

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Oil **G**onservation Commission P. O. Box 2045 Hobbs, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 20th - please be advised that the State Commissioner of Public Lands offered for sealed bid at state sale of August 11, 1952 the South one-half of Sec. 28-12 So., Rge. 32 East - Lea County.

This lease included the dry and abandoned test drilled by The Texas Company, known as their State-BL No. 1.

I purchased this lease as of August 11, 1952 and since we now desire to re-complete this abandoned test, if possible, in the Queen Sand I filed with you the necessary copies of Form C-101 and have filed and had accepted the necessary bond.

As of this date there is nothing that could be done in the way of filing C-103. We will take care of that when we do some or rather the necessary work to test the Queen Sand. We may do this work at once and it may prove advisable to delay the work several months but I filed C-101 in order that we might have clearance when we started the necessary work.

You state that it is necessary to file Form C-103 to show that title or ownership of thislocation has been transferred to me from The Texas Company. That is, of course, impossible inasmuch as the title passed from the State to me - the State having recovered title to the lease in question.

I trust this will clear up the question of your local records. I can see that you were perfectly right in questioning it as you probably do not have notice from the Commissioner of Public Lands as to my purchase of August 11th.

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