

Case 8610

APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION AS HARDSHIP GAS WELL

Operator Hondo Drilling Company Contact Party Margaret Longanecker  
Address Drawer 2516, Midland, Texas 79702 Phone No. 915-682-9401, 684-6381  
Lease FEDERAL ALSCOTT Well No. 1 UT G Sec. 31 TWP T-18-S RGE R-29-E  
Pool Name NORTH TURKEY TRACT CISCO Minimum Rate Requested 7.35 mcf/day  
Transporter Name EL PASO NATURAL GAS Purchaser (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you seeking emergency "hardship" classification for this well? X yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

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POST OFFICE DRAWER 2516 • MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702-2516 • (915) 682-9401

March 27, 1985

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Oil Conservation Division  
Drawer DD  
Artesia, NM 88210

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~~Pool~~ Name: *UT-6, SEC 30, T-18-S, R-29-E*  
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Consulting Registered  
Professional Engineer  
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Enclosure



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Sec. 31, T-18-S, R-29-E, NMPM  
Eddy County, New Mexico

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Note:

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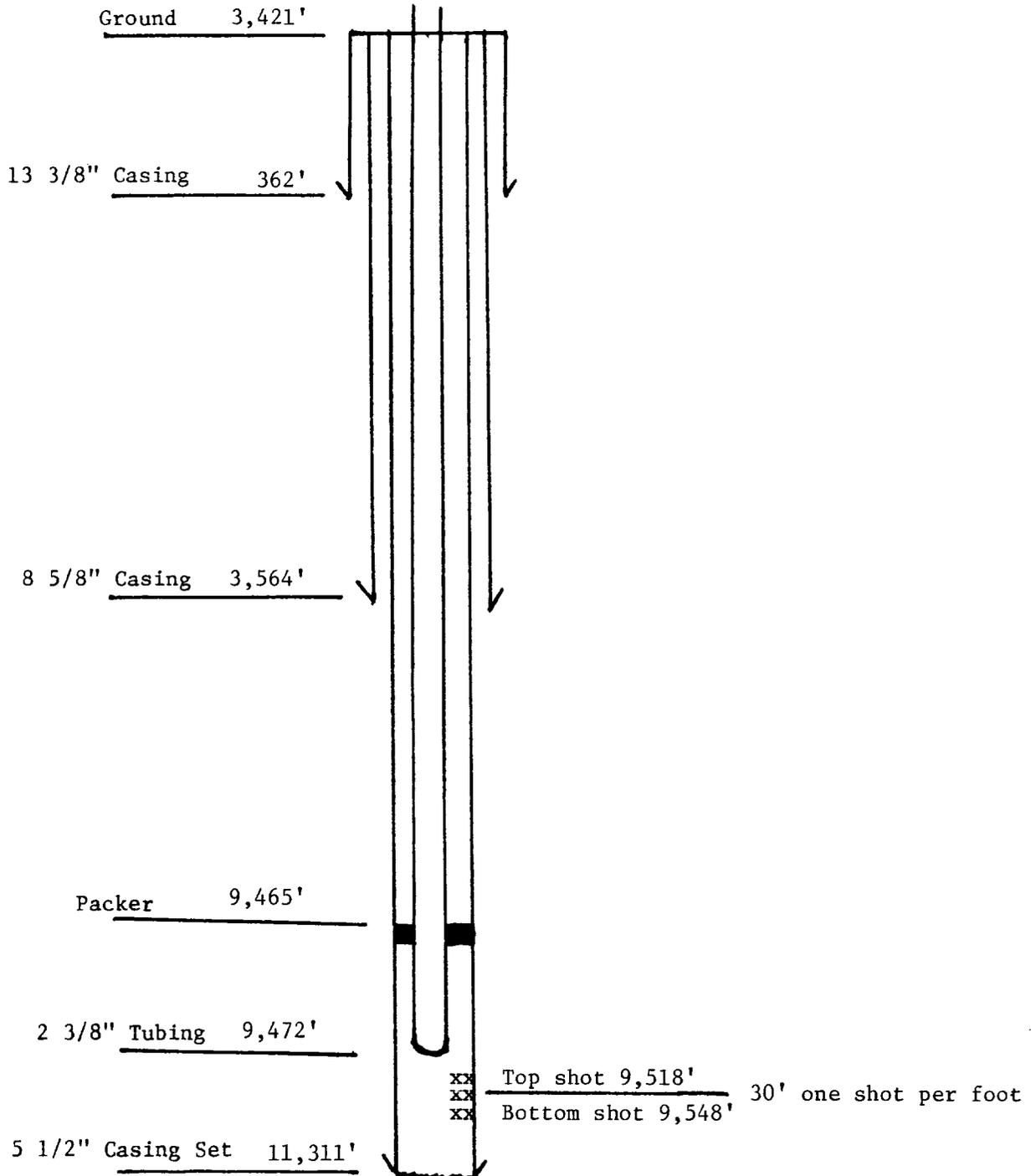


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County Eddy, New Mexico.







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County: *EDDY COUNTY, NM*

Copies of the "Application for Classification as Hardship Gas Well" for the well captioned above have been sent on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL 1985 to the following parties:

1. Anadarko Production Co.  
P. O. Box 2497  
Midland, Texas 79702
2. Trigg Jennings  
Box 520  
Roswell, NM 88201
3. C. Forister  
P. O. Box 161  
Artesia, NM 88210
4. El Paso Natural Gas Co.  
Box 1492  
El Paso, TX 79978

  
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April 12, 1985

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Gentlemen:

According to our records you are a diagonal offset operator to the captioned well operated by Hondo Drilling Company. The proration unit assigned to this well includes the *NE 1/4, W 1/2 NW 1/4* *305.17 ACRES MORE OR LESS*.

Please be advised that Hondo has filed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for the *FEDERAL ALSCOTT NO. 1* well to be placed in the Hardship Gas Well Classification. This would allow the well not to be completely shut-in during periods of low gas demand. It is difficult to keep this well producing normally with the frequent purchaser shut-ins. It has already suffered formation damage because of previous shut-in periods.

If you have any questions let us hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Lamar Eschberger, Consulting Petroleum Engineer  
HONDO DRILLING COMPANY

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# John Shockley - Swabbing Service, Inc.

P. O. BOX 1857  
EUNICE, NEW MEXICO 88231

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PHONE  
394-3435  
393-1088

JOHN SHOCKLEY, PRESIDENT

RECEIVED

INVOICE N° 3446

TO: Hondo Drilling Co.  
P.O. Drawer 2516  
Midland, Texas 79702  
Attention: George Bullard

DEC 6 1984

Ans'd.....

Date December 5, 1984

Contract No.

AFE No.

Req. or

Purchase Order No.

Lease & Well No.

Wright #1 Swab Unit #14

11-30-84

#7819

Roaded unit to location, Rigged up, 0# on Csg., 0# on Tbg.,  
First fluid at 9200', Swabbed appx. 8 Bbl. of water to  
pit, Very light gas, Last fluid at 11,000', 0# on Csg.,  
Closed well in, Rigged down.

Two Man Crew	7½ Hrs.	@	63.25	474.38
Swab Cups	6	@	15.50	93.00
OSR	2	@	9.75	19.50

	586.88
4½% NM Tax	24.94
	611.82

Job Complete  
Thank You

TERMS: NET. DUE IN 30 DAYS.



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February 14, 1985

*Mr. Manning called  
2-15-85 about  
hard ship well -  
signed by jur. dictors  
agency - will leave wells  
as is now -*

Mr. Bill G. Lane  
Systems Dispatching  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
P. O. Box 1492  
El Paso, Texas 79978

Re: Shut-in of Union TX State,  
Alscott #1, Alscott #2,  
Alscott #3, Wright #1,  
Wright #2, and Trigg-  
Jennings wells

Dear Mr. Lane:

Enclosed is a copy of the exemptions on the above captioned wells from the State of New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department as per our conservation today. These reports were signed by Joe B. Murray, Field Well Testing Supervisor on August 24, 1984.

If there is any further information, please let me know.

Yours truly,

HONDO DRILLING COMPANY

*George D. Bullard*

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Production Superintendent

GDB/ml

Enclosures

*Exempt from shuttined  
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Jerry Sutton  
Oil Conservation Division  
Hobbs, NM*

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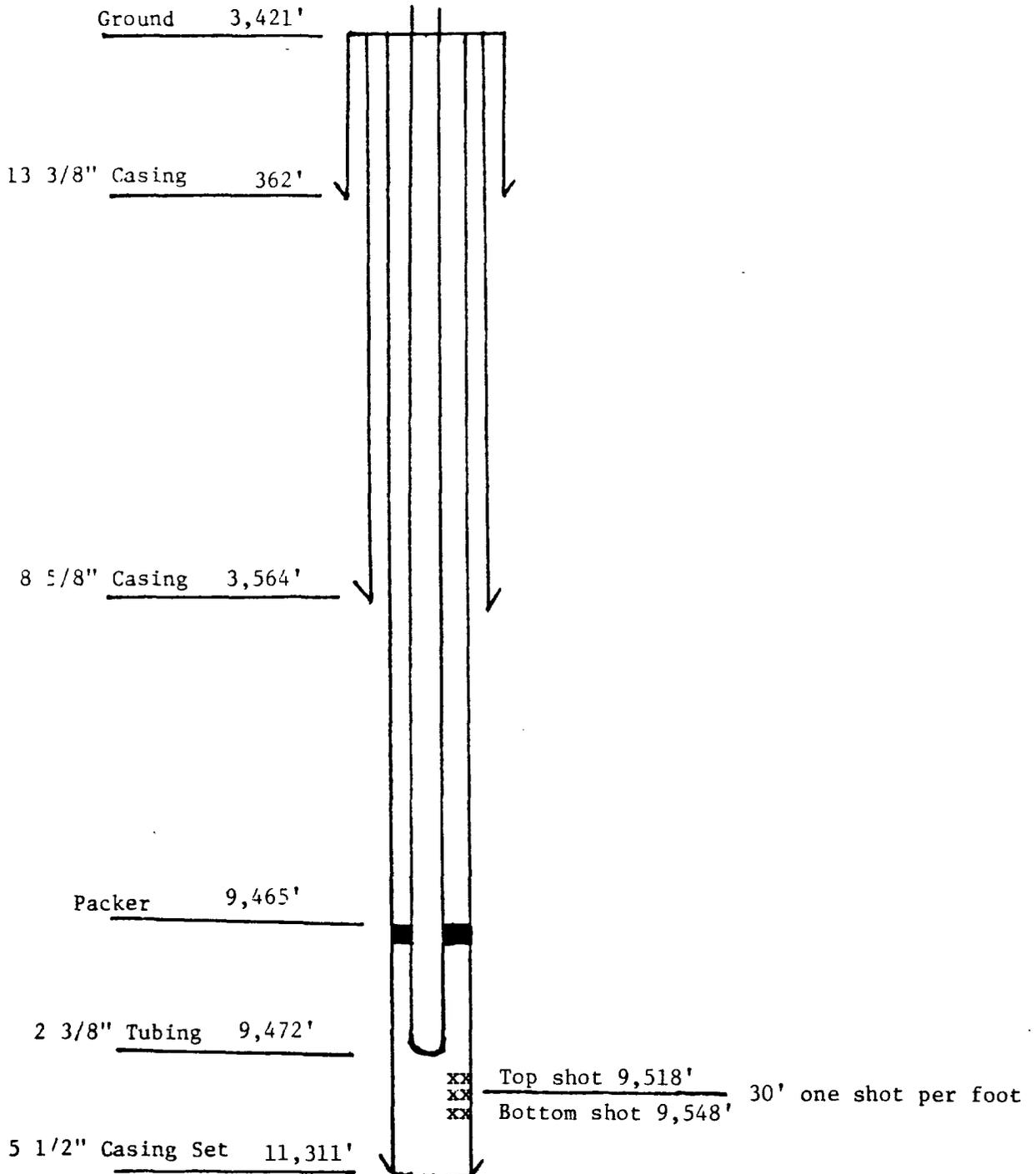


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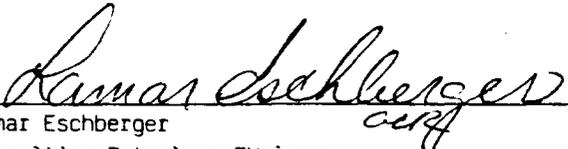
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JOHN SHOCKLEY, PRESIDENT

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INVOICE N<sup>o</sup> 3416

TO: Hondo Drilling Co.  
P.O. Drawer 2516  
Midland, Texas 79702  
Attention: George Bullard

DEC 6 1984

Ans'd.....

Date December 5, 1984

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February 14, 1985

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HONDO DRILLING COMPANY

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Enclosures

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Jerry Sexton  
Oil Conservation Division  
Hobbs, NM*

APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION AS HARDSHIP GAS WELL

Case 8610

Operator Hondo Drilling Company Contact Party Margaret Longanecker  
Address Drawer 2516, Midland, Texas 79702 Phone No. 915-682-9401, 684-6381  
Lease FEDERAL ALSCOTT Well No. 1 UT G Sec. 31 TWP T-18-S RGZ R-29-E  
Pool Name NORTH TURKEY TRACT CISCO Minimum Rate Requested 7.35 mcf/day  
Transporter Name EL PASO NATURAL GAS Purchaser (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you seeking emergency "hardship" classification for this well?  yes  no

Applicant must provide the following information to support his contention that the subject well qualifies as a hardship gas well.

- 1) 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)
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  - b) Mechanical condition of the well (provide wellbore sketch). Explain fully mechanical attempts to rectify the problem, including but not limited to:
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  - 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
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- 5) Show the minimum sustainable producing rate of the subject well. This rate can be determined by:
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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).
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- 7) Submit any other appropriate data which will support the need for a hardship classification.
- 8) If the well is in a prorated pool, please show its current under- or over-produced status.
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GENERAL INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO HARDSHIP GAS WELL CLASSIFICATION

## 1) 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."

- 2) 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.
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- 4) 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.
- 5) Any interested party may review the data submitted at either the Santa Fe office or the appropriate OCD District Office.
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- 7) 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.
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- 11) 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.



## HONDO DRILLING COMPANY

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March 27, 1985

Energy & Minerals Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
Drawer DD  
Artesia, NM 88210

Re: Application for Classification  
as Hardship Gas well  
Lease: *FEDERAL ALSCOTT*  
Well No.: *1, POOL: NORTH TURKEY TRACT CISCO*  
~~Pool~~ Name: *UT-6, SEC 30, T-18-S, R-29-E*  
LOCATION

Gentlemen:

In reference to the well as captioned above, we are respectfully requesting that the well be classified as a hardship gas well under Rule 409 and/or Rule 410.

The purchaser/gatherer on this well is El Paso Natural Gas. The gathering system pressure now exceeds our contract limitation. El Paso Natural Gas Company has raised and lowered their line pressure on numerous occasions over the past twelve months to a point that this well (1) will no longer produce or (2) after being shut-in the well when opened cones water out of the reservoir which kills the well. If this well is allowed to produce on a continual basis the coning of water does not take place in the reservoir and the well will continue to flow. On a non-flowing well this situation has caused a 100% loss of revenue and has caused gas to be left in the reservoir never to be recovered which constitutes waste of hydrocarbons.

Enclosed please find our bottom hole diagram of the well. No down-hole problems are indicated in this well and remedial work is not indicated downhole. The use of smallbore tubing, plunger lifts or rod pumping units would not be effective if the well is subjected to periods of shut-in. Due to the low productivity of this well it is not economically feasible to install a compressor. If the gathering system line pressure was at the contract pressure or below, this would not be necessary.

In cases where we have swabbed our wells back, in this area, they have not been capable of producing the previous amount of gas due to the intrusion of water into the reservoir which permanently damages and restricts the flow of gas to the wellbore. We have enclosed a copy of our latest swabbing invoice for an area well. At the rate at which

El Paso Natural Gas raises and lowers the line pressure, it would be necessary to retain a swabbing unit in the area, for our wells, almost full time.

In the event a hardship gas well classification is not received on this well, we feel it would result in premature abandonment of this well. We estimate this well would continue to produce at a rate of 7.35 MCF per day for a minimum of 10 years. In the event we cannot produce the well at this rate, the economics of operating a non-producing well would force premature plugging and abandonment causing gas to be left in the reservoir never to be recovered.

The minimum flow rate we are requesting for this well is 7.35 MCF per day. This minimum flow rate was derived from well production history, the latest six months producing rate average. It is difficult to determine the production rate before and after shut-in periods as El Paso Natural Gas frequently raises and lowers the line pressure during a month's period of time.

We were notified this date that El Paso Natural Gas intends to cut this well off effective this date for an indefinite period of time. We feel we have done everything feasible as a prudent operator to minimize or eliminate damage to the reservoir and permanent loss of gas. We have checked our well for downhole problems and swabbed the well when it was indicated we could produce the well into El Paso's line. We have made numerous requests to El Paso Natural Gas to allow our wells to produce at a minimum rate and have received no cooperation from them.

All of the information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. One copy of this application has been submitted to the appropriate Division District office at Artesia, New Mexico. Notice of the application has been given to El Paso Natural Gas Company and all offset operators, as per the plat enclosed with this application.

Yours truly,



Lamar Eschberger  
Consulting Registered  
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Hondo Drilling Company

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Enclosure



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March 29, 1985

Hondo Drilling Company  
Federal Alscott #1  
Sec. 31, T-18-S, R-29-E, NMPM  
Eddy County, New Mexico

<u>Sales Month</u>	<u>Total MCF</u>	<u>Average/Day MCF</u>
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Note:

This well cannot fight the El Paso Natural Gas Company  
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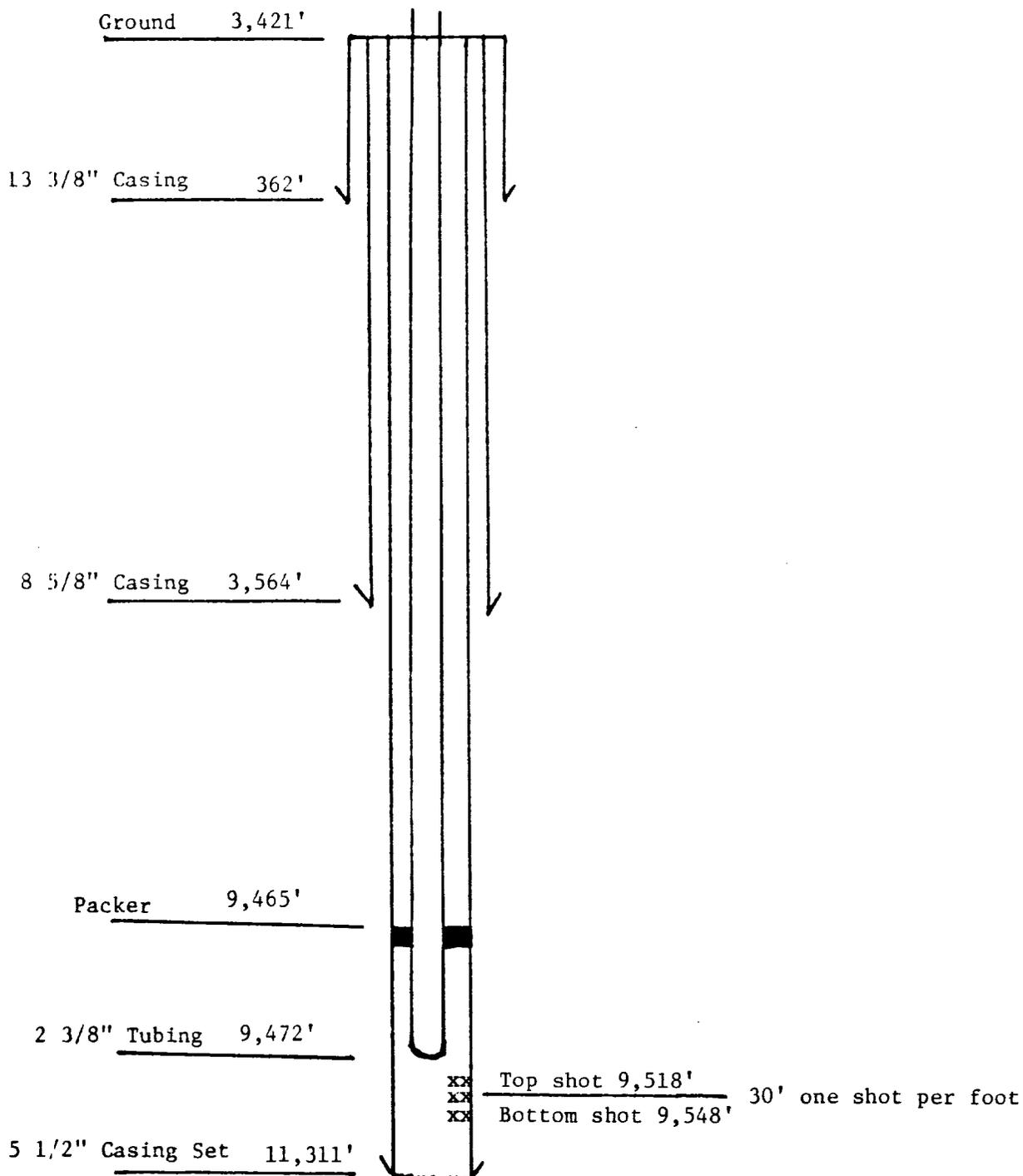


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Lease Federal Alscott - "Cisco" Well Number 1

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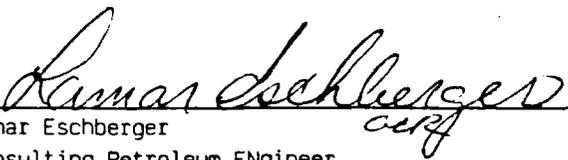
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Artesia, NM 88210

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County: *EDDY COUNTY, NM*

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1. Anadarko Production Co.  
P. O. Box 2497  
Midland, Texas 79702
2. Trigg Jennings  
Box 520  
Roswell, NM 88201
3. C. Forister  
P. O. Box 161  
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