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September 21, 1994 ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION NORTH BELL LAKE WILDCAT ELLENBURGER GAS POOL NORTH BELL LAKE FEDERAL #2 1100' FSL & 1500' FWL SECTION 5, T - 23S, R - 34E LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT. OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION P.O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 ATTENTION: MR. WILLIAM J. LEMAY

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Mr. Lemay:

Amerada Hess Corporation requests your approval of our administrative application for an unorthodox location for the well referenced above. AHC has planned to drill and complete the North Bell Lake Federal #2 at the referenced location, dedicated to a 320 acre proration unit. The well will be unorthodox by virtue of being less than the required 330 feet from a quarter-quarter section line and less than 1980' from the nearest end boundary. The standard location was deemed incompatible with our internal geologic interpretations.

The nearest completion, the Conoco Bell Lake Unit #6 is 3,480' west of the proposed location. The proposed location is anticipated to remain high side to the Bell Lake North trapping fault and 125 feet updip of the Bell Lake Unit #6 at the top of the Devonian. In order to optimize production, avoid waste in the Devonian reservoir, and minimize the likelihood of crossing the fault, AHC placed this well along Seismic Line TXCO-3766-DBP-12. The proposed location is approximately 750 feet west of the fault, which trends in a northwest direction in Section 5. The standard location, north of the proposed location, would be located only 300 feet from the fault, and, would be off the seismic control of 750 feet. In addition, the Devonian reservoir is a strong water drive, as evidenced by the increasing water cut in the Bell Lake Unit #6 well. The proposed location will provide the optimum site to gain structural elevation to recover attic reserves, relative to the Bell Lake Unit #6. Furthermore, Amerada Hess Corporation has estimated an additional recovery of 10-15 BCF of Devonian gas, for the proposed well.

Conoco Inc., operator of the North Bell Lake Unit, is the sole direct offset operator and has signed the attached Waiver to Objection for the proposed location. A map depicting offset ownership and a plat of the subject well and proration unit are attached. In addition, a copy of this application has been forwarded to Jerry Sexton, Hobbs NMOCD Director.

Amerada Hess Corporation requests that the information contained in this application be held confidential for the maximum allowed period through and following completion of the North Bell Lake Federal #2, due to the interpretative nature of our exploration geology.

Yours very truly,

E. J. Haas

Sr. Production Foreman

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We, the undersigned, as an offset operator, waive any objection to Amerada Hess Corporation's application for NMOCD approval of an unorthodox gas well location in the North Bell Lake Ellenburger Gas Pool. The proposed well will be located 1100' FSL and 1500' FWL. Section 5. Township 23 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. We further understand that the 320 acre proration unit will consist of the West half of Section 5, T-23S, R-34E.

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Attn: Mike Johnson

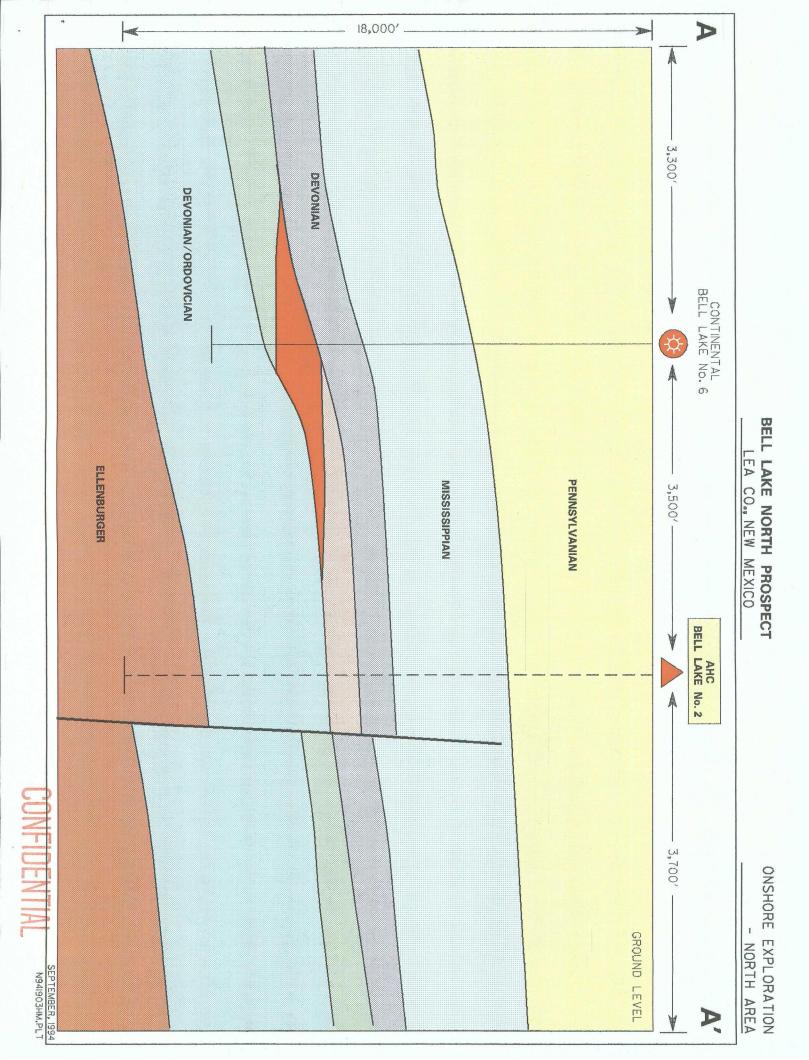
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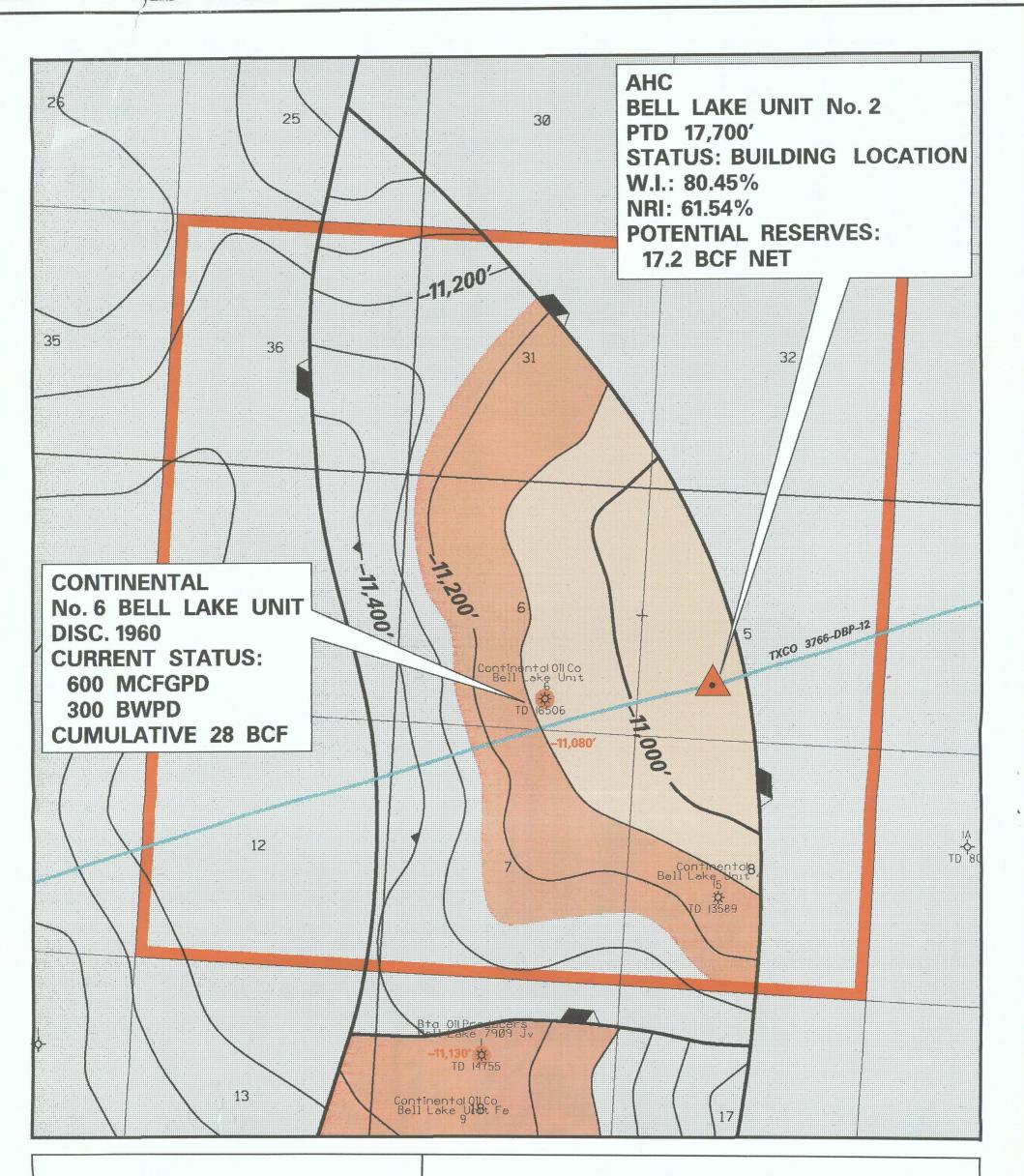
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