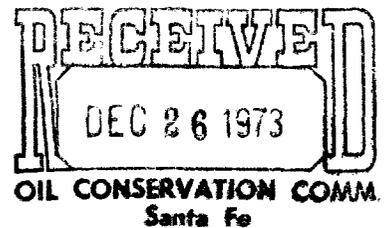


BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO



APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
WEST HOPE UNIT AGREEMENT
EDDY & CHAVES COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO

Case 5160

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Comes the undersigned, RANDOLPH M. RICHARDSON, with offices in Roswell, New Mexico, and files herewith one (1) copy of the proposed Unit Agreement for the development and operation of the West Hope Unit Area, Eddy and Chaves Counties, New Mexico, and hereby makes application for approval of said Unit Agreement as provided by law, and in support thereof, states:

1. That the proposed Unit Area covered by said Agreement embraces 13,448.16 acres of land, more or less, more particularly described as follows:

T-17-S, R-20-E, NMPM
Sections 25 and 36; All

T-17-S, R-21-E, NMPM
Sections 20, 21, 22; All
Sections 26 thru 35, incl.; All

T-18-S, R-20-E, NMPM
Section 1; All

T-18-S, R-21-E, NMPM
Sections 3 thru 9, incl.; All

Eddy and Chaves Counties, New Mexico

2. That of the lands embraced within the proposed Unit, 6,360.09 acres are lands of the United States, being 47.29% of the Area, 6,434.60 acres are State of New Mexico lands, being 47.85% of the Unit Area, and 653.47 acres are Patented (Fee) lands, being 4.86% of the Unit Area.

3. That Applicant is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief states that the proposed Unit Area covers all, or substantially all, of the geological feature involved and that in the event of a discovery of oil or gas thereon, that said Unit Agreement will permit the producing area to be developed and operated in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste of the unitized substances.

4. That Randolph M. Richardson is designated as the Unit Operator in said Unit Agreement and, as such, is given authority under the terms thereof to carry on all operations necessary for the development and operation of the Unit Area for oil and gas subject to all applicable laws and regulations. That said Unit Agreement provides for the drilling of an initial test well to a depth sufficient to test all beds of Pennsylvanian Age, but applicant is not obligated to drill said well in any event to a depth in excess of 6,600 feet.

5. That applicant believes that in the event oil or gas is discovered in paying quantities on lands within the Unit Area, that the field or area can be developed more economically and efficiently under the terms of said Unit Agreement, to the end that maximum recovery will be obtained of unitized substances and that said Unit Agreement is in the interest of conservation of prevention of waste as contemplated by the New Mexico Oil Conservation rules and regulations.

6. That upon an order being entered by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission approving said Unit Agreement, and after approval by the United States Department of Interior, an approved copy will be filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.

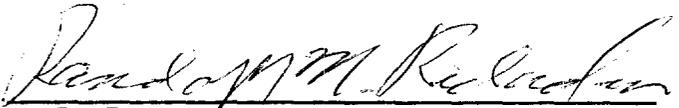
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WHEREFORE, the undersigned applicant respectfully requests that a hearing be held before an examiner on the matter of said Unit Agreement and that upon said hearing, said Unit Agreement be approved by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission as being in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste. Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be heard at the first available hearing following this date.

DATED this 18th day of December, 1973.

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