

BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF AMERADA HESS CORPORATION
FOR AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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Oil Conservation Division

APPLICATION

COMES NOW AMERADA HESS CORPORATION ("Amerada Hess"), through its attorneys, Campbell, Carr, Berge & Sheridan P. A., and hereby makes application for an order approving an unorthodox well location, and in support thereof states:

1. Applicant is the operator of Section 4, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico and proposes to drill its Vinson Well No. 1 as a wildcat well in the McKee and Ellenburger formations, at an unorthodox location 210 feet from the South line and 2,520 feet from the West line in Unit N of said Section 4.

2. Applicant seeks an exception to the Division's well location requirements to permit the drilling of said well in the McKee and Ellenburger formations at the above-described location.

3. A standard 40-acre spacing and proration unit comprised of the SE/4 SW/4 of said Section 4 should be dedicated to the well.

*Section 4 - 20 South to 38 East
1/4 of 1/4*

4. Approval of this application will afford Amerada Hess the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil and gas from the McKee and Ellenburger formations and will otherwise be in the best interest of the conservation, the protection of correlative rights and the prevention of waste.

WHEREFORE, Amerada Hess Corporation requests that this matter be set for hearing before a duly appointed Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on July 25, 1996, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its Order granting this application and providing such other relief as is proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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