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Hobbs, New Mexico March 3, 1958

In re: Application to Dually Complete and Commingle Crudes in Common Storage, Phillips Petroleum Company Santa Fe Lease Well No. 18, Yates Oil and San Andres Oil Pools, Lea County, New Mexico

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

#### Gentlemen:

By this letter of application Phillips Petroleum Company wishes to state the following:

- (a) That Phillips Petroleum Company's Santa Fø Well No. 18, located in the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 34-17S-35E, was completed on January 27, 1939, at a total depth of 4550°. The attached Exhibit "A" shows the location of this well on the Phillips Petroleum Company Santa Fø lease together with the location of all offset wells. The attached Exhibit "B" shows a diagrammatic sketch of the proposed dual completion.
- (b) That subject well has 7" casing set at 4185" and commented with 400 sacks of cement. The well is currently producing oil from the open hole section 4185" to 4550" from the San Andrea formation in the Vacuum Pool.
- (c) That the applicant proposes to dually complete the well in the following manner:
  - (1) Perforate the 7" casing within the approximate interval of 3050" - 3150" in the lates formation in the Vacuum-Yates, Pool.
  - (2) Set production type packer below these perforations at approximately 4175' to separate the two pay zones.
  - (3) Produce oil from the San Andres formation through tubing extending through the production packer and oil from the / Yates formation through a second tubing string suspended in the annulus between the lower tubing string and casing.

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- (d) That the dual completion of the well in the above described manner is mechanically feasible and practical and is in the interest of conservation and the protection of correlative rights.
- (e) That the applicant will comply with all rules and regulations of the New Mexico Conservation Commission to maintain separation of production from the two pay zones.
- (f) That applicant has mailed a copy of this application to the following offset operators:

Cities Service Oil Company	Shell Oil Company
Box 97	Box 1957
Hobbs, New Mexico	Hobbs, New Mexico
Magnolia Petroleum Company	Standard Oil Company of Texas
Box 2406	Bin "B"
Hobbs, New Mexico	Royalty, Texas

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Application is also made to commingle Yates and San Andres crudes in common storage. Yates oil will be produced and measured through a metering separator that incorporates a cyclic type dump meter. San Andres oil production will be determined by deducting the metered Yates oil from the total gauged production.

Therefore, Phillips Petroleum Company requests that the Oil Conservation Commission grant a hearing on this application to dually complete the subject well and commingle Yates and San Andres crudes in common storage.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

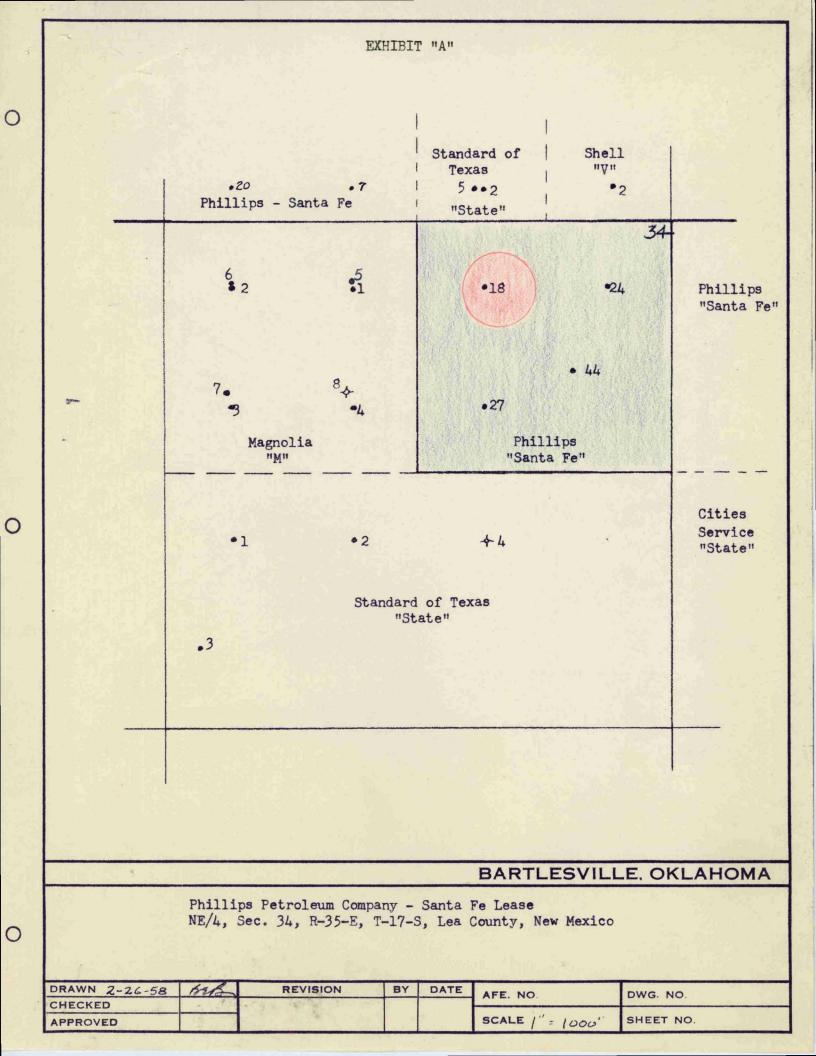
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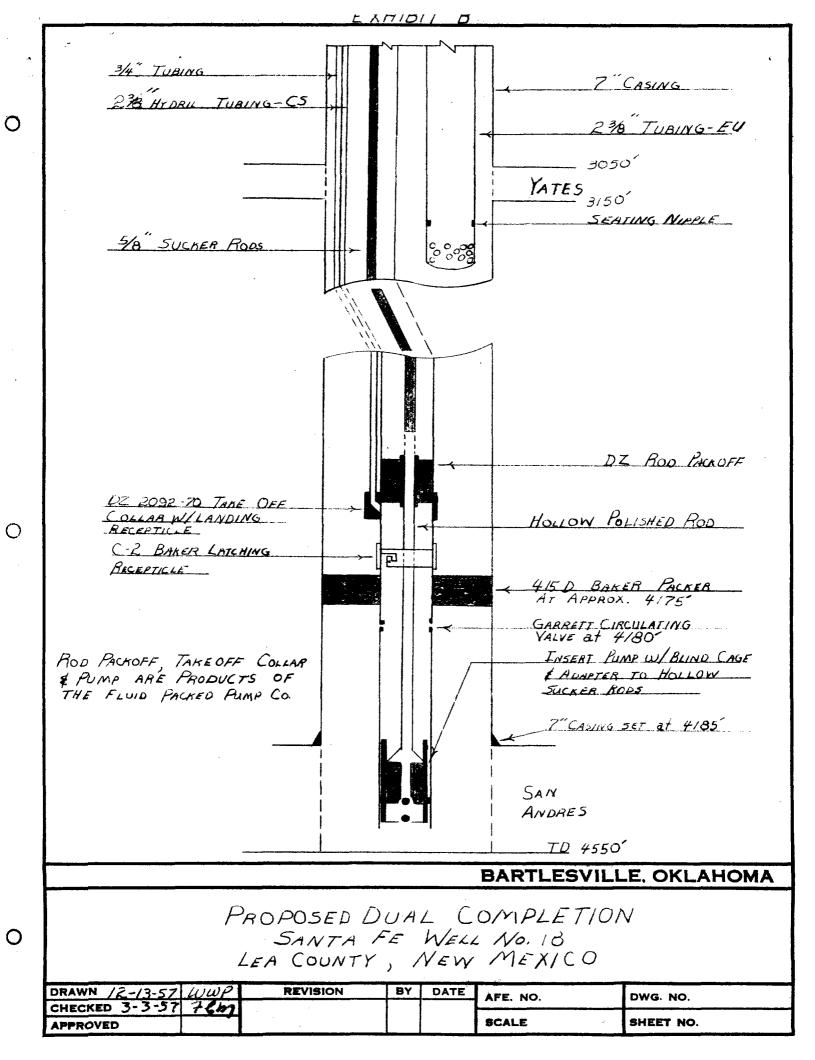
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 4th day of March, 1958.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 28, 1961

My Commission Expires\_





# 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:

> CASE NO. 1337 Order No. R-1093

APPLICATION OF GULF OIL CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A LEASE AUTOMATIC CUSTODY TRANSFER SYSTEM TO RECEIVE AND MEASURE THE PRODUCTION FROM MORE THAN EIGHT WELLS AND FOR PERMISSION TO COMMINGLE THE OIL PRODUCED FROM THE MCKEE AND ELLENBURGER POOLS UNDERLYING SAID LEASE IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND FOR PERMISSION TO PRODUCE THE WELLS ON SAID LEASE IN EXCESS OF THE MONTHLY ALLOWABLE TOLERANCE FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME.

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on November 14, 1957, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 27th., day of November, 1957, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application and the evidence adduced, and being fully advised in the premises,

#### FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That Gulf Oil Corporation is the owner and operator of all producing rights below 3,800 feet on the Learcy McBuffington Lease which consists of the S/2 of Section 13, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the McKee and the Ellenburger formations underlying the aforementioned Learcy McBuffington Lease are productive of oil, and that the applicant expects to fully develop said lease in both of said formations.

(4) That the applicant proposes to install automatic production and testing facilities on said lease for each of the aforementioned formations, and further, to commingle the production from said formations after -2-Case No. 1337 Order No. R-1093

it has been metered by means of dump-type oil meters, and to transfer the custody of all such oil to the purchaser by means of a positive displacement meter.

(5) That the applicant amended its application at the hearing to delete that portion wherein permission was requested to produce the wells on the above-described lease in excess of the monthly allowable tolerance.

(6) That if the said Learcy McBuffington Lease is fully developed there will be more than eight wells producing into the system.

(7) That the metering system proposed by the applicant will provide an accurate and reliable means for measuring the amount of oil produced from each formation, provided the meters are periodically checked for accuracy.

(8) That the previous use of automatic equipment, similar to that proposed by the applicant has shown that such equipment is a reliable and economic means of measuring and transferring the custody of oil and that the use of such equipment should be permitted.

(9) That the applicant should be permitted to install and operate the automatic equipment in the manner proposed and to commingle the production from the McKee formation and the Ellenburger formation after said production has been measured, provided that each of the meters in the system is periodically checked for accuracy.

(10) That the system should be so equipped as to prevent the undue waste of oil or gas in the event of malfunction or line break.

(11) That the system should be so equipped as to permit the testing of each well in the system at least once a month.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Gulf Oil Corporation, be and the same is hereby authorized to install central production and test facilities utilizing dump-type oil meters, and automatic custody transfer equipment utilizing a positive displacement meter, to receive the production from all wells completed in the McKee formation and the Ellenburger formation on the following described lease:

## LEARCY MCBUFFINGTON LEASE

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 13: S/2

all in Lea County, New Mexico.

FURTHER, That the applicant be and the same is hereby authorized to commingle the production from the McKee formation and the Ellenburger formation underlying the above-described lease after such production has been separately metered through the central production and test facilities. -3-Case No. 1337 Order No. R-1093

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PROVIDED HOWEVER, That each well connected to the abovedescribed system shall be individually tested at least once a month.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That each dump-type meter and positive displacement meter in the above-described system shall be checked for accuracy at intervals and in a manner satisfactory to the Commission.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That the above-described system shall be so equipped as to prevent the undue waste of oil or gas in the event of malfunction or line break.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman MURRAY E. MORGAN, Member A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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