

RESIDENT COUNSEL

R. H. BLACKMAN, JR.

W. E. Porter Secretary Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission State Capitol Building Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: NEZ SEZ, Section 29-20-34, Lea County

Dear Mr. Porter:

I enclose triplicate copies of a protest of Potash Company of America to the drilling of an oil and gas exploratory well on the property described above. I have advised Mr. Joe Hamey, the Oil Conservation Commission Supervisor in Hobbs, today of the filing of this formal protest in Santa Fe.

Sincerely,

RHB:nh enc.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DRILL A ROTARY TEST WELL IN THE NE 1/4 SE 1/4 OF SECTION 29, T. 20S., R. 34E., LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO FILED BY EARL G. COLTON

CASE NO. $\approx 1 \times 2$

OBJECTION OF POTASH COMPANY OF AMERICA

Potash Company of America, a Colorado Corporation, authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico hereby objects to the drilling of an exploratory test well in the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 29, T. 20S., R. 34E., Lea County, New Mexico and hereby states:

- 1. The land described above is within the oil-potash area as set forth in Order No. R-111-A, as amended in Case No. 278 before the O.C.C.
- 2. Potash Company of America is the owner and holder of a U. S. Government potash lease covering said land.
- 3. Drilling of a test well in the tract specified will result in waste of potash deposits of substantial value.

Respectfully submitted

Dated - December 29, 1960

POTASH COMPANY OF AMERICA

y M. H. Blackman, Resident Counsel