

**Shell Western E&P Inc.**

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The State of New Mexico  
Energy and Minerals Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
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*Case 8263*

Gentlemen:

RE: APPLICATION FOR ORDER:

- (1) APPROVING 35 UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATIONS
- (2) APPROVING DIRECTIONAL DRILLING OF 3 WELLS AT UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATIONS, AND
- (3) EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT DRAINAGE FINDINGS FOR THE WELLS

IN THE HOBBS GRAYBURG-SAN ANDRES POOL  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Shell Western E&P Inc., as operator of the North Hobbs (Grayburg-San Andres) Unit, Lea County, New Mexico, proposes to drill, as infill wells, 38 unit wells, more particularly identified on Exhibits "A" and "B" attached hereto, at the locations described on Exhibits "A" and "B", Hobbs Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

Shell Western E&P Inc. ("Shell Western") respectfully applies for an order approving this application as described more particularly below.

I. Unorthodox Well Location

Shell Western applies for an order allowing it to drill each of the wells identified on Exhibit "A" at the unorthodox well location described on Exhibit "A". The unorthodox well locations are necessary to complete on an efficient production and injection pattern within the North Hobbs Grayburg-San Andres Pressure Maintenance Project approved in Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-6199.

II. Directional Drilling at Unorthodox Well Locations

Shell Western applies for an order allowing it to directionally drill each of the wells identified on Exhibit B and to drill

each well at the unorthodox surface location and unorthodox bottom hole location described in Exhibit "B". The unorthodox locations are necessary to complete an efficient production and injection pattern within the North Hobbs Grayburg-San Andres Pressure Maintenance Project. Directional drilling is necessitated by surface obstructions.

III. Effective and Efficient Finding

Shell Western applies for an order finding that each well listed on Exhibits "A" and "B" is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the North Hobbs Grayburg-San Andres Pool covered by the existing proration unit, into which the well will be drilled, which cannot be so drained by any existing well within the proration unit.

Therefore, Shell Western requests that this application be set for hearing before an examiner on the July 11, 1984, docket.

Oral application for the relief sought herein was made 22 days prior to July 11, 1984, in accordance with Rule 1203 of the Division Rules and Regulations. Amoco Production Company (USA), Moranco, and Phillips Petroleum Co. have been notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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# EXHIBIT A

## NORTH HOBBS (GRAYBURG-SAN ANDRES) UNIT HOBBS GRAYBURG-SAN ANDRES POOL LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

<u>Well No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>TWP</u>	<u>RNG</u>
13-342	1200' FSL, 2500' FEL	13	18S	37E
13-442	1200' FSL, 220' FEL	13	18S	37E
24-312	10' FNL, 2630' FEL	24	18S	37E
24-414	10' FNL, 1280' FEL	24	18S	38E
19-212	1460' FWL, 160' FNL	19	18S	37E
24-432	1280' FEL, 2480' FSL	24	18S	38E
19-232	1390' FWL, 2795' FNL	19	18S	38E
20-132	180' FWL, 2490' FSL	20	18S	37E
24-442	200' FEL, 1260' FSL	24	18S	38E
19-332	2535' FEL, 1430' FSL	19	18S	37E
24-212	2620' FWL, 1280' FNL	24	18S	38E
29-442	170' FEL, 1230' FSL	29	18S	38E
30-242	1400' FWL, 200' FSL	30	18S	38E
30-444	215' FSL, 1255' FEL	30	18S	38E
32-312	1400' FEL, 210' FNL	32	18S	38E
32-422	110' FEL, 1385' FNL	32	18S	38E
33-212	1420' FWL, 205' FNL	33	18S	38E
31-422	2259' FNL, 600' FEL	31	18S	38E

<u>Well No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>TWP</u>	<u>RNG</u>
32-223	1410' FWL, 2630' FNL	32	18S	38E
32-423	1280' FEL, 2540' FNL	32	18S	38E
33-323	1420' FEL, 2495' FNL	33	18S	38E
32-143	300' FWL, 1185' FSL	32	18S	38E
32-332	2350' FEL, 1550' FSL	32	18S	38E
33-242	2530' FWL, 1280' FSL	33	18S	38E
19-442	380' FEL, 1100' FSL	19	18S	38E
24-342	145' FSL, 1435' FEL	24	18S	37E
30-112	200' FNL, 1310' FWL	30	18S	38E
30-113	1310' FNL, 195' FWL	30	18S	38E
29-322	2350' FEL, 1430' FNL	29	18S	38E
28-122	200' FWL, 1592' FNL	28	18S	38E
30-233	1480' FWL, 2455' FSL	30	18S	38E
30-332	1600' FEL, 2470' FSL	30	18S	38E
30-432	180' FEL, 2260' FSL	30	18S	38E
29-323	2500' FEL, 2540' FNL	29	18S	38E
29-122	180' FWL, 1600' FNL	29	18S	38E

EXHIBIT B

NORTH HOBBS (GRAYBURG-SAN ANDRES) UNIT  
HOBBS GRAYBURG-SAN ANDRES POOL  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

<u>Well No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>TWP</u>	<u>RNG</u>
28-242	Suf 2014' FWL, 1163' FSL Bhl 2400' FWL, 1100' FSL	28	18S	38E
33-312	Suf 1702' FEL, 136' FNL Bhl 1330' FEL, 10' FNL	33	18S	38E
30-312	Suf 500' FNL, 1448' FEL Bhl 20' FNL, 1268' FEL	30	18S	38E