### OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

March 3, 1958

Mr. Garrett Whitworth
El Paso Natural Gas Company
P.O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Whitworth:

We enclose a copy of Order R-333-E issued February 28, 1958, by the Oil Conservation Commission in Case 1378, which was heard on February 13th at Santa Fe.

Very truly yours,

A. L. Porter, Jr. Secretary - Director

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EDWIN L. MECHEM

# New Mexico OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

LAND COMMISSIONER, MURRAY E. MORGAN

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1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec, New Mexico STATE GEOLOGIST, A.L. PORTER JR. SECRETARY DIRECTOR

Re: CASE NO. 1378 ORDER R-333-E

Subject to approval of El Paso's application for a revised testing order for gas wells in Northwestern New Mexico, we submit the following observations:

- 1. That the amendments as shown on the attached E.P.N.G. Exhibit No. 1 be considered.
- 2. That all revisions of the testing order be incorporated into one complete testing order to be designated as Order R-333-E.
- 3. That Memorandum No. 1-56 be made a part of Order R-333-E.
- 4. That the number of copies of testing schedules to be submitted to the commission be identified exactly and showing sufficient number for three copies to be used by the Aztec office. All copies of the schedules should be submitted through the district office of the commission.
- 5. That working flexibility is a much desired aspect of Order R-333-E and as much as possible should be allowed in said order.

A. K. Sempial

# EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY PROPOSED CHANGES IN ORDER NO. R-333 C & D CASE NO. 1378, FEBRUARY 13, 1958

#### II. ANNUAL DELIVERABILITY AND SHUT-IN PRESSURE TESTS:

Annual Deliverability and Shut-In Pressure Tests of all producing gas wells are required to be made during the period from February 1 through December 15 of each year.

All wells making connection to a gas transportation facility between October 31 and December 31 of any calendar year shall be tested during the following annual testing period. All wells making connection to a gas transportation facility between January 1 and February 1 of any calendar year shall be tested during the testing period of that year.

An Initial Deliverability Test accomplished in accordance with Section B, Sub-Section B, Subparagraph 1, Paragraph (A), Subparagraph 1, may be used as an annual test when the initial connection to a gas transportation facility is made between February 1 and October 31 of the test year.

All Annual Deliverability and Shut-In Pressure Tests taken in compliance with

Section B of this Order shall be filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission and

with the gas transportation facility to which the well is connected within 30 days after the

end of the month in which the test is completed but no test shall be filed later than

December 31, provided however, that administrative approval may be granted by the

Secretary-Director of the Commission for extensions of this period in special cases.

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#### III. SCHEDULE OF TESTS:

#### (A) ANNUAL DELIVERABILITY TESTS

At least 30 days prior to the beginning of the test period (February 1) the gas transportation facilities receiving gas from wells to be tested shall, in cooperation with respective operators, submit a testing schedule for the Annual Deliverability and Shut-In Pressure Tests for all wells connected to their respective pipeline systems to be tested

during the succeeding two months. Copies of the schedule shall be furnished to the Commission and to each operator concerned by the gas transportation facility. A similar schedule shall be submitted at least 30 days prior to each two-month testing interval. Such schedule shall indicate the pool, operator, lease, well number and location of each well. The gas transportation facility making the schedule of tests shall be notified immediately by any operator unable to take such tests as scheduled.

The Commission shall be notified in writing during the 14-day conditioning period of any Initial Deliverability Tests to be accomplished in accordance with Section B, Subsection 1, Paragraph (A), Subparagraph 1, that such test is to be used as an Annual Deliverability and Shut-In Pressure Test.

#### MESAVERDE FORMATION:

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#### (B) THE ANNUAL DELIVERABILITY AND SHUT-IN PRESSURE TESTS.

(Subparagraph 6)

Orifice meter charts shall be changed, and so arranged as to reflect upon a single chart the flow data for the gas from each well for the full seven-day deliverability test period; except that no tests shall be voided if reasonable explanation is made as to the necessity for using test volumes through two chart periods. Corrections shall be made for pressure base, measured flowing temperature, specific gravity and supercompressibility (superexpansibility), provided however, that if the specific gravity of gas from any well under test is not available, then and in that event an estimated specific gravity may be assumed therefor, based upon that of gas from nearby wells, the specific gravity of which has been actually determined by measurement.

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superseding the rules and regulations contained in Order No. R-333-B, be and the same hereby are promulgated and adopted as an exception to the general statewide rules and regulations of this Commission relating to gas well testing procedures, Rules (401 et seq.):

### GAS WELL TESTING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR SAN JUAN BASIN AREA

#### SECTION A. TYPE OF GAS WELL TESTS REQUIRED:

## I. THE INITIAL DELIVERABILITY AND SHUT-IN PRESSURE TESTS FOR NEWLY COMPLETED GAS WELLS.

- (A) Immediately upon completion of each gas well in San Juan Basin, a shut-in pressure test of at least 7-days duration shall be made.
- (B) Within 45 days after a well is connected to a gas transportation facility the well shall be tested in accordance with Section B, Subsection I, Paragraph (A) of this order, and the results of the test reported to the Commission. An operator may request an extension of time in which to accomplish this test provided such request is made in writing to the Commission's Aztec Office before the expiration of the 45 day period following connection of the well to a gas transportation facility. Such request for extension must be for substantial reason and approved by the Commission, or its duly authorized representative. Said extension shall not be for more than fifteen days.
- (C) Any tests accomplished for information purposes prior to pipeline connection shall not be recognized as an official test for the establishment of allowables.

#### II. ANNUAL DELIVERABILITY AND SHUT-IN PRESSURE TESTS:

Annual deliverability and shut-in pressure tests of all producing gas wells are required to be made during the period from April 1 through October 31 of each year.

All wells connected to a pipeline system between November 1 and December 31, of any calendar year shall be tested during the following annual testing period. All wells connected to a pipeline system between January 1 and April 1 of any calendar year shall be tested during the testing period of that calendar year.

An Initial Deliverability Test accomplished in accordance with Section B, Subsection I, Paragraph (A), Subparagraph 1, may be used as an annual test when the test is taken on wells connected to a transportation facility during the regular annual testing season from April 1, to October 31.

#### III. SCHEDULE OF TESTS

#### (A) ANNUAL DELIVERABILITY TESTS

On or before February 15 of each year, the pipeline companies receiving gas from wells to be tested shall, in cooperation with respective operators, submit a

### BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASES NO. 882) Consolidated 941)
Order No. R-333-C and D
(Supersedes R-333-B)

THE APPLICATION OF THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION UPON ITS OWN MOTION FOR AN ORDER REVISING, AMENDING OR DELETING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ORDER R-333-B PERTAINING TO GAS WELL TESTING PROCEDURE APPLICABLE TO GAS WELLS COMPLETED IN SAN JUAN, RIO ARRIBA AND McKINLEY COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause having come on for hearing at 9 o'clock a. m. on August 17, 1955, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 13th., day of October, 1955, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the records and testimony adduced and being fully advised in the premises,

#### FINDS:

- (1) That due notice of the time and place of hearing and the purpose thereof having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this case and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That there is need for a number of additions to and revisions of Order R-333-B, heretofore entered by the Commission, said order outlining a gas testing procedure of gas wells completed in San Juan, McKinley and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico.
- (3) That the following rules and regulations should be adopted, and that said rules and regulations are in the interests of conservation.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the following Special Rules and Regulations governing gas well testing in the Sân Juan Basin (Counties of San Juan, Rio Arriba and McKinley, New Mexico,)

Deliverability tests required hereinabove in Subsection I and II of this section shall determine the calculated deliverability of each gas well, which shall be reported to the Commission by converting actual deliverability against existing line pressures to the calculated deliverability at a pressure equal to fifty (50) percent of the shut-in pressure of each well in the manner hereinafter specified below. Such calculated deliverability so determined, and hereinafter so referred to, shall not be considered as the actual deliverability of any well into a gas transportation facility, but shall be used by the Commission as an index to determine the well's ability to produce at assumed static wellhead working pressures, as compared to other wells in the phol under like conditions.

#### SECTION B. PROCEDURE FOR TESTS:

The several known gas producing formations of the San Juan Basin represent a variety of testing situations, and each is treated separately.

#### I. MESAVERDE FORMATION:

#### (A) INITIAL DELIVERABILITY AND SHUT-IN PRESSURE TEST.

- 1. Within (45) forty-five days after a newly completed well is connected to a gas transportation facility the operator shall accomplish a deliverability and shut-in pressure test in conformance with Section B, sub-section I, paragraph (B) of this order.
- 2. In the event that testing a newly completed well in accordance with paragraph 1 above, is impractical, the operator may accomplish a deliverability and shut-in pressure test in the following manner:
  - a. A seven or eight day production chart may be used as a basis for determining the wells deliverability providing the chart so used is preceded by at least (14) fourteen days continuous production. The well shall produce unrestricted through either the casing or tubing, but not both, into a pipeline during these periods.
  - b. A shut-in pressure of at least seven days duration shall be taken. This shall be the shut-in test required in Section A, subsection I, Paragraph (A).
  - c. The average daily static meter pressure shall be determined in accordance with Section B, subsection I, Paragraph (B). This pressure shall be used as P<sub>t</sub> in calculating P<sub>w</sub> for the Deliverability Calculation.

testing schedule for the annual deliverability and shut-in pressure tests for all wells connected to their respective pipeline systems as of February 1 of the year for which the schedule is applicable; such test schedules shall be filed promptly with the Commission for approval, and if approved, the Commission shall furnish each operator, as identified by lists of names and addresses furnished by the respective pipeline companies, with a copy of such schedule as approved by the Commission, or a part thereof pertinent to such operator's wells, on or before March 15, of each year.

Such schedules shall be filed with the Commission for each Gas Pool as designated by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission listing under the heading of each pool the operator, lease, well number and location of each well. Should the pipeline company elect to file schedules by areas then the above listed information shall be listed under the heading of each area in the order listed above.

All wells connected to a pipeline system during the period of February 1 to October 31, both inclusive, of any year shall be scheduled for testing during the testing period for that particular year. Then and in that event the pipeline in cooperation with the operator shall notify the Commission in writing at least (10) ten days before the Commencement of the conditioning period for any tests.

Provided however, that when an Initial Deliverability Test accomplished in accordance with Section B, Subsection I, Paragraph (A), Subparagraph 1 is to be used as an annual test for wells connected to a gas transportation facility during the period between April 1 and October 31, then the operator shall notify the Commission in writing at any time during the fourteen day conditioning period.

In event changes for substantial reasons are necessary in the annual test schedule, the Commission shall be notified (10) ten days before tests are scheduled to commence.

#### (B) DELIVERABILITY RETESTS.

An operator may retest the deliverability of a well at any time for substantial reason by the notification to the Commission (10) ten days before the retest is scheduled to commence. Such notification shall consist of scheduling the well as required for the annual deliverability test in subsection III, Paragraph A, above. Such retest shall be subject to the approval of the Commission, and conducted in conformance with Section B, Subsection I, Paragraph (B) of this order. The Commission may require the retesting of any well at its discretion by the notification of the operator to schedule such retest.

The requirements for Initial and Annual Deliverability Tests and the notification and scheduling of such tests which apply to newly completed wells shall also apply to reworked or recompleted wells.

#### IV. WHO MAY WITNESS TESTS:

Any initial or annual deliverability and shut-in pressure test may be witnessed by any or all of the following: an agent of the Commission, an offset operator, a representative of the pipeline company taking gas from an offset operator, or a representative of a pipeline company taking gas from the well under test. To obtain the shut-in pressure of a well under test the well shall be shut-in immediately after the seven (7) day deliverability test for the full period of seven (7) consecutive days. Such shut-in pressure shall be measured within the next succeeding twenty-four (24) hours following the seven (7) day shut-in period aforesaid. The seven; (7) day shut-in pressure shall be measured on the string through which the well flowed during the conditioning and seven (7) day flow period.

All wellhead pressures as well as the flowing meter pressure tests which are to be taken during the seven (7) day deliverability test period, as required hereinabove, shall be taken with a dead-weight gauge. The dead-weight readings taken shall be recorded on the flow chart in psia. The time and point on chart flowing pressure curve at which these readings are taken shall be indicated with an arrow.

Orifice meter charts shall be changed, and so arranged as to reflect upon a single chart the flow data for the gas from each well for the full seven day deliverability test period. Corrections shall be made for pressure base, measured flowing temperature, specific gravity and supercompressibility (superexpansibility), provided however, that if the specific gravity of gas from any well under test is not available, then and in that event an estimated specific gravity may be assumed therefor, based upon that of gas from nearby wells, the specific gravity of which has been actually determined by measurement.

The seven (7) day average flowing meter pressure shall be calculated by taking the average of all consecutive 2-hour flowing meter pressure readings as recorded on the seven (7) day flow period chart (test chart #3). The pressure so calculated shall be used in calculating the wellhead working pressure, determining supercompressibility factors and calculating flow volumes.

The seven (7) day flow period volume shall be calculated from the integrated readings as determined from the flow period orifice meter chart, (Chart #3). The volume so calculated shall be divided by the number of testing days on the chart to determine the average daily flow period rate of flow. The flow chart shall have legibly recorded a minimum of seven (7) days and a maximum of eight (8) flowing days to be acceptable for test purposes. The volume used in this calculation shall be corrected to New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission standard conditions.

The average flowing meter pressure for the seven (7) day or eight (8) day flow period and the corrected integrated volume shall be determined by the purchasing company that integrates the flow charts and furnished to the operator or testing agency when such operator or testing agency requests such information.

The daily average integrated flow period rate of flow shall be corrected for meter error by the multiplication by a correction factor determined by dividing

- d. The daily average rate of flow shall be determined in accordance with Section B, Subsection I, Paragraph (B), of this order.
- e. The static wellhead working pressure (P<sub>w</sub>) shall be determined in accordance with Section B, subsection I, paragraph (B), of this order.
- f. The deliverability of the well shall be determined by using the data determined in paragraphs a through f, above, in the deliverability formula in accordance with Section B, subsection I, paragraph (B), of this order.
- g. The data and calculations for the above paragraphs a through f shall be reported to the Commission upon the blue colored Form C-122-A and filed in triplicate with the Commission within the forty-five day period after connection of the well. Form C-122-A shall be signed by the operator or an agent designated by the operator.

#### (B) THE ANNUAL DELIVERABILITY AND SHUT-IN PRESSURE TESTS.

These tests shall be taken by unrestrictedly producing the well into the pipeline through either the casing or tubing, but not both. The daily flowing rate shall be determined from an average of seven (7) consecutive producing days, following a minimum conditioning period of fourteen (14) consecutive days production. The first seven (7) days of said conditioning period shall have not more than one (1) interruption, which interruption shall be no longer than 36 hours continuous duration. The eighth to fourteenth days, inclusive, of said conditioning period shall have no interruptions whatsoever. All such production during the fourteen (14) day conditioning period plus the seven (7) day deliverability test period shall be a static wellhead working pressures not in excess of seventy-five (75) per cent of the previous annual seven (7) day shut-in pressure of such well if such previous annual shut-in pressure information is available; otherwise, the seven (7) day initial deliverability shut-in pressure of such well shall be used.

In the event that existing line pressure does not permit a drawdown as specified above, with the well producing unrestrictedly into the pipeline, the operator shall request an exception to this requirement on the Form C-122-A. The request shall state the reasons for the necessity for the exception.

The static wellhead working pressure  $(P_w)$  of any well under test shall be the calculated seven (7) day average static tubing pressure if the well is flowing through the casing; or the calculated seven (7) day average static casing pressure if the well is flowing through the tubing. The static wellhead working pressure  $(P_w)$  shall be calculated by applying the tables and procedures as set out in New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission manual entitled "Method of Calculating Pressure Loss Due to Friction in Gas Well Flow Strings". This manual is more specifically known as release 4-G-9-FLT-NW a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof

The use of tables for calculating rates of flow from integrator readings, which do not specifically conform to New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission release "4-G-12-BPT-State", may be approved for determining the daily flow period rates of flow upon a showing that such tables are appropriate and necessary.

Deliverability pressure, as used herein for Mesaverde production, is a defined pressure applied to each well and used in the process of comparing the abilities of wells in this formation to produce at static wellhead working pressures equal to fifty (50) per cent, of the seven (7) day shut-in pressure of the respective individual wells.

The deliverability of gas at the "deliverability pressure" of any well under test shall be calculated from the test data derived from the tests hereinabove required by use of the following deliverability formula:

#### WHERE:

D = Deliverability at the deliverability pressure, (P<sub>d</sub>) MCF/da, (at Standard Condition of 15.025 psia and 60 °F).

Q = Daily flow rate in MCF/da, at wellhead pressure (Pw)

P<sub>c</sub> = 7-day shut-in casing (or tubing) wellkead pressure, psia.

P<sub>d</sub> = Deliverability pressure; half of the individual well 7-day shut-in pressure, P<sub>c</sub>, psia.

Pw = Average static wellhead working pressure, as determined from 7-day flow period, psia and calculated from New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Pressure Loss Due to Friction Tables. (Casing pressure if flowing through the tubing, or tubing pressure if flowing through the casing).

n - Average pool slope of back pressure curve (.75) for Mesaverde wells).

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the square root of the chart flowing meter pressure psia into the square root of the dead-weight flowing meter pressure psia,

The daily volume of flow as determined from the flow period chart (Test Chart #3) integrator readings shall be calculated by applying the Basic Orifice meter formula.

Q = C' 
$$\sqrt{h_w p_f}$$

Where:

Q - Metered volume of flow MCFD @ 15.025, 60°F. and .60 specific gravity.

C' = The 24 hour basic orifice meter flow factor as taken from New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission release "4G-12-BPT State" and corrected for flowing temperature, gravity and supercompressibility.

h Daily average differential meter pressure from flow period chart.

Pf : Daily average flowing meter pressure from flow period chart.

The basic orifice meter flow factors, flowing temperature factor and specific gravity factor shall be determined from New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission release No. "4G-12-BPT-State". The four tables in said release are based on "gas measurement committee report No. 2" (Revised 1948) of the American Gas Association, New York 17, New York. A copy of said New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission release is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The daily flow period average corrected flowing meter pressure, psig, shall be used to determine the supercompressibility factor. Correction shall be made for supercompressibility (deviation from Boyle's law) for flowing meter pressures in excess of 100 psig by the use of Simplified Supercompressibility Tables, compiled from C. N. G. A. Bulletins TS-402 and TS-461, published by John P. Squier Company, Dallas, Texas. These tables have been reproduced by specific permission from John P. Squier Company a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

When supercompressibility (superexpansibility) correction is made for a gas containing either nitrogen or carbon dioxide in excess of 2 per cent, the supercompressibility factors of such gas shall be determined by the use of Table V of the above mentioned TS-402 for pressure 100-500 psig or Table II, TS-461 for pressures in excess of 500 psig.

operators; these data shall be based upon tests taken in conformity with the conventional back pressure method, indicated in Commission Rule 401. This "slope" shall be applied to each well in the Barker-Dome Dakota Area, as if such slope were the actual performance back pressure slope of each such well, in the following manner:

This back pressure slope so established shall be plotted through a point predetermined by one stabilized flow rate at a static wellhead working pressure not in excess of seventy-five (75) per cent of the seven (7) day shut-in pressure of such well.

The flowing rates (Q) shall be corrected for pressure base, measured flowing temperature, specific gravity and supercompressibility, by the use of methods of calculation and tables hereinabove referred to and approved in Section B, Subsection I, paragraph (B), of the Mesaverde procedures.

A seven (7) day shut-in pressure test shall be made for each well in the Barker Dome-Dakota Area, provided however, that where the shut-in period exceeds seven days such fact shall be reported to the Commission.

The values of the seven (7) day shut-in pressure  $(P_C)$  and the working wellhead pressure  $(P_w)$  shall be corrected to bottom hole conditions.

A schedule of tests shall be prepared by the transporter and approved by the Commission, and reports of such tests shall be signed by the operator or his designated agent and duly filed with the Commission, on Form C-122, the regular state—wide form.

#### 2. ANNUAL OPEN FLOW POTENTIAL TEST:

This test shall be made of all wells producing from the Barker Dome-Dakota Storage Area by obtaining seven (7) day shut-in pressures of all Dakota wells, converting the same to bottom hole pressures ( $P_f$ ) computing the squares of such bottom hole pressures, ( $P_f^2$ ) and applying the same to the original average "pool slope" to obtain an adjusted open flow. If so desired as an alternate method an adjusted open flow may be computed from the following equation:

$$O_{f_2} = O_{f_1} \quad \left[ \frac{\left(P_{f_2}\right)^2}{\left(P_{f_1}\right)^2} \right]^n$$

WHERE:

O<sub>f<sub>2</sub></sub> = Adjusted absolute open flow.

Of 2 Original absolute open flow.

Any test hereinabove provided for will be considered unacceptable if the average flow rate for the final 7 day deliverability test is 25 per cent in excess of any consecutive 7-day average of the preceding two weeks. "A deliverability test" not meeting this requirement shall be retested.

The annual deliverability and shut-in pressure tests as required hereinabove shall be reported upon Commission Form C-122-A and filed in triplicate, with the Commission within the month next after completion of such tests. Form C-122-A shall be signed by the operator or agent designated as the operator.

All charts relative to annual deliverability tests shall be identified by the words "Test Chart No. 1" (2, 3, 4, etc.), and any or all charts or photostats thereof shall be made available to the Commission upon its request.

#### II. PICTURED CLIFFS FORMATION:

#### (A) INITIAL DELIVERABILITY AND SHUT-IN PRESSURE TEST:

Same as prescribed for Mesaverde formation; see Section B, subsection I, Paragraph (A).

#### (B) ANNUAL DELIVERABILITY AND SHUT-IN PRESSURE TESTS:

In all respects the deliverability and shut-in pressure tests of wells in the Pictured Cliffs formation shall be made in conformity with the procedures set out in Section B, Subsection I, paragraph (B) of the Mesaverde formation procedures, except that in the back pressure formula, the exponent "n" shall have the value of point eighty-five (.85).

#### III. FRUITLAND FORMATION:

(A) All initial and annual deliverability and shut-in pressure tests of gas wells producing from the Fruitland formation shall be identical in all respects to those requirements and procedures hereinabove set out and required for the Pictured Cliffs formation in Section B, Subsection II, paragraphs (A) and (B).

#### IV. THE DAKOTA FORMATION:

All tests of Dakota wells shall be in conformity with requirements and procedures provided hereinabove for the Mesaverde formation, except as follows:

#### (A) BARKER DOME - DAKOTA: (Storage Area)

#### 1. INITIAL OPEN FLOW POTENTIAL TEST:

An average "pool slope", based upon bottom-hole conditions, shall be established by the Commission after consideration of data to be provided by the

All tests hereunder shall be made during the period from April 1 through October 31 of each year, and reported to the Commission upon regular Form C-122 during the month succeeding the month in which the tests are made.

#### SECTION C. INFORMATION TEST FOR ALL FORMATIONS.

#### I. TYPE OF TEST:

(A) A pitot potential test may be taken on newly completed wells before their connection to a gas transportation facility. This test shall not be a required official test but may be taken for information purposes at the option of the operator. When taken, this test shall be made and reported as prescribed in paragraph (B) following.

#### (B) PITOT POTENTIAL TEST:

The pitot potential test shall be made after a minimum shut-in time of seven (7) days. The shut-in pressure shall be measured by the use of a dead-weight gauge. The rate of flow shall be determined by a pitot tube measurement after unrestricted flowing of gas to the air for a period of three (3) hours; the flow nipple shall be at least eight (8) diameters long. The pitot tube shall be constructed of one-eight (1/8) inch pipe (nominal diameter). Standard tables (Reids) will be provided by the Commission on request.

Any well completed with two-inch nominal size tubing (1.995 inside diameter) or larger shall be tested through the tubing. Any well completed with tubing smaller than two-inch nominal shall be tested through the casing.

#### (C) REPORTING OF TEST.

When the pitot potential test is taken the results shall be calculated as prescribed in the Commission's Manual of Tables and Procedure and reported to the Commission on Form C-122-B.

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- (1) That Form C-122-A entitled "Gas Well Test Data Sheet, San Juan Basin", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, be, and the same hereby is approved in open form subject to minor modifications as experience may indicate and the same shall be used only for the area heretofore indicated, excepting therefrom only the Barker Dome-Dakota storage area, and the Pennsylvanian formation, all within the said San Juan Basin.
- (2) That this order shall modify Rule 1121 of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission only to the extent of requiring reports upon Form C-122, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Such Form C-122 is hereby approved in open form subject to minor changes and additions as experience may indicate necessary.

P<sub>f<sub>2</sub></sub> = New bottom hole shut-in (psia.)

P<sub>f<sub>2</sub></sub> = Old bottom hole shut-in (psia.)

n = Slope of back pressure curve.

Tests of all wells in the Barker Dome-Dakota storage area shall be made during the period of April 1 through October 31 of each year and reports made to the Commission within the next succeeding month after test is made.

#### V. PENNSYLVANIAN FORMATION:

All tests of wells producing from the Pennsylvanian formation of the San Juan Basin Area shall be as follows:

#### (A) INITIAL OPEN FLOW POTENTIAL TEST:

Immediately after completion of each new well an absolute open flow shall be determined by the conventional back-pressure method indicated by Rule 401 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Seven day shut-in pressures will be used in all cases, and, if for any reason the shut-in period exceeds seven days, then, the actual shut-in time shall be reported.

#### (B) ANNUAL OPEN FLOW POTENTIAL TEST:

This test shall be made of all wells producing from the Pennsylvanian formation of the San Juan Basin Area, and such tests shall conform in all respects with the procedure set out next above under initial open flow potential test or in the alternative, by obtaining a seven day shut-in pressure of each well and converting the same to bottom hole pressure  $(P_f)$ . The square of the bottom hole pressure  $(P_f^2)$  will be computed and applied to the original back pressure curve and an adjusted absolute open flow will be obtained.

If shut-in pressure time is in excess of seven (7) days, then the actual shut-in time shall be reported.

There is no objection to the use of an adjusted absolute open flow calculated from the equation as set out hereinabove under Dakota formation, Section B, Subsection IV, paragraph (A) - subparagraph 2.

- (3) All forms heretofore mentioned, are hereby adopted for the use in the San Juan Basin Area.
- (4) All testing agencies whether individuals, companies, pipeline companies or operators shall maintain a log of all tests accomplished by them. This log shall show the operator, lease, well number, section unit letter, section, township, range and pool as defined by New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, for each well tested. The log shall further show the date the flow period pressures (psia.) and shut-in pressures are measured and the values thereof. A copy of this log shall be made available to the Commission or a Commission representative at any time during any testing season. A copy of this log shall be filed with supervisor of District III, Box 697, Aztec, New Mexico, by the 10th of December following each testing season. A log form setting out the date required shall be furnished by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission to all testers, a copy of this form is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

That other formations in the San Juan Basin Area which may in the future be found to be productive will be provided with testing programs on the basis of formation characteristics.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JOHN F. SIMMS, Chairman

E. S. WALKER, Member

W. B. MACEY, Member and Secretary

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El Paso Matural Gas Company
El Paso, Texas

February 17, 1958

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Post Office Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Jack Cooley

Gentlemen:

There are attached, Photostats of two additional letters of concurrence in Case No. 1378, heard February 13, 1958.

At your convenience, will you please add these letters to the record.

Yours very truly,

D. H. Rainey

Proration Department

DHR:pm attachments - Letter, The Texas Company Letter, Moore & Gilmore

#### THE TEXAS COMPANY

**TEXACO PETROLEUM PRODUCTS** 



PRODUCING DEPARTMENT WEST TEXAS DIVISION

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February 10, 1958

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Annual Deliverability Tests SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

El Paso Natural Gas Company Box 1492 El Paso, Texas

Attention Mr. D. H. Rainey

Gentlemen:

Please refer to your letter of January 28, 1958, concerning the extension of the test period for conducting annual deliverability tests on gas wells located in the San Juan Basin Area of San Juan County, New Mexico.

Due to our limited gas well operations in the San Juan Basin Area and other pressing matters at this time, we will not be able to attend the hearing scheduled for February 13, 1958. However, The Texas Company has no objection to your proposal to extend the test period for conducting deliverability tests in the heretofore mentioned area.

Yours very truly,

R. F. Naul, Supt.

Gas and Gasoline Plants

RVS:JM

# MOORE & GILMORE 403 N. MARIENFELD MIDLAND. TEXAS PHONE MUTUAL 2-8695 February 11, 1958



El Paso Natural Gas Company P. O. Box 1492 El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mr. D. H. Rainey, Proration Department

#### Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of January 28, 1958, to W. H. Gilmore concerning Deliverability Tests on wells in the San Juan Basin area and your application for a hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.

This is to inform you that I fully concur with your opinions as set out in your letter of January 28, 1958.

Very truly yours,

W. H. GILMORE

Reed Gilmore

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#### TO THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION:

The Ohio Oil Company concurs in El Paso Natural Gas Company's application for extension of deliverability test period in the San Juan Basin, and urges approval of the application.

W. A. Pee

District Production Foreman,

The Ohio Oil Company DURANGO, COLORADO

W. a. For

February 13, 1958

# OPERATORS IN GENERAL CONCURRENCE WITH THIS REQUEST IN WHICH APPARENTLY A COPY OF THE LETTER WAS NOT FORWARDED TO THE COMMISSION

Tennessee Gas Transmission Company

Beaver Lodge Oil Corporation

R. E. Beamon

General American Oil Company

Bayview Oil Corporation

D. Houston Bolin

George J. Darneille

Argo Oil Corporation

Texas National Petroleum Company

Southern Petroleum Exploration, Inc.

William G. Webb

Western Development Company of Delaware

Pubco Petroleum Corporation

Western Natural Gas Company

Sunray Mid-Continent Oil Company



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#### A Socony Mobil Company Legal Department

P. O. BOX 900 . DALLAS 21, TEXAS February 11, 1958

CHARLES B. WALLACE R. T. WILK!NSON, JR. ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSE: FRANK C. BOLTON, JR. WENDELL J. DOGGETT JACK E. EARNEST SAM H. FIELD JAMES T. FITZPATRICK ROY C. LEDBETTER ROSS MADOLE WALLACE G MALONE ROY L. MERRILL FLOYD B. PITTS WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON WILLIAM H. TABB JACK VICKREY

Re: Case No. 1378 - Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company to Revise Portions of Order No. R-333 C & D.

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

#### Gentlemen:

Magnolia Petroleum Company hereby requests the Commission to grant the changes in Order No. R-333 C & D proposed by El Paso Natural Gas Company in the above styled and numbered case, such changes being as follows:

- Extension of Annual Deliverability Tests period from the 1st of February to the 15th of December of each year.
- Scheduling of Annual Deliverability Tests in two or three month increments rather than the yearly schedule as at present.

Thus far, the Magnolia Petroleum Company has had little difficulty in complying with the provisions in R-333 C & D, however, as our operations expand we anticipate problems that will be mitigated by the shorter test scheduling as well as the extension of the Annual Deliverability Tests period.

Respectfully,

MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM COMPANY

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El Paso Natural Gas Co.

El Paso, Texas

P. O. Box 1492

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D H RAINEY

EL PASO NATURAL GAS CO

IN REGARD TO EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY SEL APPLICATION
TO THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATIN COMMISSION REQUESTING
A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH TO CONDUCT ANNUAL
DELIVERABILITY TESTS ON WELLS IN THE SAN JUAN BASIN
AREA, TENNESSEE GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY HAS NO OBJECTION
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BASIN AREA; HOWEVER, TENNESSEE IS OF THE OPINION THAT
SCHEDULING OF TESTS WITHIN INDIVIDUAL POOLS SHOULD
BE LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM PRACTICAL PERIOD

HERMAN OTTO TENNESSEE GAS TRANSMISSION CO. 337P

FORM 10-54 (7-5

E. P. N. G. CO. EL PASO, TEXAS

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1958 FEB 10 PM 1:02 EL PASO NAT GAS CO ATTN D H RAINET

RE YOUR LETTER JAN 28 1958 RELATIVE TO APPLICATION NEW MEXICO CONSERVATION TO EXTEND TEST PERIOD ON ANNUAL DELIVER ABILITY TETS ON WELLS IN SAN JUAN BASIN. THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU GENERAL AMERICAN OIL COMPANY CONCURS IN THIS MATTER

GEN AMERICAN OIL CO L P ONEILL VICE PRES.

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HOUSTON TEX FEB 10 1958 EL PASO NAT GAS CO ATTN D H RAINEY PRORATION DEPT

RE AMENDMENTS OF ORDER NUMBER R-333 C AND D. I AGREE TO THE CHANGES SUGGESTED IN YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 28TH THIS WILL BE YOUR AUTHORITY TO INFORM THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF MY CONCURRENCE IN YOUR

R E BEAMON.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS

R-333 C D 28.

#### BEAVER LODGE OIL CORPORATION

301 MERCANTILE COMMERCE BUILDING

CHITCHEUL/PAREDYS

DALLAS 1, TRXAS

February 10, 1958



El Paso Natural Gas Company El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mr. D. H. Rainey Proration Department

Dear Mr. Rainey:

This is to give you notice of the Beaver Lodge Oil Corporation's concurrence with the application by El Paso Natural Gas Company for an extension of the period in which to take the state deliverability tests in New Mexico. It is my understanding that this hearing is to take place February 13, 1958 and you have further amended your application to request an extension of the period from October 31st to December 15th. We are cognizant of this further amendment and do concur with your request.

Very truly yours,

H. Stewart Bennett General Manager

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#### EMPIRE STATES DRILLING CORPORATION

1020 SIMMS BUILDING

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

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February 7, 1958

Re: Hearing February 13, 1958

Subject - Order No. R-333

C & D

Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter as our concurrence with the request of El Paso Natural Gas Company to allow a reasonable extension of time for operators to complete deliverability tests on San Juan Basin wells.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Jagkson

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cc: El Paso Natural Gas Co.

. ROTARY DRILLING .

#### EMPIRE STATES DRILLING CORPORATION

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1020 SIMMS BUILDING

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

February 7, 1958

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Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe New Mexico

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Very truly yours,

EMPIRE STATES DRILLING CORP.

John P. Wiedemer

JPW/pg

cc: El Paso Natural Gas Co.

ROTARY DRILLING .

### SUNBAY MID-CONTINENT OUL COMPANY

P.O. BOX 2039

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R. E. FOSS, VICE PRESIDENT

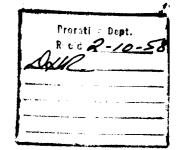
R. W. GRIFFITH, ASST. TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

M. S. PATTON, JR., MANAGER ENGINEERING DIVISION

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

February 7, 1958

- C. J. KERWIN, SUPERINTENDENT PRODUCTION DIVISION
- L. G. RODGERS, GENERAL MANAGER
  GAS DIVISION
- J. H. DOUMA, MANAGER
  JOINT OPERATIONS DIVISION



El Paso Natural Gas Company P. O. Box 1492

El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mr. D. H. Rainey

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your letter of January 28 this is to advise that Sunray Mid-Continent Oil Company has no objections to your application for changes in Order No. R-333 C and D, which will be heard by the Commission on February 13.

It is our understanding that you will request that the annual deliverability testing period for gas wells in the San Juan Basin Area be extended an additional three months over the present period so that tests may be taken between February 1 and November 30 of each year, and that all wells connected after October 20 will not be required to have annual deliverability tests taken that year, but the deliverability will be based on the results of the initial deliverability test.

The only gas wells in this area which Sunray operates are shut in due to the lack of a market.

Very truly yours,

SUNRAY MID-CONTINENT OIL COMPANY

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Horace F. McKay, Jr. 800 Loma Linda Place, S. E. 32 Albuquerque, New Mexico

February 6, 1958

Re: Order No. R-333-C&D

New Mexico Oil Conservation Comm. Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that I concur with El Paso Natural Gas Company in their request for extension of time for Deliverability Tests.

Yours truly,

# SAN JACINTO OIL AND GAS COMPANY (a division of San Jacinto Petroleum Corp.) San Jacinto Building Houston 2, Texas

February 6, 1958

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This letter is to notify you of the formation of San Jacinto Oil and Gas Company, (a division of San Jacinto Petroleum Corp.). This change in the corporate alignment became effective January 28, 1958, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of San Jacinto Petroleum Corp. at a special meeting held on that date.

All of the domestic affairs of San Jacinto Petroleum Corp. will hereafter be handled by San Jacinto Oil and Gas Company, (a division of San Jacinto Petroleum Corp.) and all correspondence, checks, invoices and inquiries should be directed to San Jacinto Oil and Gas Company, 800 San Jacinto Building, Houston 2, Texas,

Yours very truly,

SAN JACINTO OIL AND GAS COMPANY

B. G. Martin

B. G. Martin, President

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### Three States Natural Gas Company

SEVENTEENTH FLOOR CORRIGAN TOWER

DALLAS I, TEXAS

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

JAMES D. COOPER SUPERINTENDENT JOSEPH C. GORDON CHIEF ENGINEER PAUL D. MSELROY ASSISTANT

February 6, 1958

Oil Conservation Commission State Capital Building Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Gentlemen:

Re: CASE 1378

Regular Hearing Feb. 13, 1958

The El Paso Natural Gas Company has requested a hearing, seeking an order revising amending or deleting certain portions of Order No. R-333-C & D to extend testing periods and revise test scheduling procedure applicable to gas wells in San Juan, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, and McKinley Counties, New Mexico.

Many operators were unable to complete their 1957 Annual Deliverability Tests during the test period from April 1, through October 31. Since many more wells will be drilled in the Basin, it is considered necessary to extend the test period.

An additional three months over the period now provided for in Order No. R-333-C & D would be sufficient, i.e., from February 1 to November 30 of each year. It is also suggested that all wells connected after October 20, will not be required to have Annual Deliverability tests that year, but deliverability will be based on the results of the Initial Deliverability Test.

Yours very truly,

THREE STATES NATURAL GAS COMPANY

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Joseph C. Gordon

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CC - Mr. E. A. Jenkins Mr. J. P. Donahue, Jr. C.

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SAN JACINTO BUILDING HOUSTON 2, TEXAS

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February 6, 1958

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

It is our understanding that El Paso Natural Gas Company has made application for a longer period of time in which to conduct the required Annual Deliverability Tests on wells in the San Juan Basin Area. This is to advise that San Jacinto Oil and Gas Company (a division of San Jacinto Petroleum Corp.) concurs in support of El Paso's application.

Yours very truly,

B. G. Martin

B. G. Martin

BGM ry

cc: El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas

Attn: Mr. D. H. Rainey

# The FRONTIER REFINING CO.

4040 EAST LOUISIANA AVENUE - DENVER 22, COLORADO

FRONTIER

CHEYENNE, WYOMING

Manufacturing

DENVER, COLORADO General Office

> 4040 East Louisiana Avenue Denver 22, Colorado February 5, 1958

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

Re: New Case #1378

Scheduled for Hearing February 13, 1958

Gentlemen:

The Frontier Refining Company desires to enter an appearance in this case by letter as follows:

Attached is a letter from El Paso Natural Gas Company dated January 28, 1958, pertaining to Case #1378. We fully concur with El Paso in the matters as stated in their January 28th letter.

Yours very truly,

5. B. Stanville

E. B. Granville

Drilling and Production Superintendent

EBG: pb Attachment

cc: El Paso Natural Gas Co.

# Western Natural Gas Company

1006 MAIN STREET

Houston 2, Texas

February 5, 1958



ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO 823 MIDLAND TOWER BUILDING MIDLAND, TEXAS

El Paso Natural Gas Company Box 1492 El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mr. D. H. Rainey, Proration Dept.

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that Western Natural Gas Company concurs in your application before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for longer periods of time in which to conduct the required annual deliverability tests on wells in the San Juan Basin.

Very truly yours,

WESTERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY

R. H. McKoy

Division Superintendent

RHM: jh

cc: P. C. Wright



# BROWN & ROOT, INC. Engineers Constructors

P. O. BOX 3 • HOUSTON

February 4, 1958



El Paso Natural Gas Company El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mr. D. H. Rainey

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of January 28, 1958.

It will be impossible for me to attend the meeting of February 13, 1958.

However, I wish to express my complete concurrence with the request for an extension of the period of time covering the annual deliverability tests on wells in the San Juan Basin area. I believe this is a practical necessity and agree with your reasoning thereupon.

Very Fruly yours.

L. Darneille

GJD/kjt



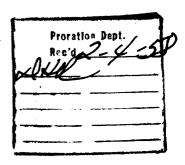
#### ARGO OIL CORPORATION

1700 BROADWAY

DENVER 2, COLORADO

R. R. ULLSTROM
VICE PRESIDENT, PRODUCTION

February 3, 1958



Mr. D. H. Rainey Proration Department El Paso Natural Gas Company El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Rainey:

Thank you for your letter of January 28, 1958, in which you advise that El Paso Natural Gas Company has applied for a longer period of time in which to conduct Annual Deliverability Tests on wells in the San Juan Basin area.

Please be advised that Argo Oil Corporation is in concurrence with El Paso Natural Gas Company in this regard.

Yours very truly,

Ion C. Herron

Don C. Herron Staff Engineer

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# DELHI-TAYLOR OIL CORPORATION

CORRIGAN TOWER
DALLAS I, TEXAS

W. C. SMITH

February 3, 1958

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

Dear Mr. Porter:

El Paso Natural Gas Company has advised us that they have applied to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for a longer period of time in which to conduct the required annual deliverability tests on wells in the San Juan Basin area. This is to advise you that Delhi-Taylor concurs with the suggestion to increase the time of the test period.

We also concur with El Paso's suggestion that wells connected after October 20 not be required to conduct annual deliverability tests that year.

Yours very truly,

W. C. Smith

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#### BAYVIEW OIL CORPORATION

REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
DALLAS I, TEXAS

February 3, 1958

Re: Proposed Amendment - Order No. R-333 C & D

El Paso Natural Gas Company El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mr. D. H. Rainey
Proration Department

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your letter of January 28, 1958 concerning your application for the extension of the time required to conduct annual deliverability tests on the wells in the San Juan Basin.

Please be advised that we concur with your proposal to have the test period extended as outlined in your letter.

Very truly yours,

BAYVIEW OIL CORPORATION

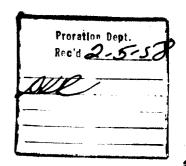
MCCONNELL DRILLING CORPORATION

Geo. L. Duggan

Production Manager

gld/elf

#### D. HOUSTON BOLIN OIL PRODUCER 1120 OIL AND GAS BUILDING WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS



February 3, 1958

El Paso Natural Gas Company El Paso, Texas

Attention: D. H. Rainey

Proration Department

#### Gentlemen:

In reference to your letter of January 28, 1958, this is to advise that D. H. Bolin concurs with your application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for a longer period of time in which to conduct the Annual Deliverability Tests on wells in the San Juan Basin.

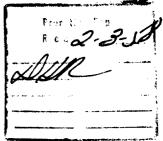
It will be impossible for a representative of this company to appear at the regular statewide hearing set for February 13, 1958.

Sincerely,

D. HOUSTON BOLIN

RLB/lw

# Western Development Company of Delaware



SENA PLAZA, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO TELEPHONE 3-5568

P. O. Box 427 Artesia, New Mexico January 31, 1958

El Paso Natural Gas Company

P. O. Box 1492

El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mr. D. H. Rainey

**Proration Department** 

Re Case No. 1378 N. M. Oil Commission

#### Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Mr. Rainey's letter of January 28, 1958, pertaining to El Paso's application in Case No. 1378 scheduled for hearing February 13, 1958.

This company has no objection to the proposal outlined in Mr. Rainey's letter, and if possible we will be represented to concur in the application.

Yours very truly,

WESTERN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

W. B. Macey Vice President

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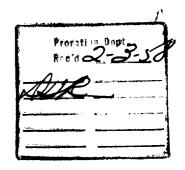
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# SOUTHERN PETROLEUM EXPLORATION, INC.

OLDFIELD 2-3181

SISTERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

February 1, 1958



Mr. D. H. Rainey Proration Department El Paso Natural Gas Company El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Rainey:

Southern Petroleum Exploration concurs in your suggested amendments of Order No. R-333 C & D pertaining to Annual Deliverability Tests on wells in the San Juan Basin area.

Southern will not have a representative present at the February 13th hearing.

Very truly yours,

Paul W. Neuenschwander,

President

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OIL AND GAS-INVESTMENTS
17TH FLOOR MERCANTILE BANK BUILDING
DALLAS 1, TEXAS

January 31, 1958

Mr. D. H. Rainey Proration Department El Paso Natural Gas Company Post Office Box 1492 El Paso, Texas

Re: Annual Deliverability Tests

San Juan Basin Area

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

Order Number R-333 C and D

Dear Mr. Rainey:

Thank you very much for your letter dated January 28, 1958, with reference to the captioned matter, and advising that El Paso, at the February Hearing of the Oil Conservation Commission, plans to recommend an additional period of time within which the subject deliverability tests may be taken. This letter will serve as my concurrence in El Paso's recommendation.

If we may be of any further assistance to you in connection with this matter please do not hesitate to call upon us.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

William G Webb

WGW:mch

### PUBCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

BOX 1419

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

CHAPEL
TELEPHONE 7-8836
7-8837

January 31, 1958



El Paso Natural Gas Company Post Office Box 1492 El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mr. D. H. Rainey

Proration Department

#### Gentlemen:

This is to advise you of our receipt of your letter dated January 28, concerning your case before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission. Pubco Petroleum Corporation fully concurs with your application for a longer period of time in which to conduct the Annual Deliverability Tests on wells in the San Juan Basin area.

We presently plan to attend this hearing and you may be assured of all cooperation which we may extend.

Very truly yours,

Frank D. Gorham, Jr.

Vice President

FDGJr/j

to Williams

# Petro-Atlas Corporation

A SUBSIDIARY OF ATLAS CORPORATION
2000 NATIONAL BANK OF TULSA BUILDING
TULSA 3. OKLAHOMA

January 31, 1958

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 1378

#### Gentlemen:

I understand that El Paso Natural Gas Company is seeking an order to revise certain portions of Order No. R-333-C and D to extend the testing period and revise the test scheduling procedure for gas wells in San Juan, Rio Arriba, Sandoval and McKinley Counties, New Mexico. This application has been set for hearing at the regular state-wide hearing to be held on February 13, 1958.

Since the revisions and amendments as applied for will relieve a hardship on the part of the operators in conducting the necessary tests, and since in so doing there will be no interference insofar as Oil Conservation Commission's receiving the necessary tests and information is concerned, this is to advise that Petro-Atlas Corporation would like to go on record as supporting El Paso Natural Gas Company in their application.

Yours very truly,

B. Wilkins

R. B. WILKINS

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cc: El Paso Natural Gas Company
Attn: D. H. Rainey, Proration Dept.
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas



THE EL DORADO REFINING COMPANY

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2000 National Bank of Tulsa Duilding

January 31, 1958

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 1378

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Very truly yours,

R. B. Wilkins

R. B. WILKINS

RBW:jp

cc: El Paso Natural Gas Company

P. O. Box 1492 El Paso, Texas

Attn: D. H. Rainey, Proration Dept.

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#### SQUIRE PRODUCTION COMPANY

1501 MERCANTILE BANK BUILDING

DALLAS I, TEXAS

C O P January 31, 1958

Mr. D. H. Rainey Proration Department El Paso Natural Gas Company P. O. Box 1492 El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Rainey:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 28, 1958, advising that El Paso has applied to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for a longer period of time in which to conduct the required annual deliverability tests on wells in the San Juan Basin area.

We appreciate the difficulties which you have encountered and think that the best interests of the operators in the San Juan Basin would be served by the Commission's approval of the request, and we are therefore in favor of such approval.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Commission.

With best wishes, we are

SQUIRE PRODUCTION COMPANY

By

J. Glenn Turner, President

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cc: Mr. C. L. Perkins

Mr. Art Hill

∨ New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

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J. GLENN TURNER

OIL AND GAS-INVESTMENTS 171 FLOOR MERCANTILE BANK BUILDING DALLAS I, TEXAS

January 31, 1958

Mr. D. H. Rainey Proration Department Ki Paso Natural Gas Company P. O. Box 1492 El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Rainey:

In reply to your letter of January 28, 1958, in which you have advised that you have applied to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for a longer period of time in which to conduct the required annual deliverability tests on wells in the San Juan Basin area, it appears to me that your reasons are valid and I would be in favor of the Commission granting such request. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Commission.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

Glenn Turner

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oc: Mr. C. L. Perkins Mr. Art Hill

∨ New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

# TEXAS NATIONAL PETROLEUM Co.

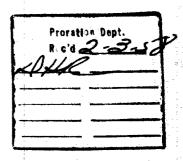
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LIFE BUILDING

HOUSTON 2, TEXAS

L. C. OLDHAM, JR.

January 31, 1958



El Paso Natural Gas Company Post Office Box 1492 El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mr. D. H. Rainey

Proration Department

#### Gentlemen:

Our company has no objection to the change in the rule for taking annual deliverability tests on wells in the San Juan Basin which would extend the time from February 1st to November 30th each year.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. D. E. A. Johnson 611 West Broadway Farmington, New Mexico \*

El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas

January 28, 1958

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The Frontier Refining Company
4.0 Boston Building
Denver, Colorado

#### Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that El Paso Natural Gas Company has applied to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for a longer period of time in which to conduct the required Annual Deliverability Tests on wells in the San Juan Basin area. During 1957, many Operators in the San Juan Basin were unable to complete their deliverability tests during the test period from April 1, through October 31. Because of this difficulty already experienced and with the knowledge that many more wells will be drilled in the Basin, it is considered necessary to extend the test period.

El Paso's application requested no particular extension of time; however, it would appear that an additional three months over the period provided for in Order No. R-333 C & D would be sufficient, i.e., from February 1 to November 30 of each year. It will be suggested that the scheduling of tests be broken into shorter increments of time of approximately two to three months to insure more accuracy rather than attempting to schedule the entire Basin at one time. It is also suggested that all wells connected after October 20, will not be required to conduct Annual Deliverability Tests that year, but the deliverability will be based on the results of the Initial Deliverability Test. We would appreciate your thoughts on any items you deem advisable pertaining to amendments of Order No. R+333 C & D.

This application has been set for hearing at the regular Statewide Hearing February 13, 1958. Due to the urgency of this matter, El Paso seeks your appearance and/or concurrence in this matter at this Hearing.

Yours very truly,

D. H. Rainey

Proration Department

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El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas January 28, 1958

#### Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that El Paso Natural Gas Company has applied to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for a longer period of time in which to conduct the required Annual Deliverability Tests on wells in the San Juan Basin area. During 1957, many Operators in the San Juan Basin were unable to complete their deliverability tests during the test period from April 1, through October 31. Because of this difficulty already experienced and with the knowledge that many more wells will be drilled in the Basin, it is considered necessary to extend the test period.

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Yours very truly,

D. H. Rainey

Proration Department

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