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October 29, 1969

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issue upon
receipt of letter from
Tenneco showing
dedication
issue 11-7-69*

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. A. L. Porter

RE: Exception to Rule 4-A of Order
#3211 (Unorthodox Location)
for Jicarilla B-9 and Jicarilla
A-9, Tapacito Gallup Oil Pool,
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Tenneco Oil Company requests approval for unorthodox spacing for the Jicarilla A-9 and Jicarilla B-9 in the Tapacito Gallup Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. These wells will be located as follows:

- Jicarilla B-9 - 2200' F/EL, 2310' F/SL, Section 16, T26N, R5W
- Jicarilla A-9 - 2100' F/NL, 500' F/WL, Section 17, T26N, R5W

These wells will be completed in the Tapacito Gallup oil reservoir and will be east-west offsets to our Jicarilla A-8. We propose these unorthodox locations to further develop the Tapacito Gallup oil reservoir and arrive at an optimum well orientation for future water-flood operations. Enclosed for your information is an ownership plat showing the proposed well locations. The ownership plat indicates that Tenneco, Conoco and Atlantic are joint working interest owners in the Gallup oil reservoir in both Sections 16 and 17 and that there are no offsetting operators that need be advised of this request. If these two wells are successful, we plan to drill two injection wells to the north of the line of producers.

Rule 4-a of Order R-3211 regarding field rules for the Tapacito Gallup Associated Pool states that each well ". . . shall be located no nearer than 790' to any quarter section line and . . . no nearer than 330' to a governmental quarter-quarter section line . . .". Rule 4-b gives the Secretary-Director the authority to administratively approve an exception to 4-a providing he ". . . determines that good cause exists for granting such exception." The "good cause" that we are submitting is the maximization of oil recovery from the Tapacito Gallup oil reservoir.

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Your expediting of this request will be greatly appreciated. We shall be happy to supply any additional data to clarify any questions that you may have.

Yours very truly,

TENNECO OIL COMPANY

C. W. Nance

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District Production Superintendent

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November 4, 1969

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

Attention: George M. Hatch

Re: Administrative Approval for The
Jicarilla B-9 & Jicarilla A-9
Wells, Tapacito - Gallup
Associated Pool, Rio Arriba Co.,
New Mexico

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of October 31, 1969, we are enclosing acreage dedication plats for subject wells.

As the plats indicate; we have dedicated the W/2 of the SE quarter of Section 16 to the Jicarilla B-9 and the S/2 of the NW quarter of Section 17 to the A-9. These sections are located in T26N, R5W in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Please advise if additional data is needed.

Yours very truly,

TENNECO OIL COMPANY

C. W. Nance LMR

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District Production Superintendent

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Enclosure

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

October 31, 1969

**Tenneco Oil Company
Suite 1200, Lincoln Tower Building
Denver, Colorado 80203**

Attention: Mr. C. W. Nance

**Re: Administrative approval for the
Jicarilla B-9 and Jicarilla A-9
Wells, Tapacito-Gallup Associated
Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico**

Gentlemen:

Please advise this office as to the acreage to be dedicated to the above-described wells in order that the Commission can determine whether there are offset operators to be notified.

Very truly yours,

**GEORGE M. HATCH
Attorney**

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