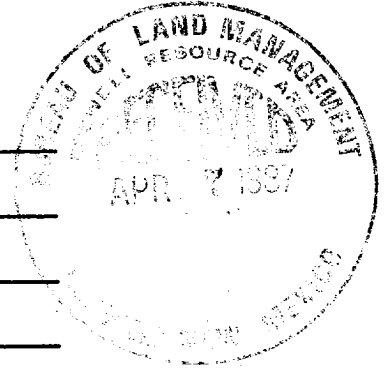


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APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO NO-FLARE



A. Applicant, John A. Yates, Jr. - Oil Operator
whose address is P.O. Box 853, Artesia, New Mexico 88210
hereby requests an exception to vent/flare gas for
Indefinite days or until

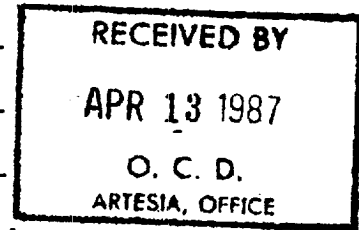
for the following described tank battery (or Lact):

Name of Lease Comanche P.O. Federal #4

Name of Pool South Bitter Lake San Andres

Location of Battery: Unit Letter A Section 29 Township 10

Range 25. Number of wells producing into battery 1.



B. Based upon oil production of 6 barrels per day, the
estimated volume of gas to be flared is TSTM MCF:
Value nothing per day.

C. Name and location of the nearest gas gathering facility:

#1 LUKE COM. FEDERAL LATERAL SEC. 24-10S-25E

D. Distance 2 MILES Estimated cost of connection

\$50,000.

E. This exception is requested for the following reasons:

At this rate of gas production it is economically infeasible to build a pipeline to the nearest gas gathering facility. Therefore the gas has no value.

Nancy S. Apple Jr.
(Signature)

Operations Supervisor
(Title)

April 2, 1987
(Date)

