

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL  
BY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OF UNIT AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION  
OF NEE DEEP UNIT AREA, LEE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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There having been presented to the undersigned Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico for examination, an agreement for the development and operation of the Nee Deep Unit Area, Lee County, New Mexico, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1955, in which Phillips Petroleum Company is designated as operator, and which has been executed by various parties owning and holding oil and gas leases embracing lands within the unit area, and upon examination of said Agreement, the Commissioner finds:

- (a) That such Agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy in said field;
- (b) That under the operations proposed, the State will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil or gas in place under it and in the area affected;
- (c) That the Agreement is in other respects for the best interest of the State;
- (d) That the Agreement provides for the unit operation of the field, for the allocation of production, and the sharing of proceeds from a part of the area covered by the Agreement on an acreage basis as specified in the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by the Laws of the State of New Mexico, I, the undersigned Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico, for the purpose of more properly conserving the oil and gas resources of the State, do hereby consent to and approve the above referred to Nee Deep Unit Agreement as to the lands of the State of New Mexico committed thereto, and all oil and gas leases embracing lands of the State of New Mexico committed to said Agreement shall be and the same are hereby amended so that the provisions thereof will conform to the provisions of said Unit Agreement and so that the length of the secondary term of each such lease as to the lands within the unit area will be extended, insofar as necessary, to coincide with the terms of said Unit Agreement, and in the event the term of said Unit Agreement shall be extended as provided therein such extension shall also be effective to extend the term of each oil and gas lease embracing lands of the State of New Mexico committed to said Unit Agreement which would otherwise expire, so as to coincide with the extended term of said Unit Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate of approval is executed as of this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1955.

*E. Swackhamer*

Commissioner of Public Lands of the  
State of New Mexico.

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CERTIFICATION--DETERMINATION

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Interior, under the act approved February 25, 1920, 41 Stat. 437, as amended, 30 U. S. C. secs. 181, et seq., and delegated to the Director of the Geological Survey pursuant to Departmental Order No. 2365 of October 8, 1947, 43 C. F. R. sec. 4.611, 12 F. R. 6784, I do hereby:

A. Approve the attached agreement for the development and operation of the Etz Deep Unit Area, State of New Mexico.

B. Certify and determine that the unit plan of development and operation contemplated in the attached agreement is necessary and advisable in the public interest for the purpose of more properly conserving the natural resources.

C. Certify and determine that the drilling, producing, rental, minimum royalty, and royalty requirements of all Federal leases committed to said agreement are hereby established, altered, changed, or revoked to conform with the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Dated FEB 2 1956.

Arthur D. Baker  
Acting Director, United States Geological Survey.

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August 5, 1957

In reply refer to:  
Unit Division

Re: Termination of  
Etz Deep Unit

Phillips Petroleum Co.  
Box 791  
Permian Building  
Midland, Texas

Skelly Oil Company  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Anderson-Prichard Oil Corp.  
Liberty Bank Building  
Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma

The Ohio Oil Company  
P. O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas

Southern California Petroleum Corp.  
P. O. Box 1071  
Midland, Texas

Richardson & Bass  
Fort Worth National Bank Building  
Fort Worth, Texas

Mr. H. L. Brown  
Fort Worth National Bank Building  
Fort Worth, Texas

Mr. E. A. Culbertson  
P. O. Box 1071  
Midland, Texas

Mr. W. Ridlay Wheeler  
Fort Worth National Bank Building  
Fort Worth, Texas

Continental Oil Company  
1710 Fair Building  
Fort Worth 2, Texas

Mr. Wallace W. Irwin  
P. O. Box 1071  
Midland, Texas

Gentlemen:

We wish to advise you that the Commissioner of Public Lands herewith approves the termination of Etz Deep Unit, effective as of August 1, 1957.

The records in the State Land Office pertaining to Etz Deep Unit will be posted accordingly.

The Commissioner's approval is subject to like approval by the United States Geological Survey.

Very truly yours,

MURRAY E. MORGAN  
Commissioner of Public Lands

By: Ted Bilberry, Supervisor  
Oil and Gas Department

MEM:MMR/m  
cc: USGS-Roswell  
OCC-Santa Fe

June 20, 1957

In reply refer to:  
Unit Division

Phillips Petroleum Co.  
Box 791  
Permian Building  
Midland, Texas

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Case 971

Re: Termination of Etn Deep Unit

Attention: Mr. C. F. Keller  
Division Manager

Gentlemen:

In regard to your letter of May 20, 1957, it is our belief that under the terms of the Unit the official termination date should be six months from the completion of your No. 1 Well. Our records show this well was completed June 2, 1956, therefore, this termination should be effective as of the date the Operator was in default on the terms of the drilling requirements, which would have been December 2, 1956.

This termination date would also be subject to the approval of the United States Geological Survey.

May we hear from you concerning this termination at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

MURRAY E. MORGAN  
Commissioner of Public Lands

By: Ted Bilberry, Supervisor  
Oil and Gas Department

MEM:MMR/m  
cc: OCC-Santa Fe  
USGS-Roswell

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May 24, 1957

In reply refer to:  
Unit Division

Phillips Petroleum Co.  
Box 791  
Midland, Texas

Re: Termination of  
Etz Deep Unit,  
Lea County, N. Mex.

Attention: Mr. C. F. Keller  
Division Manager

Gentlemen:

We have received a copy of your official request for the termination of the Etz Deep Unit. This office is in complete agreement in regard to the termination of this Unit. However, before doing so, we would like a report on any work which has been done on this Unit. If there has been a well drilled, this office has not received any information concerning it.

May we please have this information at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

MURRAY E. MORGAN  
Commissioner of Public Lands

By: Ted Bilberry, Supervisor  
Oil and Gas Department

MEM:MMR/m

cc: OCC-Santa Fe  
USGS-Roswell

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March 7, 1956

In reply refer to:  
Unit Division

Phillips Petroleum Co.  
Box 791  
Midland, Texas

Re: Etx Deep Unit  
Lea County, N. Mex.

Attention: Mr. R. B. Johnston  
Land Division

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing Official Receipt No. 105312  
in the amount of \$80.00 covering filing fee for  
the Etx Deep Unit.

In regard to our telephone conversation  
with you on February 28 requesting completed copy  
and ratifications to this Unit, we obtained a  
completed copy from the Oil Conservation Commis-  
sion, and our Etx Deep Unit file is now completed.

We will appreciate your filing with this  
office all information pertaining to drilling,  
discovery, etc. -- in fact, all operations per-  
taining to this Unit.

Very truly yours,

E. S. WALKER  
Commissioner of Public Lands

MMR/m  
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cc: OCC-Santa Fe  
USGS-Reswell

# PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

BOX 791  
PERMIAN BUILDING

MIDLAND, TEXAS

February 24, 1956

Re: Etz Deep Unit  
Lea County, New Mexico

LAND AND GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT  
MIDLAND DIVISION

Oil Conservation Commission  
The State of New Mexico  
P. O. Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Dan Nutter

Gentlemen:

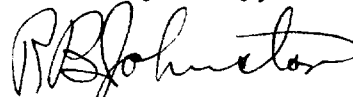
On February 2, 1956, Acting Director of the Geological Survey, Arthur A. Baker, approved the Etz Deep Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. This agreement has been designated #14-08-001-2459 by the Geological Survey.

Please find enclosed the following:

1. Copy of Certification and Determination which was signed by Mr. Baker.
2. One fully executed Unit Agreement with Overriding Royalty Consents.
3. Certificate of Approval by Commissioner of Public Lands.

Please let me know if there is anything further you will need to complete your file on the above-referenced unit.

Yours very truly,



R. B. Johnston  
LAND DIVISION

RBJ:js

Enclosures