

Box 1545  
Hobbs, New Mexico  
November 15, 1948

Mr. R. E. Spurrier, Director  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Dick:

Just received copy of Form C-101 filed in your office on November 9th, and approved by you on that date, Western Natural Gas Company, R. Olsen McKenney #1 Well in Sec. 36, T. 24S, R. 36E. We have in our files Form C-101 with Form C-102, Notice of Intention to Test Surface Casing set at 300'.

I have a copy of your letter stating that a Form C-101 was being held in this office. This office was not holding Form C-101 for the reason this C-101 had not been filed until about 10 A.M. November 9th along with the report of setting surface casing and the Form C-103, Report of Result of Testing the Surface Casing.

I visited this well on November 8th and found this report to be true. This was reported by telephone to the Land Office about 11 A.M. November 9th.

Due to the fact that you have approved Form C-101 filed by the Western Natural Gas Company and I have approved Form C-101 filed by the R. Olsen Oil Company will you please state which Form C-101 is to be cancelled. R. Olsen is now operating on this location.

Very truly yours,

Oil & Gas Inspector

ROY:eg  
cc: Hon. John E. Miles  
Guy Shepard

Box 1142  
Houston, Texas  
November 18, 1945

Mr. J. M. [unclear], Director  
U. S. [unclear] Commission  
Box 1142  
Houston, Texas

Dear Sir:

I have received copy of Form 101 filed in your office on November 18th, and approved by you on said date, Western National Gas Company, Inc. I have in my files Form 101 with Form 102, notice of intention to start business during 1946.

I have a copy of your letter stating that Form 101 was not filed in your office. This office was not holding Form 101 for the purpose of this letter and had not filed until about 10:00 A.M. November 18th when the report of receipt of letter was received and the Form 101, report of receipt of letter was filed.

I have this letter on November 18th and found this report to be true. This was reported by telephone to the field office about 11:00 A.M. November 18th.

As to the matter that you have approved Form 101 filed by the Western National Gas Company, Inc. and have approved Form 101 filed by the Western National Gas Company, Inc. with Form 102 is so cancelled.

Very truly yours,

W. J. [unclear]

W. J. [unclear]  
Mr. J. M. [unclear]  
Box 1142  
Houston, Texas

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

10 November 1948

Western Natural Gas Company  
Midland, Texas

Mr. R. Olsen  
Hobbs, New Mexico

Mr. Charles C. Catron  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Oil Conservation Commission  
Hobbs, New Mexico

Oil Conservation Commission  
Artesia, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

According to telegram received from the Commission's Scout this morning. R. Olsen's McKenney #1, NENE, 36-24S-36W was spudded yesterday.

According to the Commission's Hobbs office, C-101 for this well was not submitted to Hobbs office by 8 November. According to R. Olsen Company they were.

This office and all offices of the Commission desire to cooperate with all earnest operators in every way possible. We respectfully suggest matters of this kind be taken up before the last minute - especially in the matter of holding a lease by drilling.

At this moment, the State Land Office has reported to us that telephone conversation with the Hobbs office on November 9, revealed the C-101's were being held for approval pending the extension of the lease. This came before the horse necessitated three or four long distance phone calls and three or four hours of our personal attention to the trivial matter of trying to get a properly approved C-101 before the Land Commission.

In the future, it will be no concern of any office of the Commission whether a lease is expired or may be expiring so long as the proper requirements are met upon the C-101. The State Land Office properly extends or cancels a lease - not the Oil Commission.

Very truly yours,

*R. R. Purcell*

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above entitled matter.

The same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours obediently,  
J. W. GARDNER,  
State Geologist.

*[Handwritten signature and notes]*