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Mr. A. L. Porter, Secretary-Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico NS 18 1 (Wanton's C) (Wanton's C) (Parks 21. 1959) may 31. 1959

Re: Application of Aztec Oil & Gas
Company for an exception to
Rule 3 of Order No. R-565-C
for Administrative Approval of
a Non-Standard Location in the
Aztec-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool,
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Pursuant to Rule 4 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Aztec-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool under Order No. R-565-C, Aztec Oil & Gas Company (hereinafter referred to as "Applicant") hereby submits its Application for an exception to the well location regulations of Rule 3 of said rules and regulations. In support of this request for a non-standard location, Applicant respectfully states and shows the following:

1.

It is proposed that Applicant will drill its Hanks #10 well on the proposed non-standard location which will be 660 feet from the South line and 1850 feet from the West line of Section 5, Township 27 North, Range 9 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico. This non-standard location is occasioned by the extreme topographic conditions which make it impossible to drill the well upon a standard location.

2.

So far as is known to Applicant, Petro-Atlas Corporation with offices at 2000 National Bank of Tulsa Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma, is the only operator owning a lease offsetting the drilling unit for this non-standard location. Such operator has been furnished a copy of this Application by registered mail and has been requested to submit its approval directly to the Commission in order to expedite approval of this Application.

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3.

Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a plat indicating the proposed non-standard location on the drilling unit together with the names of the operators of all offsetting leases.

4.

The proposed non-standard location will be drilled upon United States Oil and Gas Lease Serial Number Santa Fe 077874, and a copy of this Application has been mailed to the United States Geological Survey, Farmington, New Mexico, Attention of Mr. Phil McGrath.

WHEREFORE, Aztec Oil & Gas Company respectfully requests that the Secretary-Director of the Commission by Administrative approval grant an exception to Rule 3 of Order No. R-565-C pertaining to the Special Rules and Regulations for the Aztec-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool, without notice and hearing, approving the non-standard location set forth above.

Yours very truly,

AZTEC OIL & GAS COMPANY

Cordon L. Llewellyn,

Attorney

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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS

Gordon L. Llewellyn, being first duly sworn, hereby states that he is the attorney of Aztec Oil & Gas Company, the applicant in the foregoing application; that he has executed said application on behalf of Aztec Oil & Gas Company; that he has read said application and to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, all statements of fact contained therein are true and correct.

Gordon L. Llewellyn

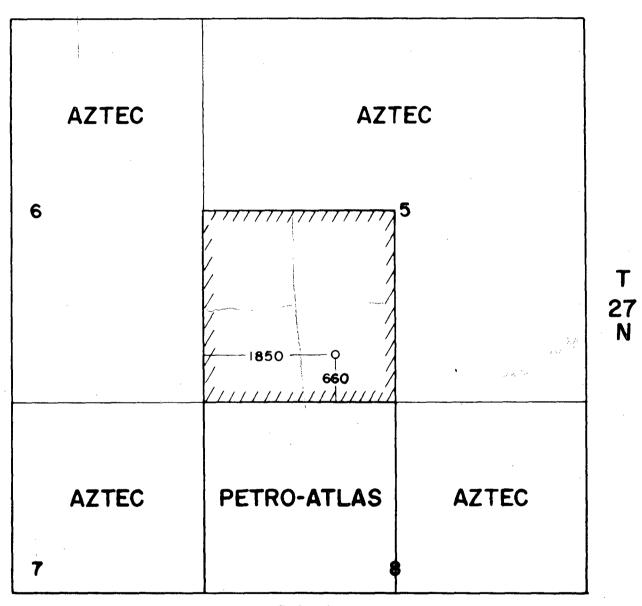
Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this 6th day of May, 1959.

Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Texas

My Commission Expires:

June 1, 1959

EXHIBIT "A"



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PLAT

Attached to Aztec Oil & Gas Company's application for a Mon-Standard Location for its Hanks No. 10 well in the SWL Section 5-27N-9W, San Juan County, New Mexico.

AREA OF INTEREST

SCALE: FOUR INCHES EQUAL ONE MILE

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