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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 5863
Order No. R-5394

APPLICATION OF AMERADA HESS CORPORATION
FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION,
RIO ARriba COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 9, 1977,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 15th day of March, 1977, the Commission, a
quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the
record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being
fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required
by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the
subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Amerada Hess Corporation, seeks
approval of an unorthodox oil well location for its Jicarilla
Apache "B" Well No. 16, completed as an oil well in the Dakota
formation at a point 1850 feet from the South line and 1500 feet
from the West line of Section 29, Township 24 North, Range 5
West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, said well having been
projected as a Basin-Dakota gas well at a standard gas well
location for said pool.

(3) That the NE/4 SW/4 of said Section 29 is to be dedicated
to the well.

(4) That no offset operator objected to the proposed
unorthodox location.

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(5) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That an unorthodox oil well location is hereby approved for applicant's Jicarilla Apache "B" Well No. 16, completed as an oil well in the Dakota formation at a point 1850 feet from the South line and 1500 feet from the West line of Section 29, Township 24 North, Range 5 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

(2) That the NE/4 SW/4 of said Section 29 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman


EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member


JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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