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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Texaco Service Station

other names/site number N/A

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2. Location

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street & number 201 West Fourth Avenue not for publication N/A
city or town Bristow vicinity N/A
state Oklahoma code OK county Creek code 037
zip code 64010

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> buildings
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> sites
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> structures
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> objects
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Route 66 and Associated Historic Resources in Oklahoma

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: specialty store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: specialty store

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Moderne

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A
roof ASPHALT
walls STUCCO
CONCRETE
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance 1926-1944
1923

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8. Statement of Significance (Continued)
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Significant Dates N/A

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
 N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

- Previous documentation on file (NPS)
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other

Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>14</u>	<u>735470</u>	<u>3968130</u>	3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2	<u>N/A</u>	<u>See continuation sheet.</u>		4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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city or town Norman state OK zip code 73019

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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage
or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Noel T. Propst

street & number P. O. Box 1119 telephone _____

city or town Bristow state OK zip code 74010

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SUMMARY

The Texaco Service Station, a one-story stuccoed building, is located on the northwest corner of Fourth Street (Route 66) and Elm in Bristow, Oklahoma. The building historically was located in an area abundant with motor courts, of which the majority have been demolished, and is presently a residential area. The L-shaped building consists of a small office and restrooms with an extended canopy, and two front-facing service bays. Designed in the Moderne style, the station was constructed circa 1923 and remains in pristine condition.

DESCRIPTION

The Texaco Service Station, built about 1923, is situated along a commercial strip with an older residential neighborhood adjacent to the rear of the station. It is a rectangular, one-story building, designed in the Moderne style. The building is L-shaped with a small office and restrooms with an extended canopy, and two front-facing service bays. The exterior is stuccoed and the roof is flat. A stuccoed, concrete belt course composed of three raised red stripes defines the base of the parapet wall, differentiating the two-tone gray paint scheme, a present day Texaco trademark. The entire parking area is paved with concrete.

A streamlined canopy, with rounded edges, covers the open service bay and gasoline pumps. It is supported by round, steel columns. A long, rounded, raised concrete foundation serves as the base for the gasoline pumps and the base of the columns.

A front-facing office bay is located on the east side of the station. The wooden, three-paned, clear-glass entry door has a pebbled glass transom and is flanked by fixed steel windows with horizontally divided lights. The top panes are pebbled glass.

Two garage bays are located on the west side. The bay doors are wooden with glazing composed of four rows of three panes of glass divided by wooden mullions. Below the windows are solid wooden panels.

A steel casement window with a pebbled-glass transom is located on the east elevation. Also on the east elevation is the exterior entry to the restroom, a

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three-paned pebbled-glass door inset into a recessed entry. Casement windows are on the rear corner of the east elevation, and two hopper, pebble-glass windows light the restroom.

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

A one-story concrete block addition was constructed on the west side adjacent to the original garage bay. It has a single, flush steel door. The original pumps have been removed and replaced with circa 1970 pumps. The small concrete addition does not affect the overall integrity of the building.

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SUMMARY

The Texaco Service Station, built about 1923 on Route 66 in Bristow, Oklahoma, is historically significant as an example of an early "house with bays" service station located on the route in Oklahoma. It also is significant as an excellent example of an early Moderne style service station on Route 66. The Texaco Service Station retains a high degree of historical and architectural integrity. Contextually, the service station relates to "Commerce on Route 66 in Oklahoma (1926-1944)." The associated property type is Filling Stations, Service Stations and Garages, subtype "House with Bays."

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Texaco Service Station in Bristow is significant for its close association with the early development of the service station and Route 66. Built about 1923 at 201 West Fourth Street, the Texaco Service Station was constructed before Route 66 was designated a transcontinental thoroughfare. In 1923, Fourth Street, then known as Highway 7, was on the road heading west out of Bristow and was lined with commercial establishments, including tourist courts. In 1926, Route 66 officially was designated and in eastern Oklahoma Highway 7 was incorporated as part of the route. Route 66 was not paved in front of the Bristow Texaco Service Station until 1929.

The pumps were located on an island away from the building, which increased the traffic flow and decreased the hazards associated with having the pumps close to the office door. The large front office windows of the station were used to advertise Texaco products, such as the Texaco Fire Chief Gasoline and Golden Texaco Motor Oil. A single restroom was offered by the Texaco Service Station for use by customers as well as the station operator. This restroom followed customary designs and was located on the side of the building away from the traffic, with opaque windows for light and ventilation.

The Texaco Service Station is located on a corner lot proving easy access from Route 66 as well as Elm Street, a north-south residential thoroughfare. The corner lot was a prime location for the Texaco Service Station to locate because it provided the station with visibility from a distance.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Texaco Service Station is an excellent early example of a Moderne style service station and of the "house with bays" type service station. As early as 1920 characteristics of the Moderne style began appearing on commercial buildings. Some of these characteristics that are evident in the Texaco Service Station include a smooth wall surface constructed of stucco and projections above the roof line giving it a vertical appearance. A central feature of the Texaco Service Station is the streamline canopy. This canopy, supported by two steel columns and surrounded by three bands at the roof line, offered shelter from rain and sun for attendants and customers. Originally, the bands around the canopy were painted green, and the Texaco star trademark was on the cornice. This star represented the roots of the founding of Texaco in the Lone Star state of Texas.

By the mid 1920s most gasoline stations, which resembled small houses or cottages with attached canopies, had constructed a single or double bay to one side of the original station in order to increase their available services by repairing the automobile in addition to filling it with gasoline. Many new stations which incorporated the garage bays in the original design continued to follow the tradition of designing stations with a residential appearance. However, the Texaco Service Station in Bristow is an exception, remaining unaltered. The sleek, streamlined building is an excellent early example of the Moderne architectural style.

The Texaco Service Station is particularly significant as an example of a service station on Route 66 and of the Moderne style station because it remains in such pristine condition.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The south 75 feet of the E/2 of Lot 23 and the south 75 feet of Lot 24, Block 80, Original Town of Bristow, Oklahoma.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes the property that historically has been associated with the building.



Texaco Service Station



