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Petroleum Engineering Consulting Lease Management Contract Pumping 3001 Northridge Drive P.O. Drawer 419 Farmington, New Mexico 87401 [505] 327-4892

April 25, 1984

Mr. Joe Ramey, Director N.M. Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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REF: M. J. Brannon, Operator Federal 20, No. 1-R Unit J, Section 20-T25N-R9W Basin Dakota Pool San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed you will find the Application for Classification as Hardship Gas well for the above-referred-to well.

It is also requested that an emergency approval, on a temporary basis for a permit not to exceed 90 days or until such time of final action by your office, be granted.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Ewell N. Walsh, P.E.

President

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cc: M. J. Brannon

Mr. Frank Chavez, NMOCD, Aztec, N.M.

El Paso Exploration Company, Farmington, N.M.

R. L. Bayless, Farmington, N.M.

Energy Reserves Group, Casper, Wyoming

Damson Oil Company, Houston, Texas

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APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION AS HARDSHIP GAS WELL

Case 82/6

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ddress P.O. Drawer 419, Farmington,	Will. 07 199 Phone No.
ease <u>Federal 20</u> Well No. <u>1-R</u> UT	J Sec. 20 TWP 25N RGE 9W
	Minimum Rate Requested 100 MCF Per day
ransporter Name El Paso Natural Gas	Purchaser (if different)
re you seeking emergency "hardship" classifica	tion for this well? X yes no
pplicant must provide the following information	on to support his contention that the subject

-) Provide a statement of the problem that leads the applicant to believe that "underground waste" will occur if the subject well is shut-in or is curtailed below its ability to produce. (The definition of underground waste is shown on the reverse side of this form)
 - Document that you as applicant have done all you reasonably and economically can do to eliminate or prevent the problem(s) leading to this application.
 - a) Well history. Explain fully all attempts made to rectify the problem. If no attempts have been made, explain reasons for failure to do so.
 - b) Mechanical condition of the well(provide wellbore sketch). Explain fully mechanical attempts to rectify the problem, including but not limited to:
 - i) the use of "smallbore" tubing;
 ii) other de-watering devices, such as plunger lift, rod pumping units, etc.
- Present historical data which demonstrates conditions that can lead to waste. Such data should include:
 - a) Permanent loss of productivity after shut-in periods (i.e., formation damage).
 - b) Frequency of swabbing required after the well is shut-in or curtailed.
 - c) Length of time swabbing is required to return well to production after being shut-in.
 - d) Actual cost figures showing inability to continue operations without special relief
 - If failure to obtain a hardship gas well classification would result in premature abandonment, calculate the quantity of gas reserves which would be lost
- Show the minimum sustainable producing rate of the subject well. This rate can be determined by:
 - a) Minimum flow or "log off" test; and/or

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- b) Documentation of well production history (producing rates and pressures, as well as gas/water ratio, both before and after shut-in periods due to the well dying, and other appropriate production data).
- Attach a plat and/or map showing the proration unit dedicated to the well and the ownership of all offsetting acreage.
- Submit any other appropriate data which will support the need for a hardship classification.
- If the well is in a prorated pool, please show its current under- or over-produced status.
- Attach a signed statement certifying that all information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of your knowledge; that one copy of the application has been submitted to the appropriate Division district office (give the name) and that notice of the application has been given to the transporter/purchaser and all offset operators.

GENERAL INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO HARDSHIP GAS WELL CLASSIFICATION

) Definition of Underground Waste.

"Underground Waste as those words are generally understood in the oil and gas business, and in any event to embrace the inefficient, excessive, or improper use or dissipation of the reservoir energy, including gas energy and water drive, of any pool, and the locating, spacing, drilling, equipping, operating, or producing, of any well or wells in a manner to reduce or tend to reduce the total quantity of crude petroleum oil or natural gas ultimately recovered from any pool, and the use of inefficient underground storage of natural gas."

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- The only acceptable basis for obtaining a "hardship" classification is prevention of waste with the burden of proof solely on the applicant. The applicant must not only prove waste will occur without the "hardship" classification, but also that he has acted in a responsible and prudent manner to minimize or eliminate the problem prior to requesting this special consideration. If the subject well is classified as a "hardship" well, it will be permitted to produce at a specified minimum sustainable rate without being subject to shut-in by the purchaser due to low demand. The Division can rescind approval at any time without notice and require the operator to show cause why the classification should not be permanently rescinded if abuse of this special classification becomes apparent.
- The minimum rate will be the <u>minimum sustainable rate</u> at which the well will flow. If data from historical production is insufficient to support this rate (in the opinion of the Director), or if an offset operator or purchaser objects to the requested rate, a minimum flow ("log off") test may be required. The operator may, if he desires, conduct the minimum flow test, and submit this information with his application.
- If a minimum flow test is to be run, either at the operator's option or at the request of the Division, the offset operators, any protesting party, the purchaser and OCD will be notified of the date of the test and given the opportunity to witness, if they so desire.
-) Any interested party may review the data submitted at either the Santa Fe office or the appropriate OCD District Office.
- The Director can approve uncontested applications administratively if, in his opinion, sufficient justification is furnished. Notice shall be given of intent to approve by attaching such notice to the regular examiner's hearing docket. Within 20 days following the date of such hearing, the affected parties will be permitted to file an objection. If no objection has been filed, the application may be approved.
-) Should a protest be filed in writing, the applicant will be permitted to either withdraw the application, or request it to be set for hearing.
 - An emergency approval, on a temporary basis for a period not to exceed 90 days, may be granted by the District Supervisor, pending filing of formal application and final action of the OCD Director. This temporary approval may be granted only if the District Supervisor is convinced waste will occur without immediate relief. If granted, the District Supervisor will notify the purchaser.
- After a well receives a "hardship" classification, it will be retained for a period of one year unless rescinded sooner by the Division. The applicant will be required to certify annually that conditions have not changed substantially in order to continue to retain this classification.
- Nothing here withstanding, the Division may, on its own motion, require any and all operators to show cause why approval(s) should not be rescinded if abuse is suspected or market conditions substantially change in the State of New Mexico.
-) A well classified as a "hardship well" will continue to accumulate over and under production (prorated pools). Should allowables exceed the hardship allowable assigned, the well will be permitted to produce at the higher rate, if capable of doing so, and would be treated as any other non-hardship well. Any cumulative overproduction accrued either before or after being classified "hardship" must, however, be balanced before the well can be allowed to produce at the higher rate.



SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION AS HARDSHIP GAS WELL

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FEDERAL 20, NO. 1-R
UNIT J, SECTION 20-T25N-R9W
BASIN DAKOTA FIELD
San Juan County, New Mexico

Item No. 1

Underground waste will occur if well is subject to shut in or curtailment due to the following:

- A. Encroachment of formation water from water producing interval into porosity in gas producing interval.
- B. After shut in or curtailment the reservoir energy, natural gas, would be dissipated, to the atmosphere, while attempting to remove sufficient water to maintain a producing condition.

Item No. 2

Enclosed you will find copies of Workover Report describing the work performed in attempt to shut off the water production. Briefly, a cement retainer was set, as a temporary bridge plug, above the lower perforations to attempt to shut off water. This was not successful due to communication, within the formation, between the gas and water producing intervals.

Enclosed is a well bore sketch indicating the present downhole mechanical conditions.

Utilization of small bore tubing and plungers are not given consideration due to depth of well, gas volume and amount of water production. The possible use of rod pumping unit is being evaluated.

The use of cement squeeze is not considered satisfactory due to the extreme probability of squeezing of the gas producing interval and consequently complete loss of gas production.

Item No. 3

Enclosed is tabulated and production curve data of the production of the well.



Item No. 3 - Cont.

It was necessary to swab well, after shut in period, in September 1983. It was also necessary to swab well in January, 1984 when increase in gathering line pressure decreased the flow of gas and well logged off. Approximately one to two 10 hour swabbing periods were required to put well in a producing situation.

Cost to swab well and check for producing conditions will range from \$2,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for each occurrance.

Item No. 4

Failure to obtain a hardship well classification and premature abandonment could result in an estimated 400,000 to 600,000 MCF loss in gas reserves.

Item No. 5

It is estimated that the minimum flow to maintain gas production is 100 MCF per day. Due to varying gathering line pressures a true minimum flow is hard to determine.

Problems with lifting of water occur when, after sustained production, the gathering line pressure increases to 260 psig or more. The increase in pressure decreases gas flow to the point at which the produced water is not removed from the well bore and the well logs off.

Item No. 6

Enclosed is a plat indicating the offset acreage ownership and a plat indicating the dedicated proration unit.

Item No. 7

None

Item No. 8

The well is classified as marginal, therefore, there is no over/under produced status.

Item No. 9

See Enclosure.

WORKOVER REPORT

M. J. BRANNON FEDERAL 20, NO. 1-R 1850'FSL, 1800'FEL, SEC. 20-T25N-R9W San Juan County, New Mexico

- 9/8/83 Line up service companies and to location with Contractor to check out location and anchors.
- 9/9/83 Move in Aztec Well Servicing Rig No. 142. Bleed down well. Rig up rig and remove Christmas Tree and install Blow Out Preventer. Lower tubing to 6484'. No fill at 6484'. Measure out of hole with 197 joints, (6319.03'). Rig Blue Jet and set Baker cement retainer at 6429'. Run in hole with tubing (197 joints) land at 6327' with notch collar and seating nipple on bottom. Remove Blow Out Preventer and install tree. Secure rig and well at 6:00 PM.
- 9/10/83 Tubing 425 psig, casing 150 psig. Float collar 3500'. Bleed off well. Lower 2 joints (63.15') tubing with a total of 199 joints measuring 6382.18', land down 8' notch collar at 6390.18'. Perforate at 6504'. Collar 15' above perforation. Master valve leaking bad and change out master valve with new one. Made two swab runs from 6000'. Well flowing at 12:30 PM. Flow to 5:00 PM with 240 psig on casing. Well producing 1 to 1-1/2 inch stream of water, estimated water flow 40 barrels. Closed well in at 5:00 PM with 240 psig on casing. Closed for the week end. NOTE: 2 joints tubing and master valve from Totah Supply.
- 9/12/83 Tubing pressure 1000 lbs., casing pressure 950 lbs. Open tubing to pit. Well flowing. Clean up to pit. Making 1 inch stream water. Release rig at approximately 11:00 AM and turn well over to Bill Garrison with L & L Oilfield Service at 12:30 PM for continued clean up and test.

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- To location and check on swabbing. Arrived at location 1/13/84 and well shut in with 340 psig on casing. Had been swabbing water until shut down, heading with some gas. Return to Farmington.
- 1/14/84 Start swabbing after opening master valve with no flow. Casing pressure 420. Each time we ran swab with fluid at 3600', we pulled casing pressure down 10 to 20 psig. Continue to swab and fluid level remains at 4600' with gas and water. Pulled casing pressure down to 340 Shut well in for 1 hour and started build up. Open up and flowing small stream of water and little to no gas. Continue watching pressure on casing. Slight build up. Shut well in until Monday morning. Return to Farmington. Took water samples to HOWCO.
- 1/16/84 To location. Shut in pressure of 670 on casing and 175 psig on tubing. Open well and flowed some water then gas. Rig down swabbing unit and turn well into system.
 - 7:00 AM, casing pressure 670, tubing pressure 175 psig. 8:00 AM, casing pressure 610, tubing pressure 220 psig. 9:00 AM, casing pressure 610, tubing pressure 250 psig. 10:00 AM, casing pressure 610, tubing pressure 255 psig. 11:00 AM, casing pressure 610, tubing pressure 255 psig.

Return to Farmington, went to HOWCO and picked up water sample and then to office.

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WELLBORE SKETCH

8-5/8" casing set at 258'

2-3/8", EUE tubing set at 6327'

Perforations: 6405'-6417'

Perforations: 6421'-6426'

Cement retainer (Temporary Bridge Plug): 6429'

Perforations: 6432'-6434'
Perforations: 6437'-6439'

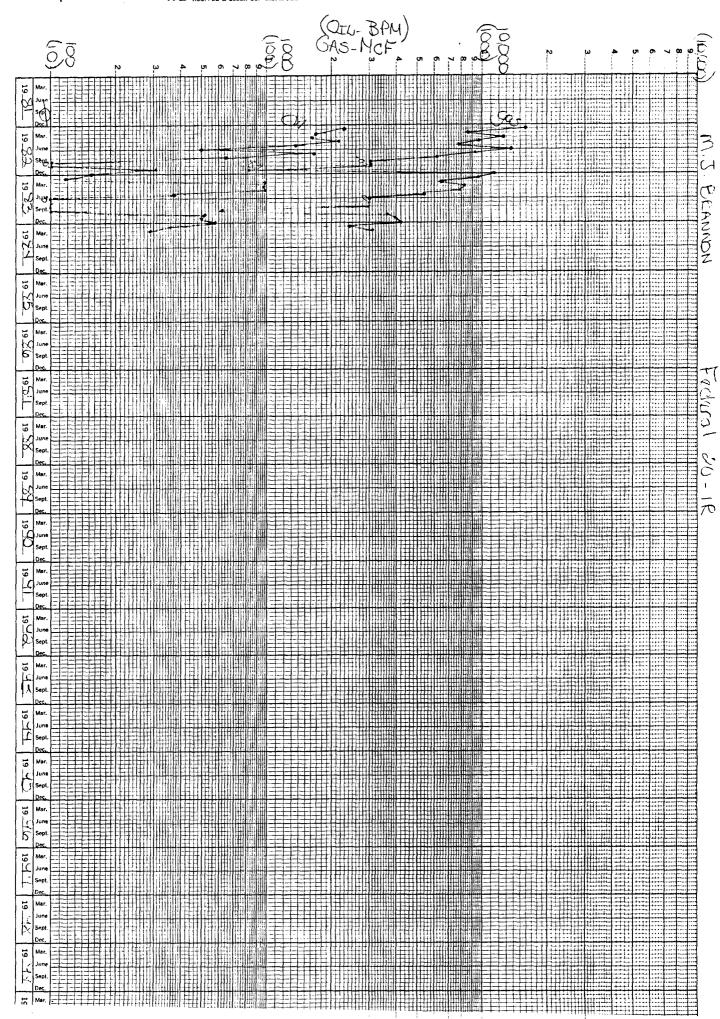
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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Also a copy of this application has been submitted to the Oil Conservation Commission District Office, Aztec, New Mexico, to Gas Purchaser, El Paso Natural Gas Company and to offset operators.

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Very truly yours,

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April 25, 1984

Mr. Don Read Regional Production Manager El Paso Exploration Company P. O. Box 4289 Farmington, New Mexico 87499

> REF: Application of M. J. Brannon Operator, for Classification as Hardship Gas Well Federal 20, No. 1-R Unit J, Section 20-T25N-R9W San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Read:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the above-referred-to application.

Your notification, to Mr. Joe Ramey, Director, Oil Conservation Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico, of your approval of the application would be appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

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cc: M. J. Brannon

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