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Mr. Richard Stamets, Director Energy & Minerals Department Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Stamets:

Enclosed for filing, please find three copies of an Application of Amerada Hess Corporation for compulsory pooling, Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvanian pool, Lea County, New Mexico. enclosed is an Affidavit of Mailing reflecting the mailing of a copy to the last known addresses of the non-consenting interest owners.

We ask that this matter be set for hearing before an examiner on the July 17, 1985 docket and that we be furnished with a copy of the docket. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

LOSEE & CARSON,

AJL:dsn Enclosures

cc w/enclosure: Ms. Marilyn Adamson

Mr. Chuck Herron

DEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF :
AMERADA HESS CORPORATION FOR :
COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, :
NEW MEXICO :

CASE NO. 8650

APPLICATION

COMES NOW AMERADA HESS CORPORATION, by its attorneys, and in support hereof, respectfully states:

- 1. Applicant has the right to drill a well to the Strawn formation as an oil well, which is to be located at a point 1980 feet from the South line and 600 feet from the West line of Section 9, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.
- 2. The proposed well is located within one mile of the Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvania Pool and applicant proposes to dedicate the W/2 SW/4 of said section to this well. There are interest owners in the proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- 3. Applicant should be designated the operator of the well and the proration unit.
- 4. To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights and to afford to the owner of each interest in

said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense, his just and fair share of the oil in said unit, all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Pennsylvania formation underlying the W/2 SW/4 of said Section 9, should be pooled.

- 5. That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs, plus an additional 200% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- 6. Applicant should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of a reasonable supervision charge for drilling and producing wells attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that:

- A. This application be set for hearing before an examiner and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.
- B. Upon hearing the Commission enter its order pooling all mineral interests, in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the W/2 SW/4 of said Section 9, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, to form an 80-acre spacing unit dedicated to applicant's well.

C. And for such other relief as may be just in the premises.

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
: ss.
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, upon oath, states that on June 21, 1985 the undersigned did mail in the United States Post Office of Artesia, New Mexico a true copy of the subject application for compulsory pooling in a securely sealed postage free paid envelope addressed to the parties shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Debra Dedham

Debra Needham

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 21st day of June,

1985.

My commission expires:

Notary Public