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P.O. Box 2120
Houston, Texas 77252-2120
(713) 623-6544

April 24, 1989

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 206
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Attn: Mike Stougner

Re: Johnston Federal 26
Section 7, T31N-R9W
San Juan County, New Mexico

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OIL CONSERVATION DIV.
SANTA FE

*5/4/89
Paula Priest to
send:
- official correspondence
about
- across dedication
- letter from
BLM regarding
drill sites.*

Dear Mr. Stougner:

Union Texas Petroleum respectfully requests that the attached Application for Permit to Drill be approved in the non-conforming-1/4 section due to the following:

- 1) On October 18, 1988, the Johnston Federal 26 was staked in the NW1/4 of Section 7, T31N-R9W.
- 2) Location was archaeologically cleared.
- 3) A BLM on site inspection was conducted in mid December and the site was acceptable to the BLM.
- 4) The APD was filed on January 13, 1989 and the site was found to be deficient due to it being in a now non-conforming 1/4 section.
- 5) On February 25, 1989, a new location was selected in Section 7, NE1/4 and surveyed in. Said location was found to be the only practical site available in said 1/4 Section due to the topography and the existence of previously drilled wells.
- 6) Site was archaeologically cleared.
- 7) On April 4, 1989, an on site inspection was conducted for the new location in the NE1/4. This location was denied by the BLM on the basis that too much of an existing hillside would have to be removed in order to build the pad. The BLM Field Officer then tried to locate an alternate site in the NE1/4 but came to the conclusion that, due to the topography of the area and existing wells, no new location could be found in the NE1/4 section.

*BLM - Farmington
Bruce
Ferravola*

- Alicia Ferravola

Mike Stougner, NMOCD
April 20, 1989
Page 2

Union Texas Petroleum Corporation is requesting that, due to the above noted series of events, the original location for the Johnston Federal 26 be administratively approved as an exception location in the NW1/4 of Section 7.

Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact to me at (713) 968-4010.

Sincerely,



Dennis H. Cowan
Manager, Regulatory and
Environmental Services

DHC/vad
Attachments

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

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DRILL DEEPEN PLUG BACK

b. TYPE OF WELL
OIL WELL GAS WELL OTHER
SINGLE ZONE MULTIPLE ZONE

2. NAME OF OPERATOR
Union Texas Petroleum : Attn: Paula Priest

3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR
P. O. BOX 2120, Houston, TX 77252

4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)*
At surface
1820' FNL & 740' FWL
At proposed prod. zone

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13 Miles NE of Aztec, NM

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March 15, 1989

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3640'

21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)
6623' G.L. (graded)

5. LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NO.
SF-078439
6. IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME
N/A
7. UNIT AGREEMENT NAME
N/A
8. FARM OR LEASE NAME
JOHNSTON FEDERAL
9. WELL NO.
26
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Fruitland
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Section 7, T31N, R9W
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San Juan
13. STATE
NM

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24. SIGNED [Signature] TITLE Authorized Agent DATE 1/6/89

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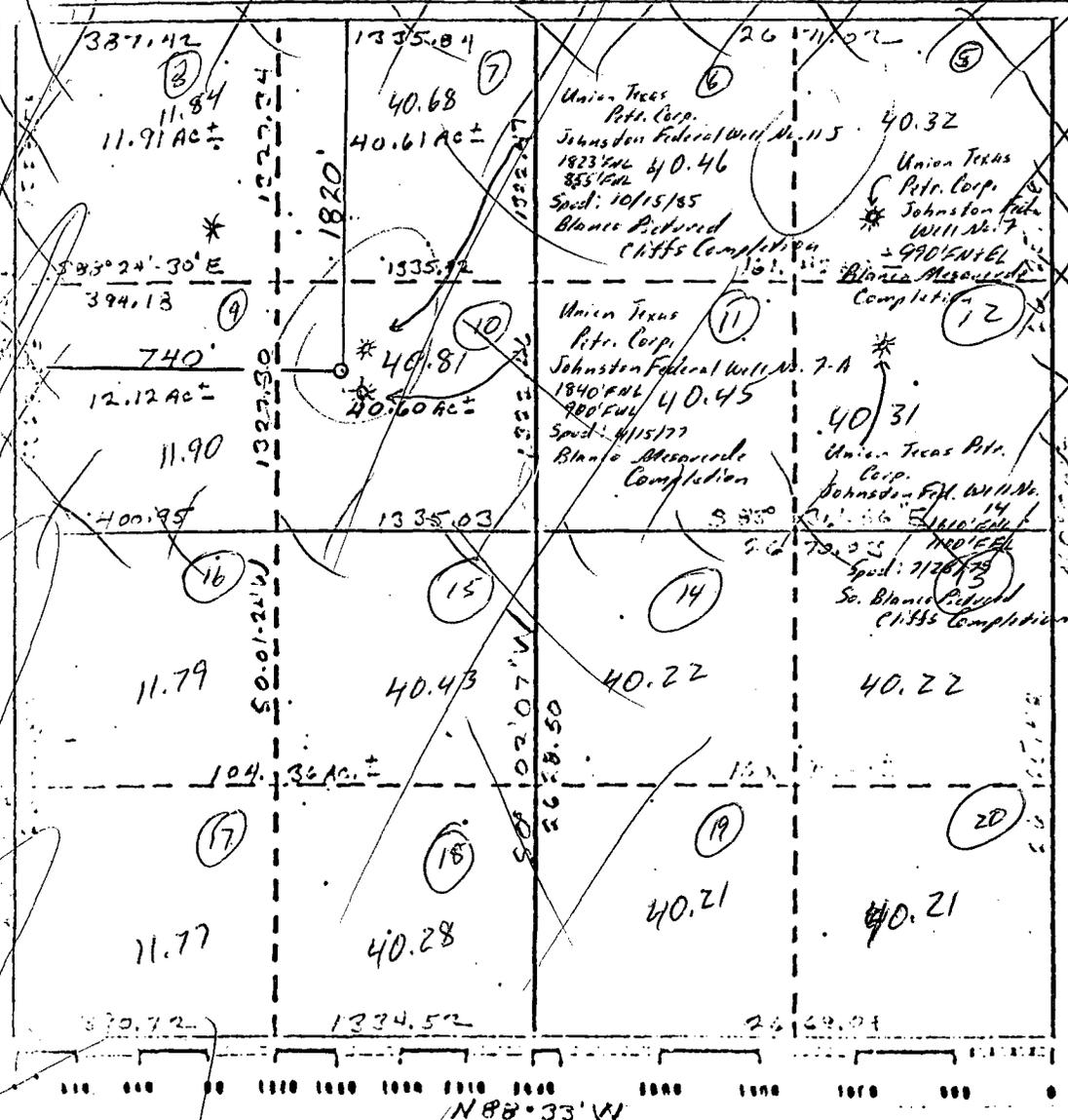
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CERTIFICATION

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

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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 knowledge.

Cecil B. Tullis

Date Surveyed
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Registered Professional Engineer
and/or Land Surveyor

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Certificate No. **9672**



Tank Mountain Spring

Hidden Springs

Tank Springs

Last Chance Spring

Stepher Spring

Canyon

1820'

740'

Reservoir

Johnston Federal #26
NW 1/4, Sec. 7 T31N R9W N.M.P.M.
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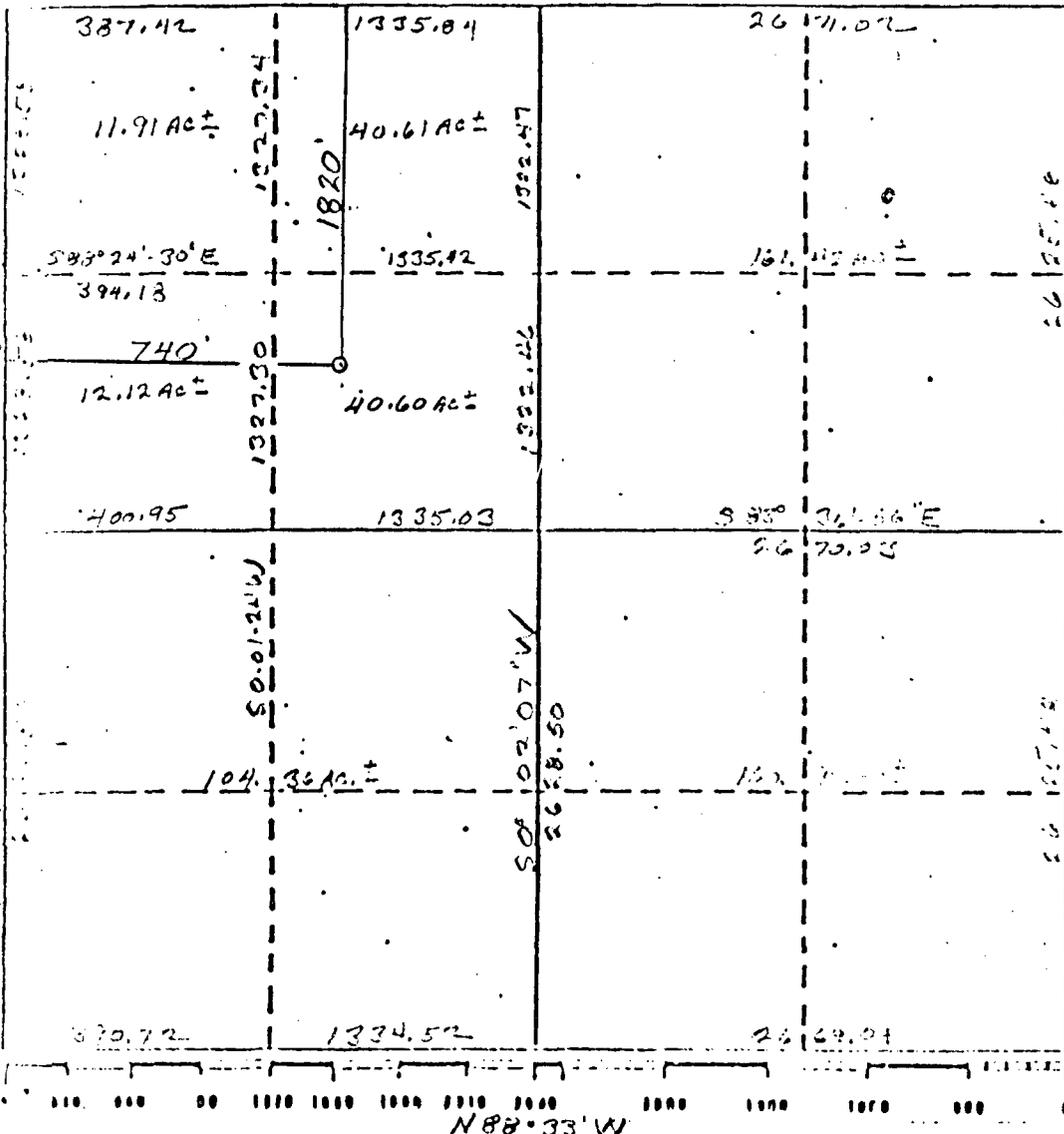
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Certificate No. **9672**



Johnston Federal #26
NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 7 T31N R9W N.M.P.M.
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April 24, 1989

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Attn: Mr. Mike Stougner
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LETTER OF CERTIFICATION

This letter shall serve as certification that the following Offset Operators were notified on April 24, 1989 of Union Texas Petroleum Corporation's application for a permit to drill the Johnston Federal 26, Section 7-T31N-R9W in San Juan County, New Mexico on a non-conforming 1/4 section due to the topography. Administrative approval is requested and each Offset Operator was furnished a copy of the Application for Permit to Drill, a copy of the survey plat and topo map.

OFFSET FRUITLAND OPERATORS - JOHNSTON FEDERAL 26

Kevin Pfister, Sr. Landman
Fina Oil & Chemical (for)
American Petrofina of Texas
P. O. Box 2990
Midland, Texas 79702

Gregory Keely
Robert L. Keely
Lawrence C. Keely
309 Bank of America Building
Beverly Hills, California 90049

Meridian Oil Inc.
3535 East 30th Street
P. O. Box 4289
Farmington, New Mexico 87499

Koch Exploration
Koch Industries
P. O. Box 2256
Wichita, Kansas 67201

Tom Balack
3901 Bloomfield Highway
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Arco
P. O. Box 1610
Midland, Texas 79702

Amoco
1670 Broadway
Denver, Colorado 80202

Total-Minatome
One Allen Center
Houston, Texas 77002

Sincerely,

Paula Priest
Regulatory Analyst

PP:0002



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April 24, 1989

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P. O. Box 2990
Midland, Texas 79702

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

AMERICAN PETROFINA OF TEXAS HAS NO OBJECTION TO UNION TEXAS PETROLEUM'S PROPOSED JOHNSTON FEDERAL 26 WELL.

American Petrofina of Texas

Date

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SWNance
Meridian Oil Inc.

5/16/89
Date

MERIDIAN OIL

MAY 2 1989

FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO
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Total-Minatome
Gene Anderson
Land Manager

5-17-89
Date



Union Texas Petroleum

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where is this?
XCOP: Should we agree?
Star B.

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R. Walton

Koch Exploration

R. WALTON, PRESIDENT

MAY 17, 1989
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Mike Stogner

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Dear Ms. Priest:

This letter is in reference to your proposed well No. 26 Johnston Federal, lease No. SF-078439, located 1182' FNL, 1190' FFL, sec. 7, T. 31 N., R. 9 W.. This location was inspected by Ilyse Ferraiuolo of our staff and found to be unsuitable for a well pad due to excessive topography. This proposed site is located on an extremely steep hill with most of the pad having cuts in excess of 22 feet. We will not approve this location as proposed.

Alternatives to this location include twinning of an existing well pad to the north (No. 7 Johnston, located 990' FNL, 990' FFL, sec. 7, T. 31 N., R. 9 W.), or the original north-south location of 1920' FNL, 740' FFL, sec. 7, T. 31 N., R. 9 W.. Your consideration in finding an environmentally acceptable location is appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/ John L. Keller

Ron Fellows
Area Manager

cc: Mr. Mike Stogner, NMOGD, Aztec, NM

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AMOCO HAS NO OBJECTION TO UNION TEXAS PETROLEUM'S PROPOSED JOHNSTON FEDERAL 26 WELL.

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Union Texas Petroleum

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713/623-6544

April 24, 1989

Gregory Keely
Robert L. Keely
Lawrence C. Keely
309 Bank of America Building
Beverly Hills, California 90049

Dear Sirs:

This letter shall serve as notification to Offset Operators of Union Texas Petroleum Corporation's application for a permit to drill the Johnston Federal 26, Section 7-T31N-R9W in San Juan County, New Mexico on a non-conforming 1/4 section due to the topography. Administrative approval is requested and enclosed please find a copy of the Application for Permit to Drill, a copy of the survey plat and topo map.

Please signify your consent to waiver the twenty (20) day waiting period required by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division by signing and forwarding one (1) copy of this letter at your earliest convenience to:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Attn: Mr. Mike Stougner
310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 206
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Sincerely,

Paula Priest
Regulatory Analyst

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Gregory Keely, Robert L. Keely and Lawrence C. Keely HAVE NO OBJECTION TO UNION TEXAS PETROLEUM'S PROPOSED JOHNSTON FEDERAL 26 WELL.

Gregory Keely

Date

Robert L. Keely

Date

Lawrence C. Keely

Date



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April 24, 1989

Arco
P. O. Box 1610
Midland, Texas 79702

Dear Sir:

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Arco

Date

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May 5, 1989

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 206
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Attn: Mike Stougner

Re: Johnston Federal #26
Section 7, T31N-R9W
San Juan County, New Mexico

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OIL CONSERVATION DIV.
SANTA FE

Dear Mr. Stougner:

Please find attached the topo map indicating locations of offset operators to the above referenced well as you requested. Also attached is the consent to waiver letter signed by Mr. Tom Bolack forwarded to me.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paula Priest
Regulatory Analyst

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Attachments



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April 24, 1989

Tom Balack
3901 Bloomfield Highway
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Dear Sir:

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Regulatory Analyst

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TOM BALACK HAS NO OBJECTION TO UNION TEXAS PETROLEUM'S PROPOSED JOHNSTON FEDERAL 26 WELL.

Tom Balack

April 29, 1989
Date

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May 16, 1989

Union Texas Petroleum
Attention: Ms. Paula Priest
Regulatory Analyst
Post Office Box 2120
Houston, Texas 77252-2120

Re: Non-Standard Location Request
Johnson Federal 26
Section 7, T-31-N, R-9-W
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Priest:

Per your letter of April 24, 1989 requesting Meridian's consent to waiver the twenty (20) day waiting period for the above referenced well, please be advised that Meridian has no objection, as so indicated by the attached signed waiver. We have forwarded a copy to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as requested.

Very truly yours,



Alan Alexander
Senior Land Advisor

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Union Texas Petroleum

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
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June 5, 1989

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 206
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Attn: Mr. Mike Stougner

Re: Johnston Federal 26
Section 7, T31N-R9W
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stougner:

Regarding your telephone conversation of June 2, 1989 with Paula Priest and Mike Reisz of Union Texas Petroleum it was discussed that the BLM onsite inspection of our staked location for the above referenced well to be located in the NE/4 of Section 7 was denied and the BLM recommended two options:

1. A twin to the Johnston Federal #7 (990' FNL & 990' FEL) as the only acceptable location in the NE/4 of Section 7.
2. The previously staked location in the NW/4 of Section 7.

Option #1 was not acceptable to Union Texas Petroleum, as it would entail shutting in the Johnston Federal #7 and removing the gas sales line and separator while the drilling rig was drilling the Johnston Federal 26 well. This would also be a problem for any completion or remedial work. Both access and safety considerations make this option unacceptable.

Option #2 appears to be the only alternative and is acceptable to Union Texas Petroleum.

Union Texas Petroleum appreciates your understanding and assistance in this matter. If additional information is required, please advise.

Sincerely:

Dennis H. Cowan
Manager, Regulatory and
Environmental Services

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