PAN AMERICAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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Subject: NMOCC Case 1538 Minimum Allowables

Fulcher Kutz Pictured Cliffs Field

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

Attention: Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.

Gentlemen:

Pan American Petroleum Corporation wishes to enter a statement in Case 1538 which is scheduled to be heard at the October 22, 1958 Examiner Hearing. We request that the following statement be read into the record of this case:

Pan American Petroleum Corporation is operator of 44 wells in the Fulcher Kutz Pictured Cliffs Pool. We recognize that under certain circumstances increased allowables may be necessary for economic reasons to prevent premature abandonment of certain wells which were drilled on short spacing prior to June 22, 1948. Pan American is opposed to the granting of any increased allowables for these wells if other wells were drilled after that time in the same immediate vicinity at locations which would preclude the assignment of additional acreage to form standard size units for the previously existing wells. We also oppose the granting of increased allowables if additional acreage can be assigned to these wells and no valid attempt has been made to do so. We further believe that increased allowables should only be granted for wells that would qualify under the provisions of the Statutes after examining the economic factors concerning each individual well and then only in the amount necessary to prevent premature abandonment.

Yours very truly,

PAN AMERICAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

C. L. Kelle

District Superintendent

AZTEC OIL & GAS COMPANY

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. 0. Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

> Re: Application of Aztec Oil & Gas Company for an Examiner Hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission for the Granting of an Exception to Rule 9 of Order No.R-565-C, as amended by Order No. R-967, allowing Applicant a Minimum Allowable for Certain Gas Wells in the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico to Permit Production at a Rate Sufficient to Prevent the Premature Abandonment of Such Wells:

Gentlemen:

Aztec Oil & Gas Company, hereinafter referred to as "Applicant" hereby submits, in triplicate, its application for an Examiner Hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico to consider the granting of an exception to Rule 9 of Order No. R-565-C, as amended by Order No. R-967, which rule provides the gas allocation formula for the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool, in San Juan County, New Mexico, to provide for and grant to Applicant a Minimum Allowable, as provided for under Article 65-3-14(d) N.M.S.A., for certain wells in said gas pool. In support of this application, Applicant respectfully states and shows the following:

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1.

That Applicant is the owner and Operator of the following described natural gas wells all of which are capable of producing natural gas from the Pictured Cliffs Formation.

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Well	Name		Designated Unit	No. Acres	DE/	Himmo. Las bouce.
(I)	Cozzens #3	βK	T-29-N, R-11-W Sec. 20: $W_2^{\perp}NE_4^{\perp}$			APR. 1167
(2)	Cozzens #4	15	T-29-N, R-11-W Sec. 20: $SW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}NW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$, $E_{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}NW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$	120.00	132	1918,3524
-(3)	Hart #1	FK	T-29-N, R-12-W Sec. 11: $NW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}SW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$	40.00	}	MAY 458
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-(5)	Cornell #3	FK	T-29-N, R-12-W Sec. 12: $S_{2}^{1}SW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{1}$	80.00	108	1 84 875 500 All
4 6)	Cornell #4	FK	$\frac{\text{T-29-N, R-12-W}}{\text{Sec. 12: }N_2^{\frac{1}{2}}\text{SW}_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{2}}}$	80.00	118	APP. 1543

2.

That at the date of this application all of such wells are shut-in for the purpose of making up overproduction previously incurred.

3.

That Commission Order No. 448, dated June 22, 1948, established drilling and spacing units of 160 acres for the area involved in this application.

4.

That all of the above described wells were drilled prior to Order No. 748 at which time it was legal and customary to drill such wells upon 40 acre tracts; therefore, Applicant contends that since Rule 9

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of Order No. R-565-C, as amended by Order R-967, does not contain a provision for a minimum allowable to prevent premature abandonment of wells, it is prejudicial to Applicant's interest, and that the Commission cannot and should not penalize Applicant by virtue of the acreage attribution factor in the proration formula since the subject wells were drilled prior to the promulgation of Order No. 748 establishing the present 160 acre spacing.

This under the equitable relief provided in Article 65-3-14 N.M.S.A., Applicant is entitled to an exception to Rule 9 of Order No. R-565-C, as amended by Order No. R-967, by allowing Applicant a Minimum Allowable under said rule for each of the above described wells in order to prevent the premature abandonment thereof.

6.

That attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is, to the best of Applicant's knowledge, a list of the owners of oil and gas leases which offset the above described wells.

WHEREFORE, Aztec Oil & Gas Company respectfully requests that an Examiner Hearing at Santa Fe, New Mexico, be set as early as possible in October, 1958; that due notice thereof be given in accordance with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Commission; and, that upon such hearing, Applicant be granted an exception to Rule 9 of Order No. R-565-C, as amended by Order No. R-967, to provide for and grant to Applicant a Minimum Allowable under said rule for each of the wells hereinabove described.

Respectfully submitted,

AZTEC OIL & GAS COMPANY

Its Attorney

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Quilman B. Davis, being first duly sworn, hereby states that he is General Attorney of Aztec Oil & Gas Company, the applicant in the foregoing application; that he has executed said application on behalf of Aztec Oil & Gas Company; that he has read said application and, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, all statements of fact therein contained are true and correct.

Quilman B. Davis

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, this 26th day of September, 1958.

My Commission Expires:

June 1, 1959

Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Texas

EXHIBIT "A"

OFFSET OPERATORS:

- (1) B.M.N.S. Company
 Attention: L. G. Stearns
 Star Route
 Farmington, New Mexico
- (2) T. F. Harrigan 3400 Northwestern Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- (3) El Paso Natural Gas Company
 P. O. Box 997
 Farmington, New Mexico
- (4) A. E. McClane 1900 Mercantile Dallas Building Dallas, Texas
- (5) Producing Royalty, Inc. 1401 Great Plains Life Building Lubbock, Texas
- (6) Summit Oil Company 1104 Burt Building Dallas, Texas
- (7) Southern Union Gas Company 1104 Burt Building Dallas, Texas



BEFORE THE OIL COMERTVATION COMMISSION OF STATE OF MEN MEXICO

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

> CASE NO. 126 ORDER NO. 748

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE SOUTHERN UNION PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN ORDER FIXING THE SPACING OF WELLS IN THE MUTZ CANYON FULCHER BASIN GAS FIELDS OF SAN JUAN COUNTY (AS THEY MAY BE FXTENDED) ON THE BASIS OF ONE WELL TO A DRILLING UNIT OF APPROXIMATELY 160 ACRES WITH SUITABLE PROVISIONS FOR ANY RELATED MATTERS, INCLUDING SPECIAL APPROVAL OF NONCONFORMING WELL LOCATIONS WHERE NECESSARY.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

WHEREAS, after due notice as required by law the Commission held a public hearing in Santa Fe on February 17, 1943, to consider the petition of Southern Union Production Company for the adoption of an order fixing the spacing of wells hereafter drilled in the Kutz Canyon-Fulcher Basin gas field, San Juan County, New Mexico, and related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Commission having considered the evidence adduced at such hearing, pertinent information otherwise available in the Commission's records, the statements made and viewpoints expressed by interested parties at or in connection with such hearing.

FINDS. from the evidence adduced:

- A. That the Kutz Canyon and Fulcher Basin gas pools are productive of natural gas from the Pictured Cliffs sandstone formation, that such pools are contiguous and from all information available to date appear to be one continuous gas producing area or pool in the Pictured Cliffs sandstone;
- B. That such pool has produced natural gas for more than 15 years, during which time the average of well-head pressures has declined approximately 200 P.S.I. gauge.
- C. That by reason of rules of this Commission previously applicable to the pool, of the general practices of certain operators in the area and of policies of the U.S. Geological Survey, a fairly uniform spacing of one well to 160 acres has heretofore prevailed throughout most of the pool;
- processes the control of the pool may be conducted to the pool of the pool of
- That for wells hereafter drilled, a general spacing rattern of one centrally located well on a unit of 160 scree, substantially in the shape of a square, is required to protect the equities of those having interests in wells heretofore drilled on 160-scree tracts, for which scheral spacing extremithe pooling of properties and one encourages when necessary:
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That weste will result in the drilling of wells in the pool, unless apécial rules an regulations are adopted for the prevention thereof; and H. Tost, while the Kutz Canyon-Pulcher Basin was field has been commeredelly productive for more than If years, it has not been subject to cooperetive enting representative of the interest of all the operators or leasesolders within the area during that period. In addition, properties, holdings and/or leases of an undetermined number of small landowners or lease-holders, whose total screeze is either less than 160 acres or includes portions of 160more traces, still exist within the pool boundaries, as herein defined. The number of such hold'n to will be likely to increase as the pool boundaries are extensed of subsequent drilling. THE REFORM, IT IS OFFERED that, effective on the date of this order, the following releasant regulations shall apply to wells hereafter drilled or completed or recompleted to the Pictured Cliff pool in the Kutz Canyon-Fulcher Basin area, defined velow, in addition to the Commission's applicable rules, re ulattom: and orders heretofore or hereafter adopted to the extent not in conflict herewith: Section 1. No well shall be drilled or completed or recompleted, and no Notice of Intention to Drill or drilling permit shall be approved, unless (a) such well be located on a designated drilling unit of not less than one hundred sixty (160) acres of land, more or less, according to legal subdivisions of the United States Land Surveys, in which unit all the interests are consolidated by pooling agreement or otherwise and on which no other well is completed, or approved for completion, in the pool; (b) such drilling unit be in the shape of a square except for normal variations in legal subdivisions of the United States Lands Surveys; and (c) such well be located on its drilling unit at a distance from the unit boundaries of not less than nine hundred ninety feet (990); provided, if such proposed new well is to be un offset to any then producing gas well completed in the pool, or the drilling of which has author tard prior to the effective date of this order, located on an adjoining unit in which the interests are not identical with those in the unit proposed to be drilled, such proposed well may be located and drilled offsetting the existing well and as close to the common unit boundary line as the well to be so offset. Section 2. Any provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Commission may, and in proper cases will, on petition or on its own motion, by order entered after notice and hearing to the extent required by law, grant exceptions and permit drilling locations to become effective, thereby authorizing the drilling or completion of wells in the pool not conforming to the requirements of Section 1 above if the Commission shall find that the property sought to be drilled would be deprived of an opportunity to produce gas from the pool in the absence of such exception, and shall also find one or more of the rollowing conditions to exist: (a) that consolidation or pooling of the property sought to be drilled with necessary adjoining land, notwithstanding diligent efforts made in cook faith, is impossible or impractical;

- (h) that the property sought to be drilled to located within a then developed parties of the pool and it is not afford by the pool of the pool.
- (c) that ledges of the neture of the terrain, location of the property well to a learner distinct from one of the outer boundaries of its crilling unit should in terminal, or
- (d) that by reason of the least has an the property to be drilled along the nouthwest or northeast flank of the developed portion of the area it appears improbable that yas can be produced in paying quantities if the well conforms to Section 1, in which case the Commission may modify the requirements of Section 1 as to such well to the extent it deems necessary.

Irrespective of such findings, if the Commission shell find that by reason of all direcumstances an exception is proper in the prevention of waste, or undue drainage between properties, or otherwise in the exercise by the Commission of its jurisdiction over the spacing of wells or its other powers conferred by law, express or implied.

IT IS FURTHER CRIFF! I that, in accordance with recommendations of the Northwestern N v Mexico Nomenclature Committee approved and adopted by this Commission, the Pictured Cliff gas producing pool in the Kutz Canyon-Folcher Basin area, to which this order applies, is Coffined to include the following described land in San Juan County, New Mexico:

Township 17 North, Range 10 West Bec. 4 & 5 All

Township 08 North, Range 10 West Decs. 7 & 8 All W/2 Gecs. 16,17,18,19 All toc. 21 W/2 Secs. 07 W/2 Secs. 20,79,30,31, 31,31

Township 28 North, Range 11 West Sees. 9,10,11,12,13 14,15,16,22,23,24.25,00 All

Township 29 North, Renge 11 West Secs. 6,7,3,16,17,17, 1,00,21,42,26,27,27, 20,31,31,32,33,34,01,

Township 19 North, Renge 11 West Secs. 1, 1, 3,4,5,0,3.
10,11,12,1,14,15,25,

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Township 30 North, Range 12 West Sec. 19 All Sec. 20 8/2 Secs. 26,27,28,29, 30,31,32,33,34,35, 36 All

Township 30 North, Range 13 West Secs. 24,20,36 All

All additional lands located within one-half (1/2) mile of any land in the pool as defined or as it may be extended shall conform to these rules and regulations; provided, however, that such pool shall in no event be extended so as to include any lands now or hereafter included by the Commission in some other producing area formally designated as an oil or gas pool in the Pictured Cliffs, provided, further, by order of this Commission the pool may be redesignated from time to time so as to embrace other lands in the vicinity which are believed, on the basis of additional developments, to be capable of preducing gas from the Kuts Canyon-Fulcher Basin pool, whether or not such other lands shall have been at one time included in another designated field or pool producing from the Pictured Cliffs.

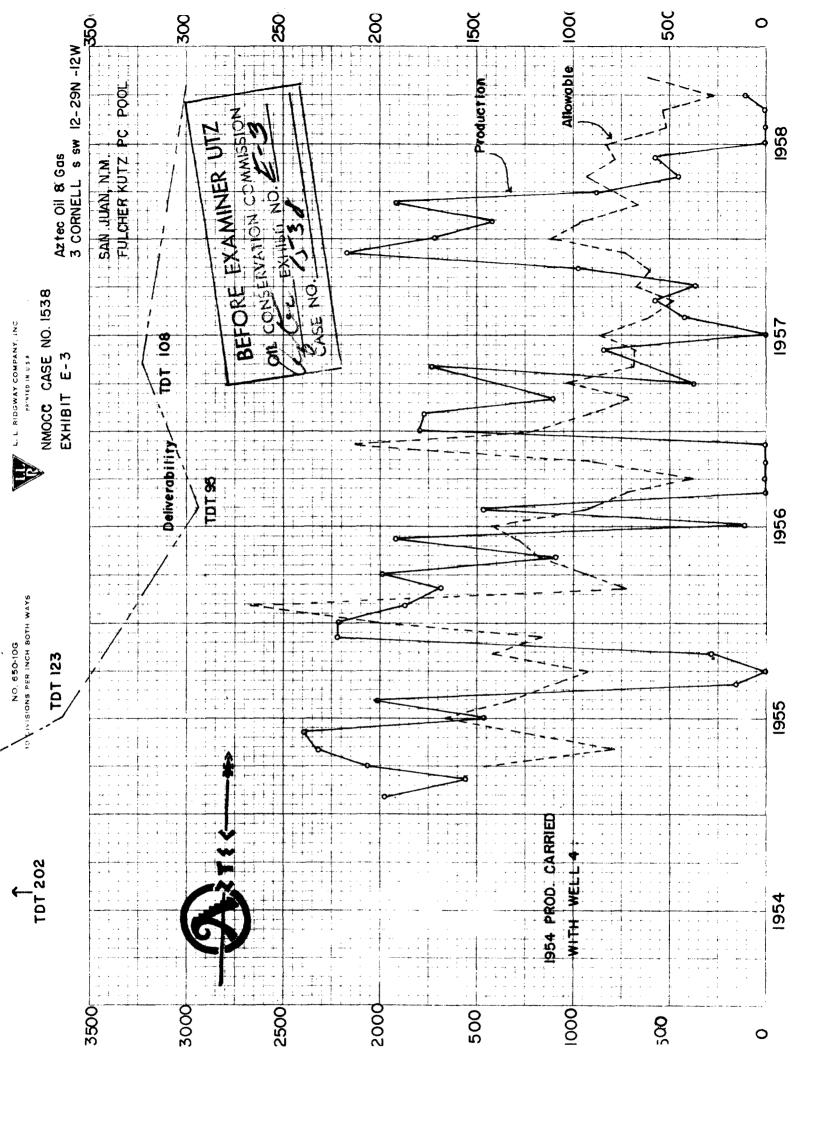
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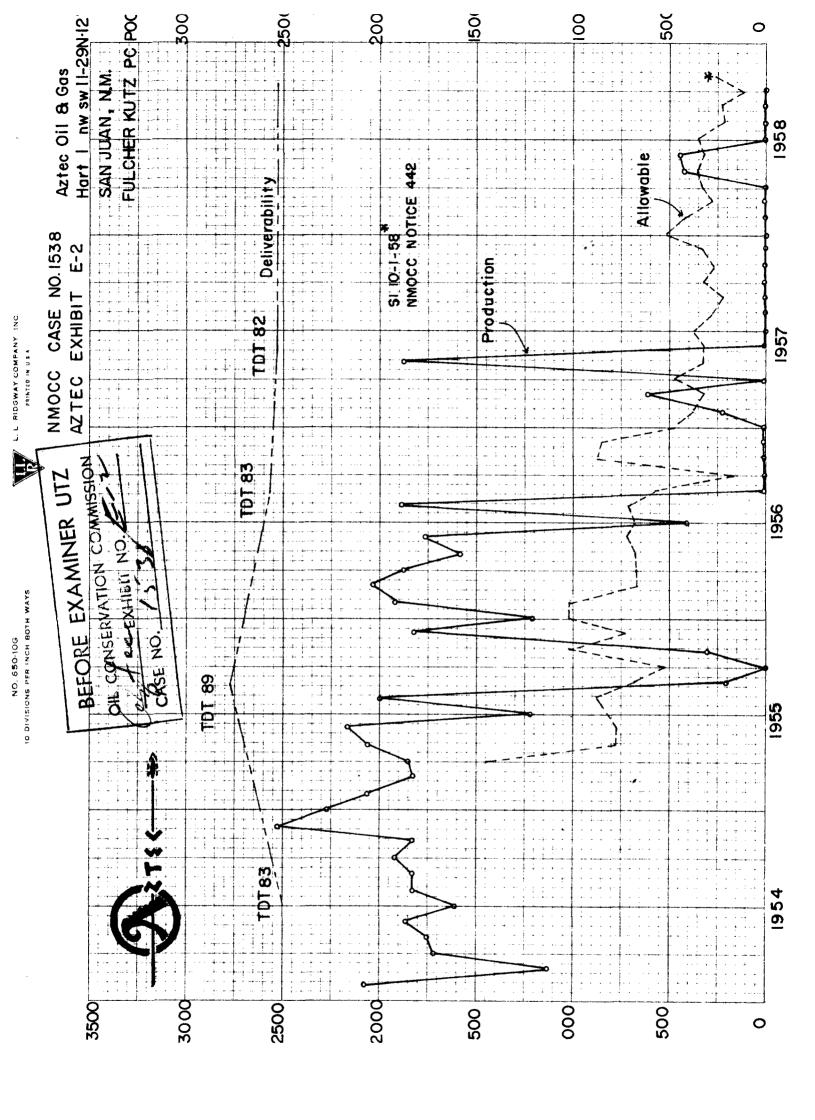
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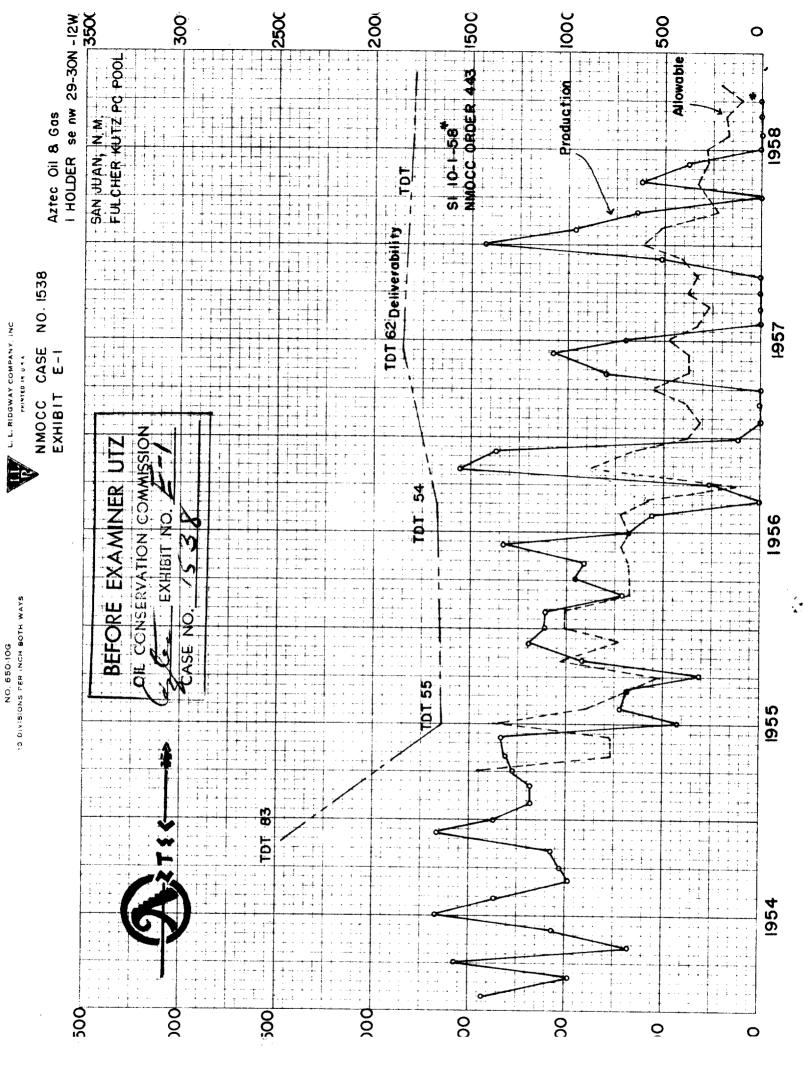
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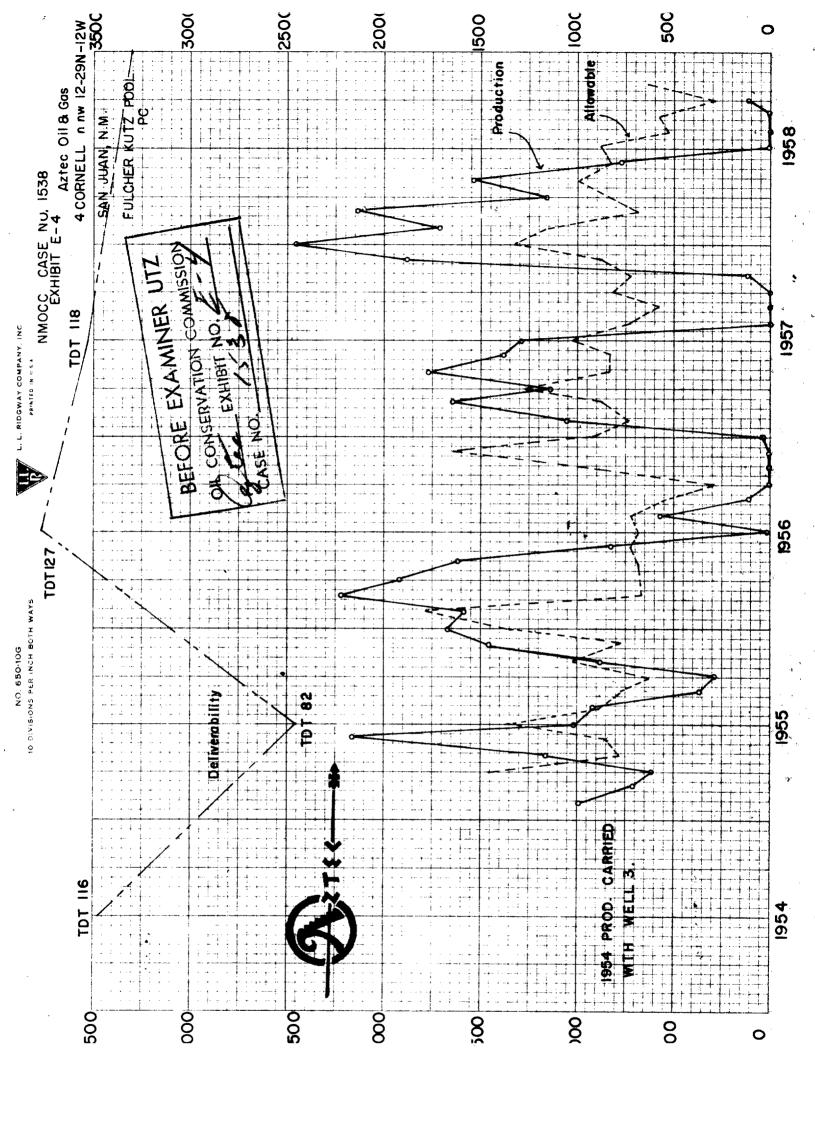
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/s/ R. R. Spurrier SECRETARY









BEFORE EXAMINER UTZ

IL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
EXHIBIT NO.

Aztec Exhibit "B-1"

Commission shall include in the proration achedule the gas wells in the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool delivering to a gas transportation facility, or lease gathering system, and shall include in the proration schedule of said pool any well which the Commission finds is being unreasonably discriminated against through denial of access to a gas transportation facility which is reasonably capable of handling the type of gas produced by such well. The total allowable to be allocated to said pool each month shall be equal to the sum of the preliminary or supplemental nominations, whichever is applicable, together with any adjustment which the Commission deems advisable.

If, during a proration month, the acreage assigned a well is increased, the operator shall notify the Secretary-Director in writing of such increase. The increased allowable assigned the gas proration unit for the well shall become effective on the first day of the month following receipt of the notification by the Director. All communications shall be mailed to the Director, at Box 871, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

RULE 9: The monthly gas allocation to the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool shall be divided and allocated among the wells connected to a gas transportation facility in the following manner:

The product obtained by multiplying each well's acreage factor by the calculated deliverability (expressed as MCF per day) for that well shall be known as the "AD" factor for that well. The acreage factor shall be determined to the nearest hundredth of a unit by dividing the acreage within the proration unit by 160. The "AD" factor shall be computed to the nearest whole unit.

A tentative allocation shall be made by dividing seventy-five percent (75%) of the pool allocation among the wells in the proportion that each well's "AD" factor bears to the sum of the "AD" factors of all wells in the pool.

The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the pool allocation shall be divided among wells in the proportion that each well's acreage factor bears to the sum of the acreage factors of all wells in the pool.

When the tentative allowable received by a well is in excess of its known producing ability, the well shall be classed as a marginal well and its allowable limited to its known producing ability. The sum of the difference between the tentative allowables and the limited allowables of all marginal wells on the proration schedule shall be reallocated to the non-marginal wells by application of the same formula. If such reallocation shall result in placing any other well within the marginal classification, the difference between the tentative allowable and the limited allowable of such marginal well shall be redistributed by application of the same formula until no well has received an allowable in excess of its known producing ability.

Any well having a calculated allowable less than that of the largest allowable assigned a marginal well shall be assigned an allowable equal to the largest marginal allowable; provided that the allowable so assigned shall not be greater than the well's ability to produce. If the allowable so assigned is greater than the well's ability to produce, the well shall be limited to its

ability to produce signal wells with allowables so assigned shall be classified as manginal wells.

RULE 10; of a The calculated deliverability at the "deliverability pressure" shall be determined in associance with the provisions of Order R-333-C.

Balancing of Productions

RULE 11: Underproduction: The hours of 7 o'clock a.m., M.S.T.

February 1, and 7 o'clock a.m., M.S.T., August 1, shall be known as balancing dates and the periods of time bound by these dates shall be known as gas proration periods. In order to effectively administer the prorationing of gas in the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool, it is advisable to have a portion of each proration period include both summer and winter menths. Therefore, the first proration period shall commence on March 1, 1955, and shall continue for a period of eleven months until February 1, 1956. Future proration periods shall commence on the dates set out above. The amount of current gas allowable remaining unproduced at the end of each proration period shall be carried forward to and may be produced during the next succeeding proration period in addition to the normal gas allowable for such succeeding period; provided, however, that whatever amount thereof is not made up within the first succeeding proration period shall be cancelled.

If it appears that such continued underproduction has resulted from inability of the well to produce its allowable, it may be classified as a marginal well and its allowable reduced to the level of the well's ability to produce.

If, at the end of a proposion period a marginal well has produced more than the total allowable assigned a neg-marginal unit of corresponding size and deliverability, such marginal well shall be reclassified as a non-marginal well and its allowable prorated accordingly.

If, during a proration seriod a marginal well is reworked or recompleted in such a manner that its productive capacity is increased to an extent that said well should be reclassified as a near-marginal well, the reclassification shall be effective on the first day of the properties month following the date of recompletion.

The Secretary Director may reclassify a well at any time if production data or deliverability tests reflect the need for such reclassification.

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RULE 12: Overpreduction: A well which has produced a greater amount of gas than was allowed during a given proration period shall have its allowable for the first succeeding proration period reduced by the amount of such overproduction and such overproduction shall be made up within the first succeeding proration period. If, at any time, a well is overproduced an amount equivalent to six times its current monthly allowable, said well shall be shut-in during the current month.

The Commission may allow overproduction to be made up at a lesser rate than would be the gage of the mail were completely shut-in if, upon public hearing after due notice. It is shown that complete shut-in at the well would result in material damage to said well.

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BEFORE EXAMINER UTZ

OIL CONTENTATION COMMISSION

EXHIBIT NO. B-2

CASE NO. 153

A well which has been reworked or recompleted shall be classified as a non-marginal well as of the day of reconnection to a pipeline until such time as production data, deliberability data or other evidence as to the wells producing ability indicates that the well is improperly classified.

the operator shall notify the Director in writing (Box 87). Santa he. New Mexico) of such increase. The increased allowable assumed the gas croration unit for the well shall be effective on the first day of the month following receipt of the notification by the Director. The Jommission may assume allowables in order to prevent the premature atandonment of wells.

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- (2) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the pool allowable remaining to be allocated to non-marginal wells shall be allocated among such wells in the proportion that each well's acreage factor bears to the total acreage factor for all non-marginal wells in the pool.

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delevation in accommand with the provisions of Order R-333-C and D.

Secretary of the Commission shall have authority to allow exceptions are requirement for marginal wells in those instances where

Aztec Oil & Gas Company's Wells

	Well Name	Designated Unit	Acres	Well Status
1	Holder No. 1	T-30-N, R-12-W Sec. 29: $SE_{+}^{1}NW_{+}^{1}$	1 0.00	Due to over production, produced only 9 months out of last 21 months. Probably be shut in another 6 months due to low allowables and NMOCC SI notice.
2	Hart No. 1	T-29-N, R-12-W Sec. 11: $NW_{\mu}^{1}SW_{\mu}^{1}$	40.00	Due to over production, produced only 5 months out of last 26 months. Probably be shut in another 11 months due to NMOCC SI notice.
3	Cornell No. 3	T-29-N, R-12-W Sec. 12: $S/2SW_{1}^{1}$	80.00	Due to over production, produced only token amounts of gas in 4 months of last 7 months. Well almost in balance.
1	Cornell No. 4	T-29-N, R-12-W Sec. 12: N/2 SW4	80.00	Due to over production, produced only token amounts of gas in 2 months of the last 5 months Will be shut in about another month due to low allowables.
eris)	Cozzens No. 3	T-29-N, R-11-W Sec. 20: $W/2$ NE_{+}^{1}	80.00	Due to overproduction, shut in July and August, 1958 and almost shut in in September, 1958. Well now in balance due to

NMOCC Case #1538 Aztec Exhibit "C"

being shut in.