

El Paso Natural Gas Company

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September 2, 1959

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

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Atten: Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary-Director

Gentlemen:

This letter is to supplement the telegram dated August 31, 1959 in which El Paso Natural Gas Company requested that a Hearing be set for exception to Rule 10 of the Jalmat Pool Rules, Order No. R-967 for their Wells B-4 No. 1 located in D-4-25-37 and E. J. Wells No. 13 located in L-5-25-37, Lea County, New Mexico.

Both of the above mentioned wells are wells which have recently been changed from a marginal to a non-marginal classification on a retroactive basis with the result that the wells are more than six times overproduced and subject to shut-in in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10 of Order R-967.

Upon El Paso's determination that this overproduced condition would exist, both wells have remained shut-in except for an attempt to obtain some production for one day each month. We have been unable to obtain production from the E. J. Wells No. 13 well since the well was shut-in because it has loaded up with liquids. To return this well to production will require the services of a swabbing unit. It is feared that to leave this well in this condition for the period of time necessary to return the well to its balanced condition would result in permanent loss of the well.

El Paso requests that it be permitted to return this well to production and to produce it for such time as is found necessary to prevent an excess accumulation of liquids in the well bore, provided that such production during any one month does not exceed 50% of the average monthly allowable for the well during the preceding six months period.

The Wells B-4 No. 1 Well also loads up with liquids, but we have found that it has unloaded its liquids during the short period of production each month. It is feared that prolonged shut-in of this well would permit liquids to accumulate which we would be unable to unload and which might cause permanent injury to the well. Consequently, El Paso requests that it be permitted to produce this well for such time as is found necessary to prevent an excess accumulation of liquids in the well bore, provided that such production during any one month does not exceed 25% of the average monthly allowable for the well during the preceding six months period.

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It is further requested, pending final action of the Commission on the Hearing requested, that El Paso be permitted to operate these two wells in the manner prescribed herein.

Yours very truly,

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