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August 10, 2010

Holland & Hart  
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Santa Fe, NM 87504-2208

Attention: Mr. William F. Carr

Re: Preliminary Approval to Second Unit Enlargement  
West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Unit  
Harding County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Carr:

This office has received your letter of July 30, 2010 on behalf of Hess Corporation requesting preliminary approval of the second enlargement of the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Unit area, Harding County, New Mexico. The proposed expansion meets the general requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands, who has this date granted you preliminary approval to the second expansion of the unit area.

Preliminary approval shall not be construed to mean final approval of this agreement in any way and will not extend any short term leases, until final approval and an effective date have been given.

When submitting your agreement for final approval, please submit the following:

1. Application for final approval by the Commissioner setting forth the tracts that have been committed and the tracts that have not been committed.
2. Pursuant to Rule 19.2.100.51, applications for approval shall contain a statement of facts showing:
  - a. That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy.
  - b. That under the proposed unit operation, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil and gas in place under its lands in the proposed unit area.
  - c. That each beneficiary institution of the State of New Mexico will receive its fair and equitable share of the recoverable oil and gas under its lands within the unit area.
  - d. That such unit agreement is in other respects for the best interest of the trust.

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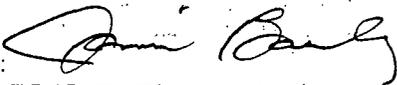
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3. All ratifications from the Lessees of Record and Working Interest Owners. All signatures should be acknowledged by a notary and one set must contain original signatures.
4. Designation/concurrence from the Bureau of Land Management.
5. Order of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Our approval will be conditioned upon subsequent favorable approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and the Bureau of Land Management.
6. Your filing fee in the amount of \$3,240.00 has been received.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY: 

JAMI BAILEY, Director  
Oil, Gas and Minerals Division  
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cc: OCD-Santa Fe, Attention: Mr. Ed Martin  
BLM Farmington, Attn: Mr. Jim Lovato  
Hess Corp. Attn: Mr. James S. Hughart

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January 7, 2010

Holland & Hart  
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Attn: Mr. William F. Carr

Re: 2010 Plans of Development  
West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Unit  
Harding County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Carr:

The Commissioner of Public Lands has, of this date, approved the referenced Plan of Development. Our approval is subject to like approval by all other appropriate agencies. The possibility of drainage by wells outside the unit area, and the need for further development of the unit may exist; therefore, we may contact you at a later date regarding these possibilities.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

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BLMC- Wesley Ingram

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