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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125

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El Paso Natural Gas Company
Attention: Mr. D. N. Canfield
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

No. 299

Gentlemen:

Three approved copies of your 1978 plan of development for the Rincon unit area, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, are enclosed. Such plan, proposing the drilling of one Chacra well on lands outside the participating area, one Dakota well on lands outside the participating area, and five Mesaverde wells on lands within the participating area, was approved on this date subject to like approval by the appropriate officials of the State of New Mexico.

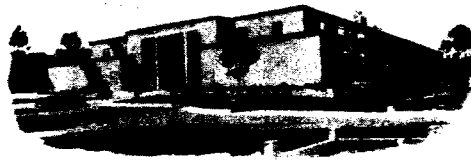
Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SGD.) JAMES W. SUTHERLAND

AREA OIL AND GAS SUPERVISOR, SRMA

cc:
NMOCC, Santa Fe (ltr. only) ← This Copy for
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State of New Mexico



Commissioner of Public Lands

PHIL R. LUCERO
COMMISSIONER

January 19, 1978

P. O. BOX 1148
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

El Paso Natural Gas Company
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

Re: Rincon Unit
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
1978 DRILLING PROGRAM

ATTENTION: Mr. D. N. Canfield

Gentlemen:

The Commissioner of Public Lands has this date approved your 1978 Drilling Program for the Rincon Unit. Your plan calls for the drilling of one Chacra, one Dakota and five Mesaverde wells. This approval is subject to like approval by the United States Geological Survey and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.

Enclosed is one approved copy for your files.

Please remit a Three (\$3.00) Dollar filing fee.

Very truly yours,

Phil R. Lucero
Commissioner of Public Lands

BY:
Ray D. Graham, Director
Oil and Gas Division

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cc: OCC-Santa Fe, New Mexico ✓
USGS-Roswell, New Mexico
USGS-Albuquerque, New Mexico

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

January 16, 1978

El Paso Natural Gas Company
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

Attention: D. N. Canfield

Re: Case No. 299
Rincon Unit I Sec. No. 916
1978 Drilling Program

Gentlemen:

We hereby approve the 1978 Drilling Program for the Rincon Unit I Sec. No. 916, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, subject to like approval by the United States Geological Survey and the Commissioner of Public Lands.

One approved copy of the Drilling Program is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

JOE D. RAMEY
Secretary-Director

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cc: U.S.G.S. - Roswell
Commissioner of Public Lands

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January 11, 1978

Regional Oil & Gas Supervisor
United States Geological Survey
Drawer 1857
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Commissioner of Public Lands
State of New Mexico
Post Office Box 1148
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Oil Conservation Commission
State of New Mexico
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Rincon Unit I Sec. No. 916
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
1978 DRILLING PROGRAM

Gentlemen:

By letter dated February 25, 1977, El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator of the Rincon Unit I Sec. No. 916 filed a Drilling Program covering the subject Unit for the calendar year 1977. This Program provided for the drilling of Chacra Well #220 and Dakota Well #227. Each such well has been drilled and is currently being evaluated to determine whether it is capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities so as to cause an expansion of the participating area for the formation from which it is completed.

As of this date, the total number of wells in the Rincon Unit I Sec. No. 916 is as follows:

Pictured Cliffs	106
Chacra	4
Mesaverde	16
Dual, Pictured Cliffs/Mesaverde	8
Dual, Mesaverde/Dakota	6
Mesaverde, Non-Commercial	7
Dakota	45
Gallup/Dakota (Gallup--plugged; Dakota--non-commercial)	1
Tocito (oil)	1
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January 11, 1978

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rincon Unit Agreement, El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator, is submitting this Drilling Program providing for the drilling of the following wells during the calendar year 1978.

<u>Well No.</u>	<u>Drilling Block or Spacing Unit</u>	<u>Formation</u>
212	SE/4 Sec. 12-26N-7W	Chacra
231	W/2 Sec. 12-26N-7W	Dakota
79 A	N/2 Sec. 17-27N-6W	Mesaverde
81 A	S/2 Sec. 17-27N-6W	Mesaverde
97 A	S/2 Sec. 18-27N-6W	Mesaverde
29 A	N/2 Sec. 22-27N-6W	Mesaverde
83 A	E/2 Sec. 23-27N-6W	Mesaverde

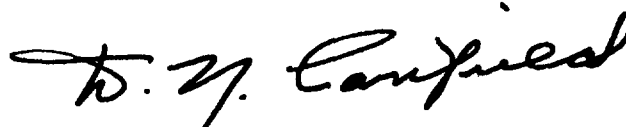
All working interest owners have been contacted, and this Drilling Program reflects their desires. El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator, and the working interest owners believe that all current obligations have been satisfied.

El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator, plans to drill any offset wells required to prevent drainage of unitized substances and any other wells deemed necessary or desirable by the Unit Operator and the working interest owners.

If this Drilling Program is acceptable, please signify your approval as required under Section 10 of the Unit Agreement in the space provided on the attached sheet and return an approved copy to El Paso Natural Gas Company.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the working interest owners shown on the attached sheet.

Very truly yours,



D. N. Canfield
Director of Land
Energy Resource Development

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Attachments
Rincon Unit, 3.0

APPROVED:

Regional Oil & Gas Supervisor
United States Geological Survey
(Subject to like approval by the
Commissioner of Public Lands and
the Oil Conservation Commission)


DATED: _____

APPROVED:

Commissioner of Public Lands
(subject to like approval by the
United States Geological Survey
& the Oil Conservation Commission)

DATED: _____

APPROVED:



Oil Conservation Commission
(subject to like approval by the
United States Geological Survey
& the Commissioner of Public Lands)

DATED: 1/18/78

The foregoing approvals are for the 1978 Drilling Program for the Rincon Unit, I Sec. No. 916, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

RINCON UNIT
Working Interest Owners

Burton-Hawks, Inc.

Continental Oil Company

Tenneco Oil Company

Mr. J. Glenn Turner

The Wiser Oil Company

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United States Department of the Interior

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Conservation Division
Western Bank Building
505 Marquette, NW, Room 815
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

MAR 30 1977

El Paso Natural Gas Company
Attention: Mr. D. N. Canfield
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

Gentlemen:

The 1977 plan of development submitted for the Rincon unit area, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, was approved on this date subject to like approval by the appropriate State officials.

Such plan proposes the drilling of one Charca well on lands outside the existing participating area, and one Dakota well on lands within the participating area.


Three approved copies are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SIGNED BY JANET W. SUTHERLAND)

Area Oil and Gas Supervisor

Enclosures

cc:
NMOCC, Santa Fe (ltr. only)  This Copy for
Com. Pub. lands, Santa Fe (ltr. only)

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

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March 30, 1977

El Paso Natural Gas Company
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

Re: 1977 Drilling Program,
Rincon Unit, Rio Arriba County,
New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission has this date approved the Drilling Program for the calendar year 1977 providing for the drilling of one Chacra well and one Dakota well for the Rincon Unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, subject to like approval by the United States Geological Survey and the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico.

One approved copy of the program is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

JOE D. RAMEY
Secretary-Director

JDR/JEK/og

cc: United States Geological Survey
Roswell, New Mexico

Commissioner of Public Lands
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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February 25, 1977

Regional Oil & Gas Supervisor
United States Geological Survey
Drawer 1857
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Commissioner of Public Lands
State of New Mexico
Post Office Box 1148
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Oil Conservation Commission
State of New Mexico
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Rincon Unit I Sec. No. 916
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
1977 DRILLING PROGRAM

Gentlemen:

By letter dated December 19, 1975, El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator of the Rincon Unit I Sec. No. 916 filed a Drilling Program covering the subject Unit for the calendar year 1976. This Program provided for the drilling of no wells and none were drilled.

As of this date, the total number of wells in the Rincon Unit I Sec. No. 916 is as follows:

Pictured Cliffs	106
Chacra	3
Mesaverde	16
Dual, Pictured Cliffs/Mesaverde	8
Dual, Mesaverde/Dakota	6
Mesaverde, Non-commercial	7
Dakota	44
Gallup/Dakota (Gallup-Plugged)(Dakota-Non-commercial)	1
Tocito (Oil)	1
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Commissioner of Public Lands
Oil Conservation Commission
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Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rincon Unit Agreement, El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator, is submitting this Drilling Program providing for the drilling of the following wells during the calendar year 1977.

<u>Well No.</u>	<u>Drilling Block or Spacing Unit</u>	<u>Formation</u>
220	SE/4 Section 28, T-27-N, R-7-W	Chacra
227	S/2 Section 28, T-27-N, R-7-W	Dakota

All working interest owners have been contacted, and this Drilling Program reflects their desires. El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator, and the working interest owners believe that all current obligations have been satisfied.

El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator, plans to drill any offset wells required to prevent drainage of unitized substances and any other wells deemed necessary or desirable by the Unit Operator and the working interest owners.

If this Drilling Program is acceptable, please signify your approval as required under Section 10 of the Unit Agreement in the space provided on the attached sheet and return an approved copy to El Paso Natural Gas Company.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the working interest owners shown on the attached sheet.

Yours very truly,



D. N. Canfield
Director of Land
Energy Resource Development

DNC/DW/mb

Attachments

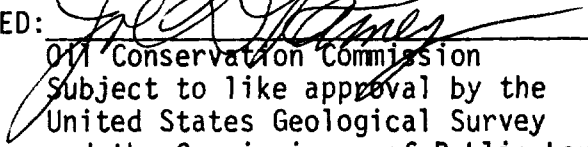
Rincon Unit, 3.0

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Regional Oil & Gas Supervisor
United States Geological Survey
Subject to like approval by the
Commissioner of Public Lands and
the Oil Conservation Commission

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Commissioner of Public Lands
Subject to like approval by the
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and the Oil Conservation Commission

DATE: _____

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Oil Conservation Commission
Subject to like approval by the
United States Geological Survey
and the Commissioner of Public Lands

DATE: March 30, 1977

The foregoing approvals are for the 1977 Drilling Program for the
Rincon Unit, I Sec. No. 916, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

RINCON UNIT
Working Interest Owners

Burton-Hawks, Inc.

Continental Oil Company

Tenneco Oil Company

Mr. J. Glenn Turner

The Wiser Oil Company

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United States Department of the Interior

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Western Bank Bldg., Room 815
505 Marquette, NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

December 29, 1976

El Paso Natural Gas Company
Attention: Mr. Don Wadsworth
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

Gentlemen:

Your 1976 Plan of Development and Operation for the Rincon unit area, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, was received in this office on December 29, 1975. Such plan provided no additional development during the year. Our letter of May 28, 1976, requested justification for no additional development and several joint conversations and conferences followed during the balance of the year with no definitive conclusion.

Authority for continuation of operations within the unitized area is derived from an approved Plan of Development and Operations, pursuant to Section 10 of the unit agreement. Accordingly, this office hereby accepts your 1976 Plan for record purposes. As stated previously, the plan is considered less than adequate inasmuch as there appears to be one or more participating areas which are not fully developed within the unitized area and no tangible justification is provided for the absence of additional development drilling in those areas.

You are requested to submit a 1977 Plan of Development and Operation for the Rincon unit within 60 days of the receipt of this letter. Such plan, in order to receive favorable consideration by this office, must contain a firm commitment for additional development drilling absent tangible documentation of full development of the unitized area.

Sincerely yours,

Orig. Signed - JAMES W. SUTHERLAND

JAMES W. SUTHERLAND
Area Oil and Gas Supervisor

cc: Durango (w/cy plan) This Copy for
NMOCC, Santa Fe
Com. Pub. Lands, Santa Fe

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

January 8, 1976

**El Paso Natural Gas Company
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978**

Attention: Mr. D. N. Canfield

**Re: 1976 Drilling Program,
Rincon Unit, Rio Arriba
County, New Mexico.**

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission has this date approved the Drilling Program for the calendar year 1976 providing for the drilling of no wells for the Rincon Unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, subject to like approval by the United States Geological Survey and the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico.

Two approved copies of the program are returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

**A. L. PORTER, Jr.
Secretary-Director**

ALP/JEK/og

**cc: United States Geological Survey
Box 1857
Roswell, New Mexico**

**Commissioner of Public Lands
Santa Fe, New Mexico**

December 19, 1975

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United States Geological Survey
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Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Commissioner of Public Lands
State of New Mexico
P. O. Box 1148
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Oil Conservation Commission
State of New Mexico
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Re: Rincon Unit I Sec. No. 916
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
1976 DRILLING PROGRAM

Gentlemen:

By letter dated November 25, 1974, El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator, filed a Drilling Program for the captioned unit for the calendar year 1975. Said program provided for the drilling of no wells and none were drilled.

As of this date, the total number of wells drilled in the Rincon Unit on acreage committed to the unit is as follows:

Pictured Cliffs	106
Chacra	4
Mesaverde	16
Dual, Pictured Cliffs-Mesaverde	8
Dual, Mesaverde-Dakota	6
Mesaverde, Non-Commercial	7
Dakota	48
Gallup-Dakota (Gallup-Plugged)	
(Dakota-Non-Commercial)	1
Tocito (Oil)	2
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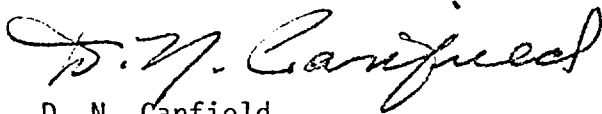
Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rincon Unit Agreement, El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator, is submitting this Drilling Program which provides for the drilling of no wells during the calendar year 1976.

All working interest owners have been contacted and this Drilling Program reflects the desires of a majority of such owners. El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator, and the working interest owners believe that all current obligations have been satisfied.

El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator, will drill any offset wells that may be required to prevent drainage of unitized substances, and any other wells subsequently deemed necessary or which are requested by the Unit Operator and the working interest owners.

If this Drilling Program is acceptable, please signify your approval as required under Section 10 of the Unit Agreement in the space provided on the attached sheet and return an approved copy to El Paso Natural Gas Company. Copies of this Drilling Program are being sent to the working interest owners shown on the attached sheet.

Yours very truly,



D. N. Canfield
Director of Land
Energy Resource Development

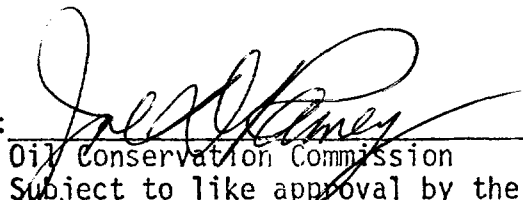
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Rincon Unit, 3.0

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Subject to like approval by the
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and the Commissioner of Public Lands

DATE: January 8, 1976

The foregoing approvals are for the 1976 Drilling Program for the
Rincon Unit, I Sec. No. 916, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

RINCON UNIT
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