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August 10, 2010

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Attention: Mr. William F. Carr

Re: Preliminary Approval to Second Unit Enlargement
West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Unit
Harding County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Carr:

This office has received your letter of July 30, 2010 on behalf of Hess Corporation requesting preliminary approval of the second enlargement of the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Unit area, Harding County, New Mexico. The proposed expansion meets the general requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands, who has this date granted you preliminary approval to the second expansion of the unit area.

Preliminary approval shall not be construed to mean final approval of this agreement in any way and will not extend any short term leases, until final approval and an effective date have been given.

When submitting your agreement for final approval, please submit the following:

1. Application for final approval by the Commissioner setting forth the tracts that have been committed and the tracts that have not been committed.
2. Pursuant to Rule 19.2.100.51, applications for approval shall contain a statement of facts showing:
 - a. That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy.
 - b. That under the proposed unit operation, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil and gas in place under its lands in the proposed unit area.
 - c. That each beneficiary institution of the State of New Mexico will receive its fair and equitable share of the recoverable oil and gas under its lands within the unit area.
 - d. That such unit agreement is in other respects for the best interest of the trust.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. 14545 Exhibit No. 6

Submitted by:

HESS CORPORATION

Hearing Date: September 16, 2010

-State Land Office Beneficiaries -

Carrie Tingley Hospital • Charitable Penal & Reform • Common Schools • Eastern NM University • Rio Grand School • NM Highlands University • NM Institute of Mining & Technology • New Mexico Military Institute • Handicapped • NM State Hospital • New Mexico State University • Northern NM Community College • Penitentiary

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3. All ratifications from the Lessees of Record and Working Interest Owners. All signatures should be acknowledged by a notary and one set must contain original signatures.
4. Designation/concurrence from the Bureau of Land Management.
5. Order of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Our approval will be conditioned upon subsequent favorable approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and the Bureau of Land Management.
6. Your filing fee in the amount of \$3,240.00 has been received.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY: 

JAMI BAILEY, Director
Oil, Gas and Minerals Division
PL/JB/pm

cc: OCD-Santa Fe, Attention: Mr. Ed Martin
BLM Farmington, Attn: Mr. Jim Lovato
Hess Corp. Attn: Mr. James S. Hughart