

LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.

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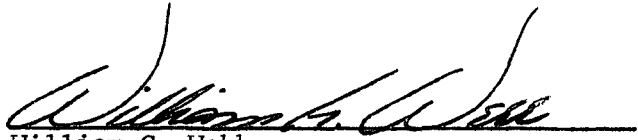
Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary
Oil Conservation Commission of the
State of New Mexico
Post Office Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Please find enclosed herewith Application of La Plata Gathering System, Inc., for an exception to Commission Rule Number 104(d)(2). We have attached to such Application, as Exhibit "C", consents executed by Frank A. Schultz, J. Glenn Turner, William G. Webb, and Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp. It is our understanding that the only other affected offset operator, Pan American Petroleum Corporation, mailed its consent to such unorthodox location directly to you.

Thanking you in advance for your expeditious attention to this Application and with best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,


William G. Webb,
Vice President

WGW:ss

Enclosure

cc: Pan American Petroleum Corporation
Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp.
Mr. Frank A. Schultz
Mr. C. Beeson Neal

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF X
LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC., X
FOR AN EXCEPTION TO RULE 104(d)(2) X
FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION FOR A X
WELL TO BE DRILLED TO THE DAKOTA X
FORMATION IN THE WEST HALF OF X
SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, X
RANGE 6 WEST, RIO ARriba COUNTY, X
NEW MEXICO X

CASE NUMBER _____

TO THE HONORABLE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Comes now LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC., as Unit Operator of the San Juan 32-5 Unit Area, and respectfully requests an exception to Rule 104(d)(2) for an unorthodox location for a well to be drilled to the Dakota Formation at a location nine hundred feet (900') from the North line and twenty-four hundred and fifty feet (2450') from the West line of Section 26, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and, for cause, would show as follows:

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As the Commission may be advised, a substantial portion of the S/2 of Section 26, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, lies below an elevation of sixty-one hundred feet (6100') and will be inundated or subject to inundation by the waters of the Navajo Dam on the San Juan River. Accordingly, in order to drill a well in the W/2 of said section, the same must be located in the NW/4 of said section. The San Juan 32-5 Unit No. 1-26, a Mesaverde single completion, is located nine hundred and fifty feet (950') from the North line and eighteen hundred and fifty feet (1850') from the West line of Section 26. It is

desirable to drill the Dakota well at least five hundred feet (500') from the Mesaverde well to avoid contamination of the Mesaverde formation through the fracture system created in completion of the San Juan 32-5 Unit No. 1-26.

Due to topographic conditions in the NW/4 of said section, an orthodox location five hundred feet (500') from the Mesaverde well would necessitate an unconscionable expenditure of money in order to prepare the necessary location.

A plat of the proposed location is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". A plat of the area showing the topographic conditions present is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

II.

Attached hereto as Exhibit "C" is a consent in writing from all owners of oil and gas leases lying within a radius of seven hundred and ninety feet (790') from the proposed location, said owners being J. Glenn Turner, Frank A. Schultz, William G. Webb, Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp., and Pan American Petroleum Corporation.

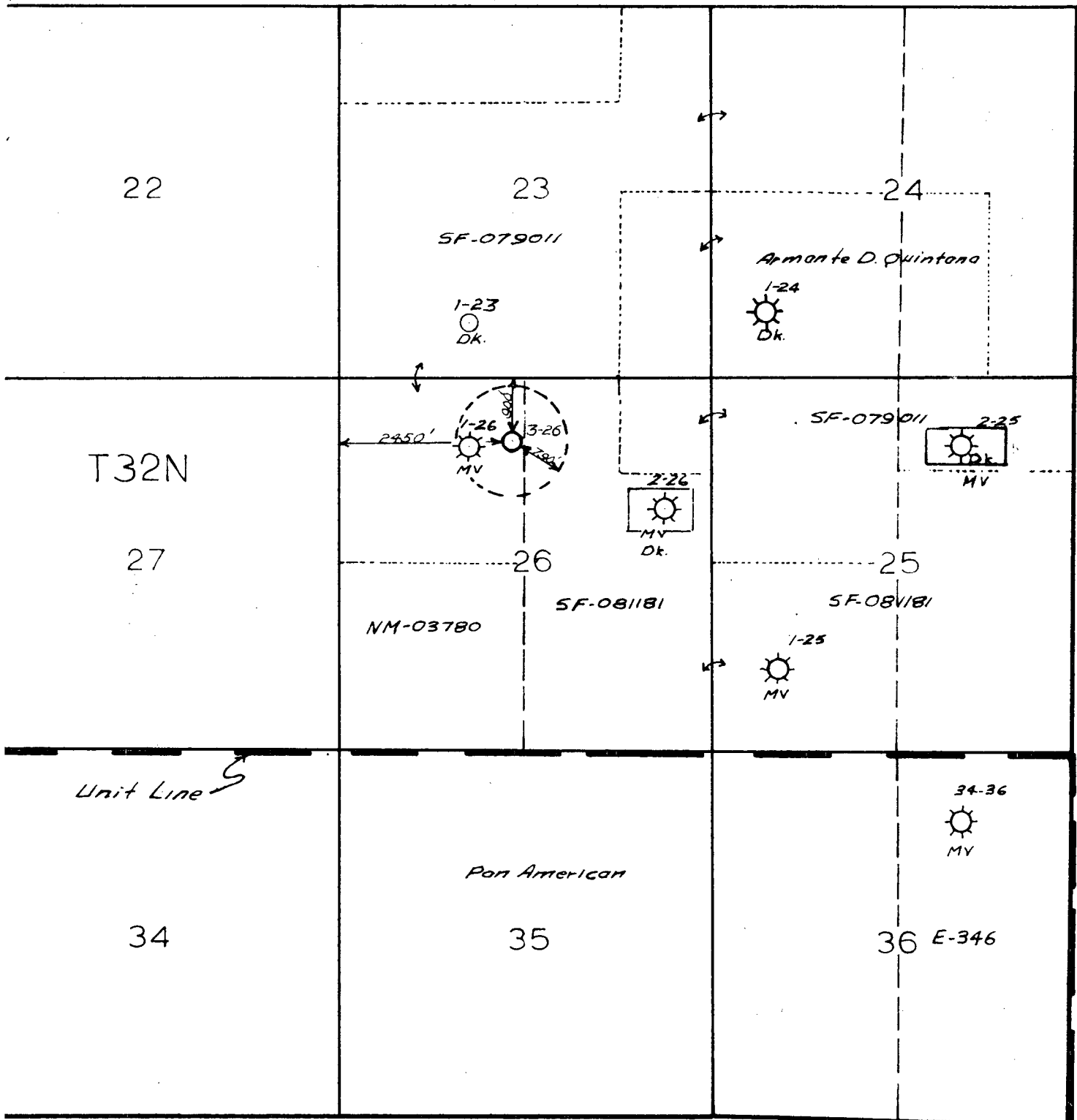
Premises considered, the undersigned, as Operator of the San Juan 32-5 Unit Area, respectfully requests the Secretary of the Commission to grant an exception to the well location requirement of Rule 104(d)(2) without notice or hearing pursuant to the authority granted by the Commission's Rule 104(f).

Respectfully submitted,

LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM, INC.

By William G. Webb
Vice President

EXHIBIT A R6W



RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
scale: 1"=2000'

Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat

Section A.

Date _____

Operator LA PLATA GATHERING SYSTEM Lease _____
 Well No. _____ Unit Letter C Section 26 Township 32 NORTH Range 6 WEST NMPM
 Located 900 Feet From the NORTH Line, 2450 Feet From the WEST Line
 County RIO ARriba G. L. Elevation 6385.8 Dedicated Acreage _____ Acres
 Name of Producing Formation _____ Pool _____

1. Is the Operator the only owner in the dedicated acreage outlined on the plat below?
 Yes _____ No _____
2. If the answer to question one is "no", have the interests of all the owners been consolidated by communitization agreement or otherwise? Yes _____ No _____. If answer is "yes", Type of Consolidation.
3. If the answer to question two is "no", list all the owners and their respective interests below:

OwnerLand Description

Section B.

This is to certify that the information in Section A above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

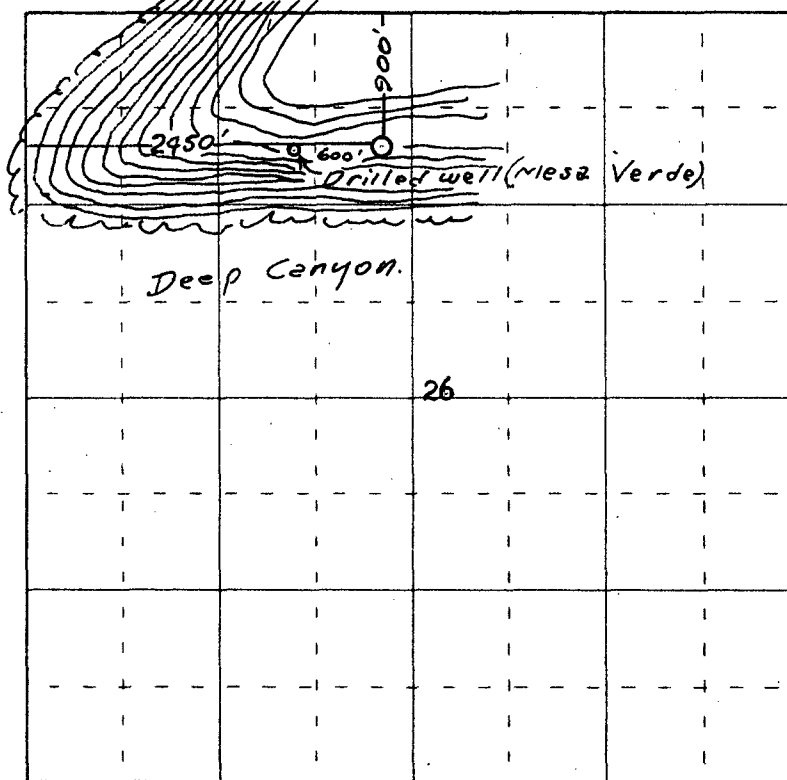
(Operator)

(Representative)

(Address)

Ref. GLO dated plat
29 June 1887

Note: All distances must be from outer boundaries of section.



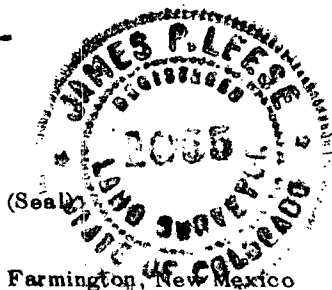
0 330 660 990 1320 1650 1980 2310 2640 2000 1500 1000 500 0

Scale 4 inches equal 1 mile

This is to certify that the above plat was prepared from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed 28 November 1960

James P. Lease
 Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor
 James P. Lease N. Mex. Reg. No. 1463



Farmington, New Mexico

November 30, 1960

Oil Conservation Commission
of the State of New Mexico
State Land Office
Post Office Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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This letter will evidence the consent to such location by Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation as the owner of an interest in the oil and gas lease covering the W/2 of Section 26 and an interest in the oil and gas lease covering the E/2 of Section 26, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, notwithstanding the fact that same lies only one hundred and ninety feet (190') from the West line of the E/2 of Section 26, which is dedicated to Dakota production.

Yours very truly,

BENSON-MONTIN-GREER DRILLING CORP.

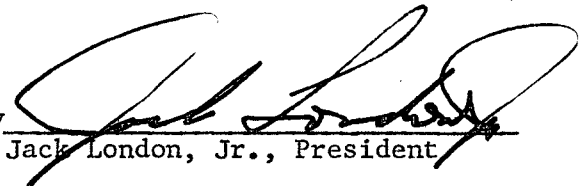
By 
Jack London, Jr., President

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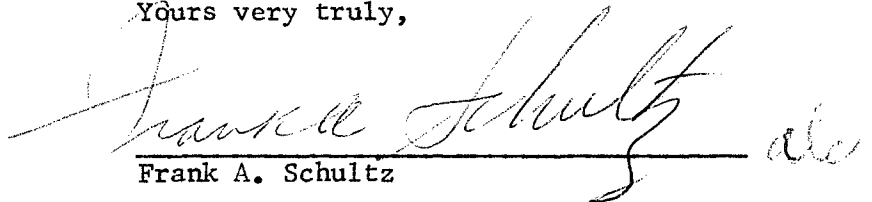
 Frank A. Schultz *alc*

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J. Glenn Turner

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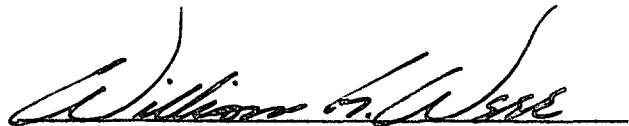

William G. Webb

EXHIBIT "C"

Petro-Atlas, Inc.

A SUBSIDIARY OF ATLAS CORPORATION

2000 NATIONAL BANK OF TULSA BUILDING

TULSA 3, OKLAHOMA

December 13, 1960

Mr. A. L. Porter, Secretary-Treasurer
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Application of Aztec Oil & Gas Company for Administrative Approval of an Exception to Rule 6 (A) of Order R-565-C, Approving a Non-Standard Production Unit in the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool, and an Exception to Rule 1 (A) of Order R-1287, approving a Non-Standard Unit in the Basin Dakota Gas Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Petro-Atlas, Inc., is the owner of the Dakota rights under the NW/4 of Section 8, Township 27 North, Range 9 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico, and has received a copy of the Application filed on December 9, 1960, by Aztec Oil & Gas Company, with respect to Administrative Approval of an Exception.

This letter is to serve as consent on behalf of Petro-Atlas, Inc., to the Application as made.

Very truly yours,



F. T. ANDERSON

FTA:jp

cc: Aztec Oil & Gas Company
920 Mercantile Securities Building
Dallas 1, Texas

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