



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



October 1, 1992

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Texaco Exploration & Production Inc.
3300 North Butler
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Attention: Ted A. Tipton

RE: Application for non-standard gas well location: Nellie Platero Well No. 5A 1870' FSL - 1135' FEL (Unit I) 11-T27N-R9W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Tipton:

We may not process the subject application for non-standard location until the required information or plats checked below (is)(are) submitted.

- ☐ A plat must be submitted clearly showing the ownership of all offsetting leases.
- ☒ A statement must be submitted that all offset operators have been notified of the application by certified mail.
- ☒ A plat must be submitted fully identifying the topography necessitating the non-standard location.
- ☒ OTHER: Please follow all procedures and supply all applicable information requested pursuant to Division Memorandum 1-90 (see attached).

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

MES/jc

cc: OCD - Aztec



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No. 1-90

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Operators

FROM: William J. LeMay, Director *WJL*

SUBJECT: Administrative Applications for Unorthodox Locations

DATE: March 21, 1990

Division Memorandum No. 3-89, dated March 24, 1989, advised the industry that the OCD would no longer automatically approve unopposed unorthodox location applications. Unorthodox locations can be approved administratively in accordance with the Rules and Regulations or applicable special pool rules if surface conditions truly prevent the use of a legal location and if directional drilling to a legal location is not feasible.

Topographic conditions which will be considered to justify an unorthodox location include such traditional factors as terrain features (steep slopes, arroyos, etc.) which make drilling impractical. In addition, approval may be given to avoid archeological sites which may not be disturbed without substantial mitigation, incompatible surface uses such as buildings, recreation areas, etc. Applications should fully document the reason an unorthodox location is required.

The attached guidelines state the minimum information which should be submitted with applications for administrative approval of unorthodox locations. Failure to provide the necessary information will probably result in processing delays.

If the surface of the proration unit or proposed drill site is controlled by a Federal Surface Management Agency, a copy of the application must be sent to the appropriate agency office.

If there are legal locations within the proration unit which are drillable, but the operator chooses not to drill those locations for geological reasons the application cannot be approved administratively and a hearing will be required.

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SUBMITTAL GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL
OF NON-STANDARD LOCATION APPLICATIONS

- I. If the well is located on Federal or Indian Lands, the Federal Surface Management Agency must be notified and an on-site inspection conducted prior to filing the application. If an Application for Permit to drill or a Notice of Staking has been prepared, a copy must be submitted.
- II. Completed C-102 showing the well location, proration unit, leases within the unit and other required information.
- III. Land plat showing offset operators and working interest owners and any offsetting wells producing from the same pool or formation.
 - A. This information may be shown on the topo map if it does not impair the readability of the map.
 - B. The operator should certify that the information is current and correct.
- IV. Original or clear copy of topographic map, preferably 7.5 minute quad, showing contours and other mapped features impacting the location, with the following information marked thereon (In order to be able to adequately show all of the necessary surface conditions it may be necessary to enlarge the relevant portion of the topo map to provide room for detail):
 - A. The proposed well location and proration unit;
 - B. An outline of the orthodox drilling windows as provided in the applicable rules for the subject application;
 - C. The location of any wells to any formation within the area of the proration unit and a statement as to whether an existing pad can be used to drill the proposed well;
- V. An enlargement of the topo map showing the subject area with the applicable additional information:
 - A. Terrain features not shown on the map which make an orthodox location unusable;
 - B. Proposed access roads and pipelines if they affect the location selection;
 - C. The location of any surface uses which prevent use of a legal location;

- D. The location of any archeological sites identified in the archeological survey;
 - E. The location and nature of any other surface conditions which prevent the use of an orthodox location.
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- VI. If archeological sites are a reason for the unorthodox location request, a copy of the archeological survey, or a summary, identifying sites which cannot be disturbed or which must have any disturbance mitigated. In addition, the location of such areas should be marked on the enlarged topo so they can be clearly identified.
 - VII. A narrative report of any on-site inspection of the potential locations. If such on-site has resulted in elimination of legal locations due to surface conditions, such information should also be noted on the enlarged topo.
 - VIII. A statement of why directional drilling to reach a legal bottom-hole location is not feasible.
 - IX. An affidavit that notice has been sent to all parties entitled thereto, under the Divisions Rules and Regulations with return receipt cards showing date of receipt of notice.



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3300 N Butler
Farmington NM 87401

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August 14, 1992

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM. 87501

Attn: Mr. Mike Stogner

Re: Unorthodox Location
Nellie Platero No. 5A
1870 FSL & 1135' FEL "I"
Sec. 11 T27N R9W
San Juan County, NM
Otero, Chacra

Gentlemen:

Texaco respectfully requests administrative approval to produce the referenced well from the Chacra formation at an unorthodox location. Approval of this application would require an exception to NMOCD Rule 104. Texaco has notified all offset operators to the referenced spacing unit.

Attached, for your information, is a map showing the operators in each offset spacing unit and a well location and acreage dedication plat (form C102).

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact Mr. Darren Segrest at (505) 325-4397. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ted A. Tipton
AREA MANAGER

DBS

Attachments

cc: file

NMOCD - Aztec



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Nellie Platero Lease Offset Operators

T27N-R9W

Meridian	Meridian	Meridian	
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Meridian	Texaco	Meridian	
Nellie Platero SA Subject Well			
Meridian	Meridian	Texaco	
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P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88210

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1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

P.O. Box 2088

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

All Distances must be from the outer boundaries of the section

Operator TEXACO E. & P. Inc.			Lease Nellie Platero		Well No. #5A
Unit Letter I	Section 11	Township 27N	Range 09W	County NMPM San Juan Co.	
Actual Footage Location of Well: 1870 feet from the South line and 1135 feet from the East line					
Ground level Elev. 5981'	Producing Formation Chacra fm.		Pool OTERO-CHACRA	Dedicated Acreage: 160 Acres	

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hatchure marks on the plat below.

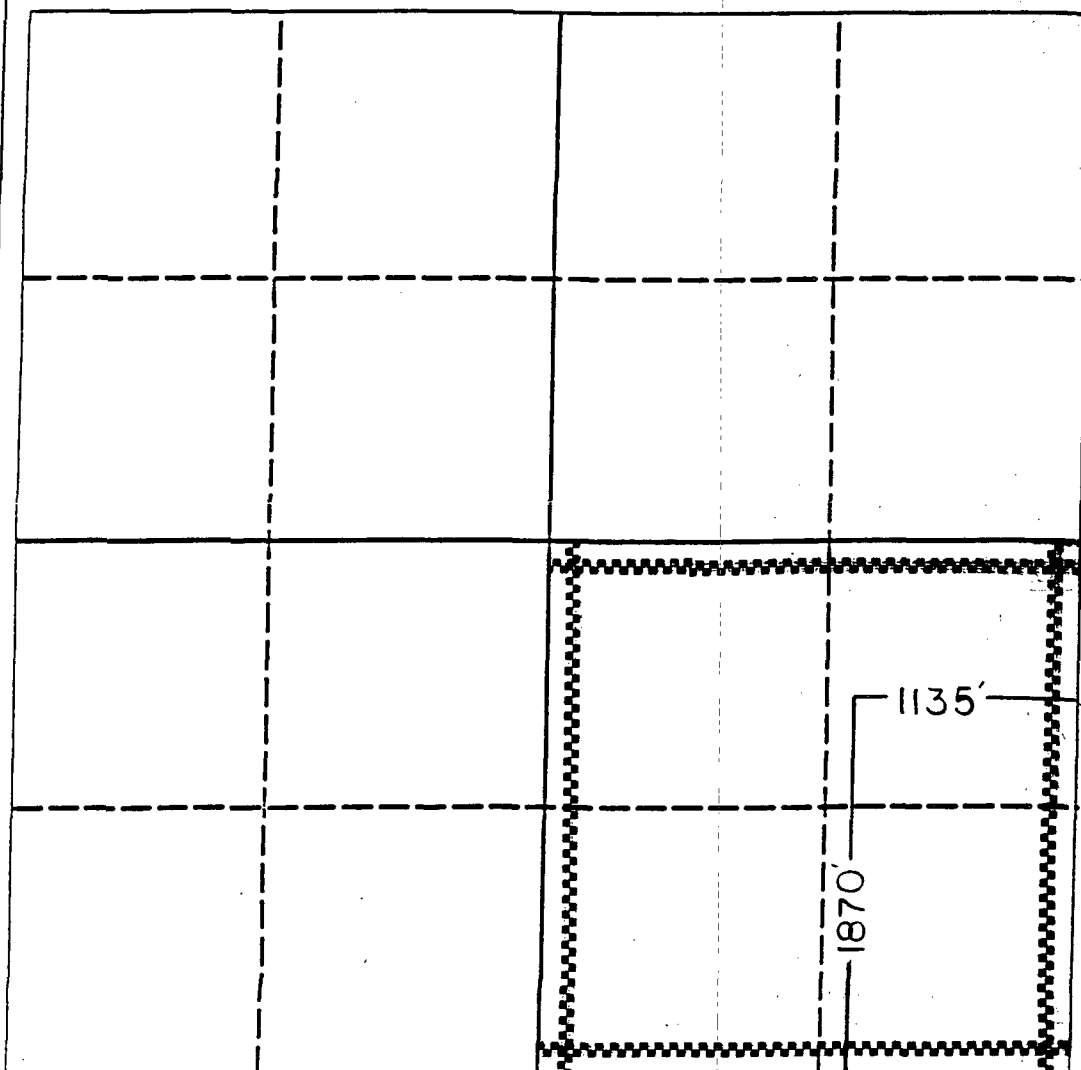
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).

3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interest of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc.?

☐ Yes ☐ No If answer is "yes" type of consolidation

If answer is "no" list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.)

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interest, has been approved by the Division.



OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

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

Signature

Printed Name

Ted A. Tipton

Position

Area Manager

Company

Texaco E & P Inc.

Date

8-14-92

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 knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed

Signature & Seal of
Professional Surveyor

Certificate No.



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1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO 87410
(505) 334-6178

Date: 10-26-92

attn: M. Stogner

Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

RE: Proposed MC _____
Proposed NSL X _____
Proposed WFX _____
Proposed NSP _____

Proposed DHC _____
Proposed SWD _____
Proposed PMX _____
Proposed DD _____

Gentlemen:

I have examined the application received on 10-22-92
for the TERACO Nellie Plater #5A
OPERATOR LEASE & WELL NO.

E-11-27N-E-W and my recommendations are as follows:
UL-S-T-R

Approve

Yours truly,

Ernie Bunch

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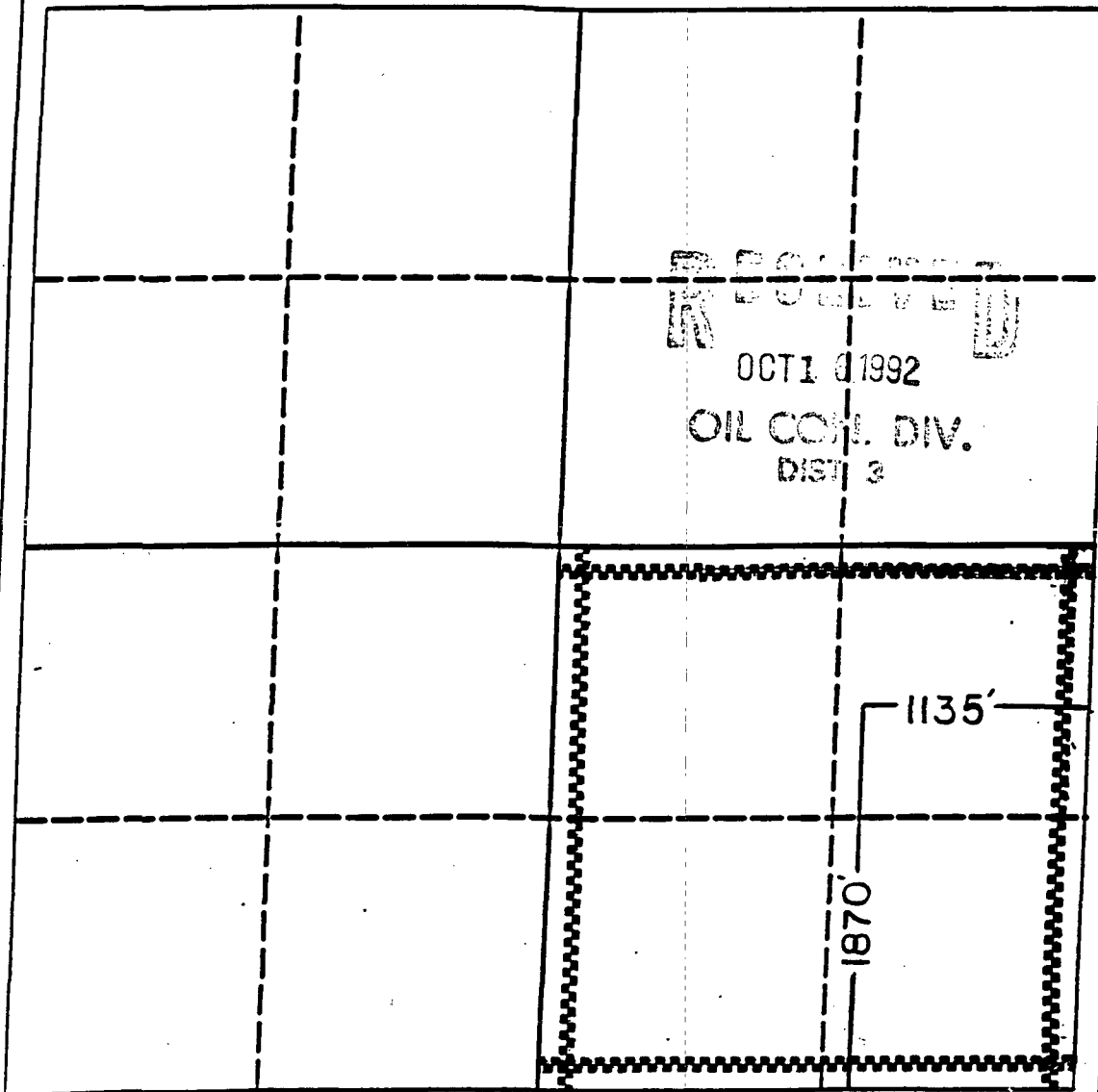
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OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

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

Signature *Ted A. Tipton*
 Printed Name **Ted A. Tipton**
 Position **Area Manager**
 Company **Texaco E & P Inc**
 Date **8-14-92**

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

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

Date Surveyed _____
 Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor _____
 Certificate No. _____

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

SENDER:

- Complete items 1 and/or 2 for additional services.
- Complete items 3, and 4a & b.
- Print your name and address on the reverse of this form so that we can return this card to you.
- Attach this form to the front of the mailpiece, or on the back if space does not permit.
- Write "Return Receipt Requested" on the mailpiece below the article number.
- The Return Receipt Fee will provide you the signature of the person delivered to and the date of delivery.

I also wish to receive the following services (for an extra fee):

1. ☐ Addressee's Address
2. ☐ Restricted Delivery

Consult postmaster for fee.

3. Article Addressed to:

BLM
1235 La Plata Hwy
Farmington NM 87401

4a. Article Number

P 337 999 162

4b. Service Type

- ☐ Registered ☐ Insured
☒ Certified ☐ COD
☐ Express Mail ☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise

7. Date of Delivery

10-13-92

5. Signature (Addressee)

Paul L. Bougeant

6. Signature (Agent)

8. Addressee's Address (Only if requested and fee is paid)

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3. Article Addressed to:

Meridian Oil Inc.
5535 E 30th
Farmington NM 87401

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