Section 34.

Marathon Oil Company seeks approval for this unorthodox well location to drill the Indian Basin Upper Penn. Gas well. Enclosed is a copy of the offset's waiver to objection letters. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (915) 687-8357

Regards,

Jerry Fletcher
Jerry Fletcher
Engineering Technician

A subsidiary of USX Corporation

STRICT I
 Box 1880, Hobbs, NM 88241-1880

State of New Mexico
 Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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 Form C-102
 Revised February 10, 1984
 Submit to Appropriate District Office
 State Lease - 4 Copies
 Fee Lease - 3 Copies
 JAN 29

STRICT II
 Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211-0719

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
 P.O. Box 2088
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

STRICT III
 80 Rio Brazos Ed., Asteo, NM 87410

STRICT IV
 D. BOX 2088, SANTA FE, N.M. 87504-2088

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT AMENDED REPORT

API Number	Pool Code	Pool Name
		Indian Basin Upper Penn. Gas
Property Code	Property Name	Well Number
	INDIAN BASIN "D"	3
OGRID No.	Operator Name	Elevation
14021	MARATHON OIL COMPANY	3974

Surface Location

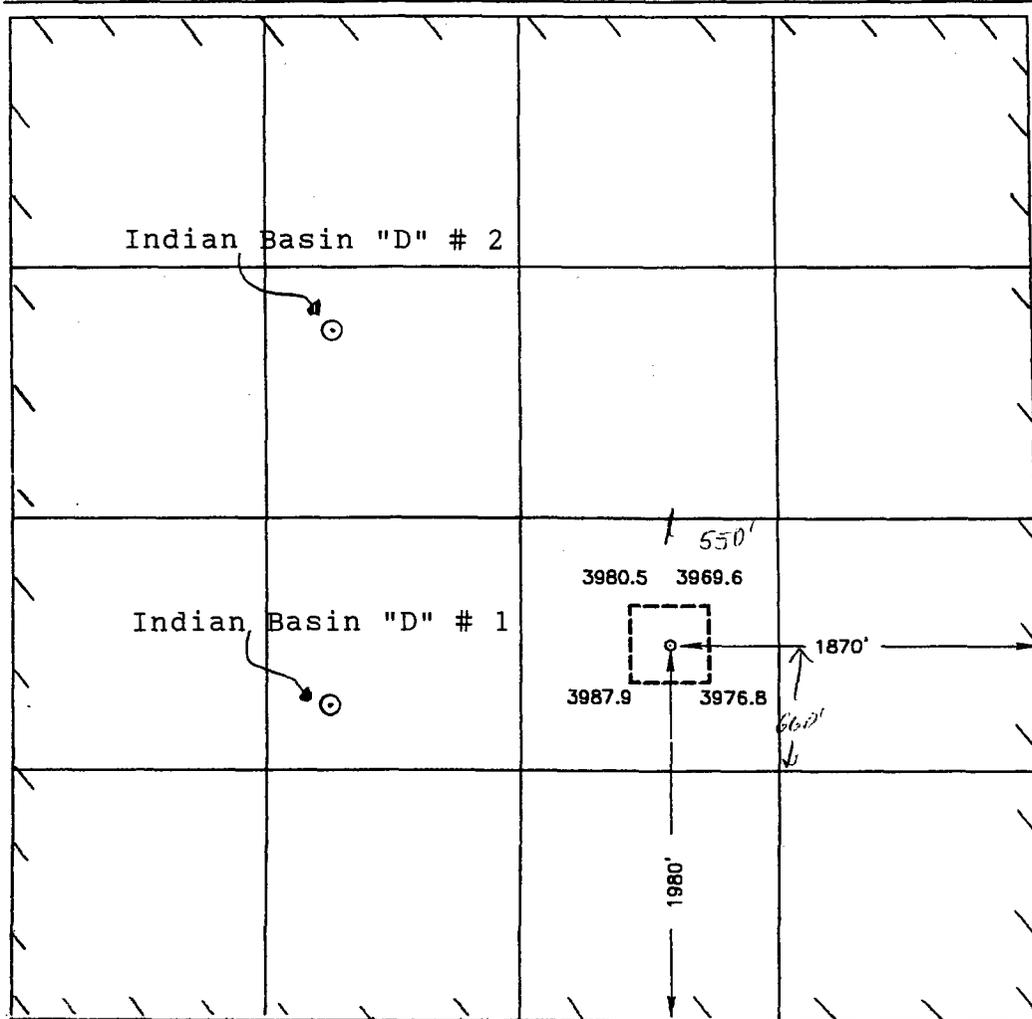
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J	34	21-S	23-E		1980	SOUTH	1870	EAST	EDDY

Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

Dedicated Acres	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.
640			

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Jerry Fletcher
 Signature

Jerry Fletcher
 Printed Name

Engineer Tech.
 Title

1/23/01
 Date

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

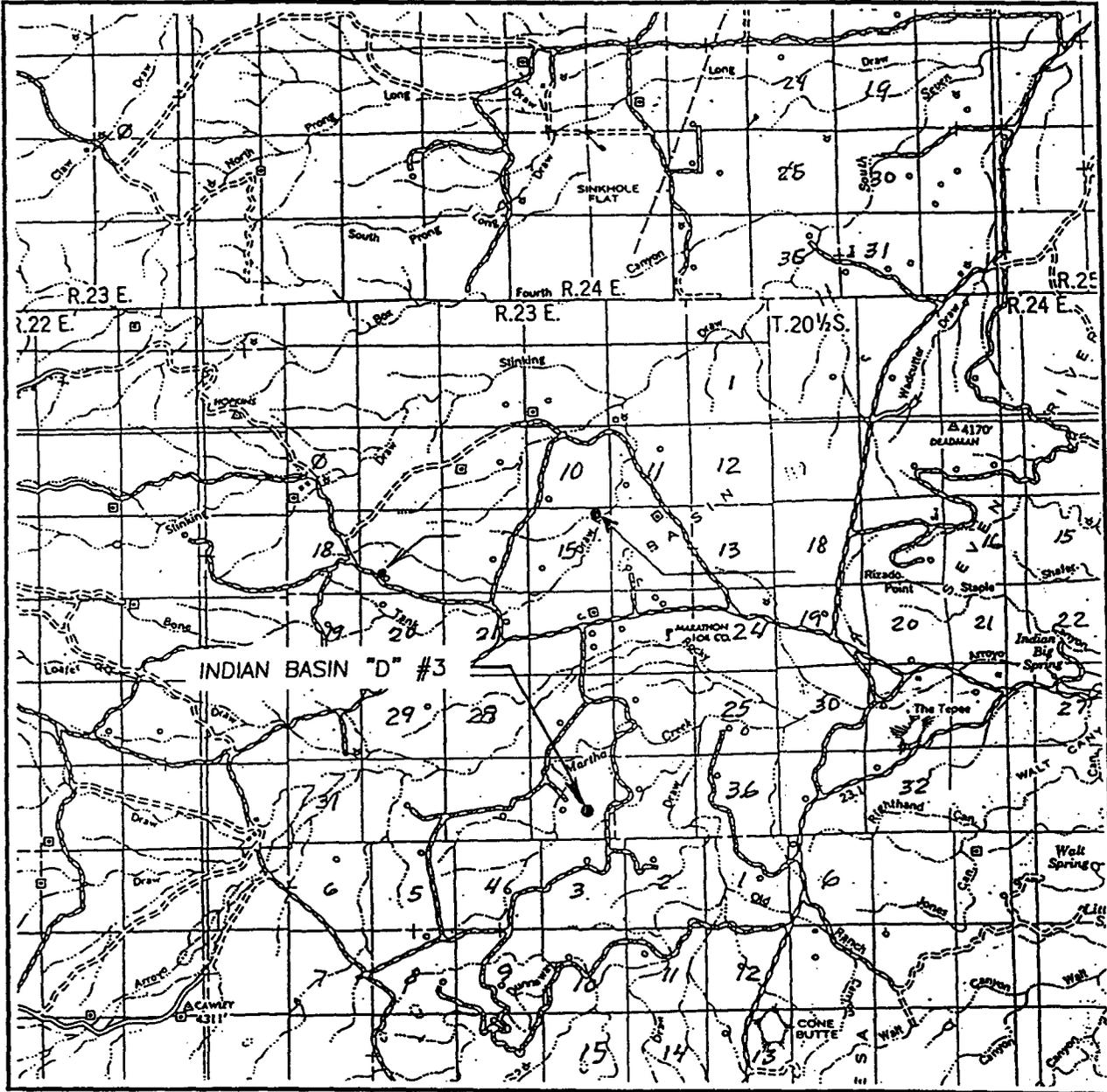
JANUARY 10, 2001
 Date Surveyed

AWB
 Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor

Ronald J. Edson
 01-11-0035

Certificate No.: RONALD J. EDSON 3239
 GARY EDSON 12841

VICINITY MAP

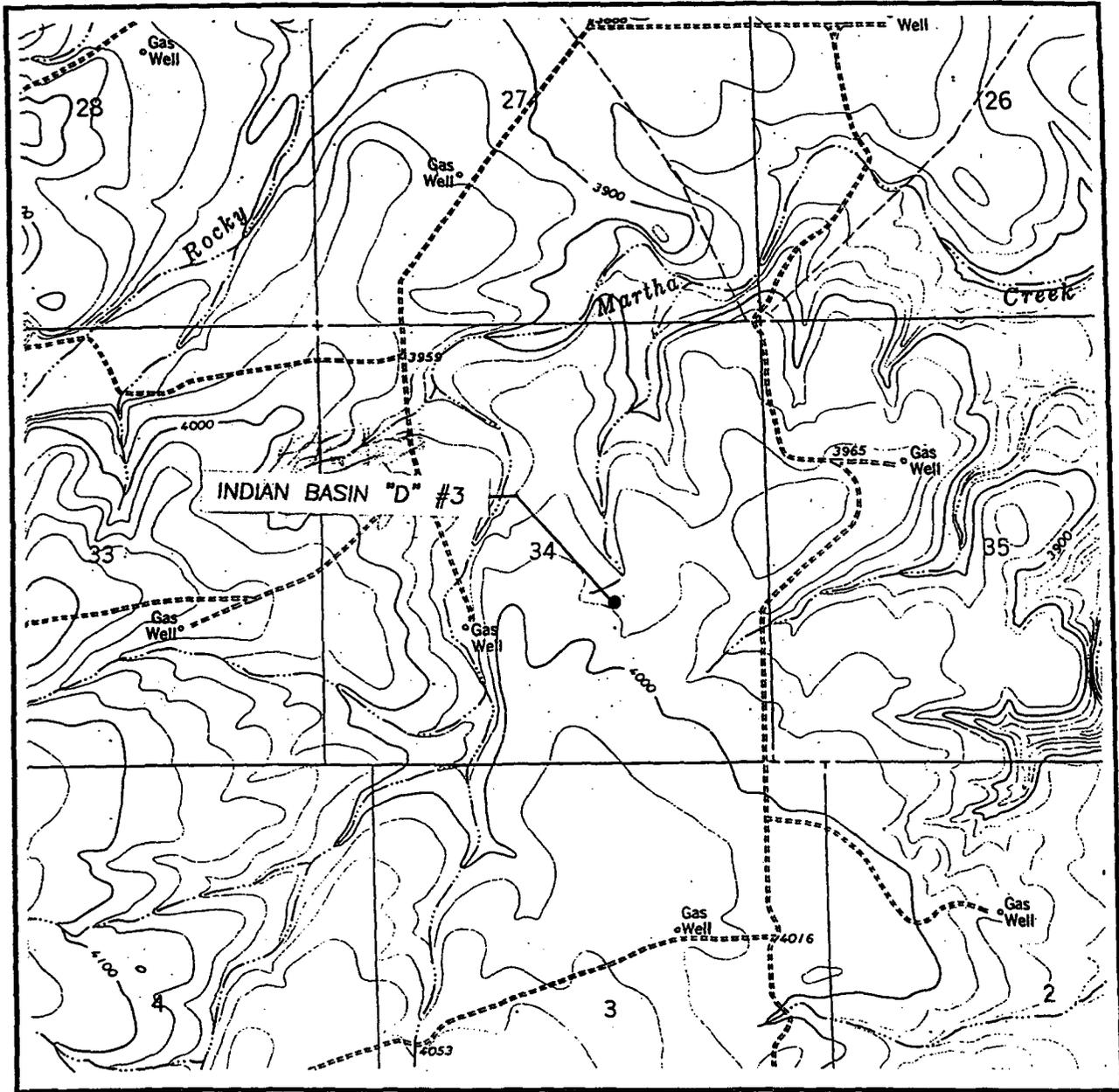


SCALE: 1" = 2 MILES

SEC. 34 TWP. 21-S RGE. 23E
 SURVEY N.M.P.M.
 COUNTY EDDY
 DESCRIPTION 1980'FSL & 1870'FEL
 ELEVATION 3974
 OPERATOR MARATHON OIL COMPANY
 LEASE INDIAN BASIN "D"

JOHN WEST SURVEYING
 HOBBS, NEW MEXICO
 (505) 393-3117

LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2000'

CONTOUR INTERVAL: 20'

MARTHA CREEK N.M.

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U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

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Chevron USA
P.O. Box 36366
Houston, Texas 77236

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Please reference the attached surveyors plat and dedication map.

An application to drill and a request for administrative approval subject to OCD Rule # 104 has been duly filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe , New Mexico.

This well is subject to the Division's Statewide rules and regulations which provide that a well shall be no closer than 1650' to the outer boundary of a lease and no closer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter/ quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary.

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This well is unorthodox in that it is closer than 330' to the governmental quarter /quarter section line.

Should Chevron USA have no objection to Marathon's intent to drill the above mentioned well due to the existing pipeline and topographical constraints, please signify by signing below and return an executed copy to me in the envelope provided.

Respectfully,

Jerry Fletcher
Engineer Tech.

Signature _____

Name _____

Title _____

Chevron USA

Date _____



**Marathon
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Kerr McGee
14311 Welch Road
Dallas, Texas 75244-3934

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Should Kerr McGee have no objection to Marathon's intent to drill the above mentioned well due to the existing pipeline and topographical constraints, please signify by signing below and return an executed copy to me in the envelope provided.

Respectfully,

Jerry Fletcher
Engineer Tech.

Signature _____
Name _____
Title _____
Kerr McGee
Date _____



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Texaco E & P
500 North Loraine
Midland, Texas 79701

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Should Texaco E & P have no objection to Marathon's intent to drill the above mentioned well due to the existing pipeline and topographical constraints, please signify by signing below and return an executed copy to me in the envelope provided.

Respectfully,

Jerry Fletcher
Engineer Tech.

Signature _____

Name _____

Title _____

Texaco E& P

Date _____

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ONGARD
INQUIRE LAND BY SECTION

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API Well No : 30 15 28955 Eff Date : 08-02-1996 WC Status : A
Pool Idn : 79040 INDIAN BASIN;UPPER PENN (PRO GAS)
OGRID Idn : 14021 MARATHON OIL CO
Prop Idn : 6406 INDIAN BASIN D

Well No : 002
GL Elevation: 3943

	U/L	Sec	Township	Range	North/South	East/West	Prop/Act (P/A)
B.H. Locn	: F	34	21S	23E	FTG 1650 F N	FTG 1650 F W	P

Lot Identifier:

Dedicated Acre: 640.00

Lease Type : F

Type of consolidation (Comm, Unit, Forced Pooling - C/U/F/O) :

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