## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Re: Larry Griffis, et al. v. Anadarko E&P Company, LP et al. -- 4:08-CV-01974

## Dear Counsel:

When this deed was executed in 1936, assuming that oil and gas drilling was well known in White County at that time, why didn't the excellent lawyers for the railroad company simply include oil and gas in the deed?

It's not likely that the railroad company wasn't represented by competent counsel.

Please give me a short letter brief on this point by noon this Thursday, August 20, 2009.

As counsel for each party can probably discern, I find the answer in this case more elusive than I originally thought.

Cordially,

Wm. R. Wilson, Jr.

Original to the Clerk of the Court cc: Other Counsel of Record