

El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas

March 17, 1961

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
1006 MAIN STREET, ROOM 1901
HOUSTON 2, TEXAS

Texaco, Inc.
Box 3109
Midland, Texas

Attention: Mr. R. F. Naul

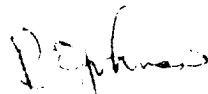
Re: C. W. Shepherd Lease,
Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This will have reference to your letter of March 9, 1961, requesting that we connect casinghead gas presently flaring from the #A-3 well located on the captioned lease.

This is to advise that we have initiated the necessary steps to extend our low pressure gathering system to the well. Due to the length of this extension and our experience in the area, it is very unlikely that our connection will be completed prior to your present no-flare dead-line of April 9, 1961.

Very truly yours,



R. E. Johnson

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