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March 9, 2011

Hess Corporation
Attn: Mr. James S. Hughart
500 Dallas Street
Houston, TX 77002

Administrative Order NSP-1949

**Re: WBDGU 1830 Well No. 31K
2130 feet FSL & 2310 feet FWL
Section 3, Township 18N, Range 30E, NMPM,
Harding County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Hughart:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your administrative non-standard proration unit (NSP) application (**administrative application reference No. pTGW11-02856067**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on January 28, 2011; and

(b) the Division's records pertinent to your request.

Hess Corporation [OGRID 495] has requested approval of a non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the West Bravo Dome (Tubb) CO2 Gas Pool Pool (96387), consisting of SW/4 of Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 30 East, NMPM, in Harding County, New Mexico.

The proposed unit will be dedicated to your WBDGU 1830 Well No. 31 K (API No. 30-021-20446) (formerly the Mitchell #31), located 2130 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the West line (Unit K) of said Section 3.

Spacing in this pool is governed by the Special Rules and Regulations for the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Area, as provided in Order No. R-8352 issued in Case No. 7737 on



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November 19, 1984, which provide that standard gas units shall consist of 640 acres. Non-standard gas units consisting of less than 640 acres may be established by administrative order, provided that (a) the non-standard unit consists of quarter-quarter sections that are contiguous by a common bordering side, (b) the non-standard unit lies wholly within a governmental section, and (c) the applicant gives required notices to all offset operators and operators of land in the section in which the proposed unit is located that will be excluded from the proposed unit. All of these requirements for an administrative exception for the proposed non-standard unit have been met.

Your NSP application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.11.B(2) and 4.12.A(3) and Rule 3 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Area.

Pursuant to the authority of Rule 15.11.B(2) and Rule 3 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Area, the above-described non-standard 160-acre carbon dioxide gas spacing and proration unit is hereby approved.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Daniel Sanchez', is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and extends to the right.

J. Daniel Sanchez
Acting Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Santa Fe District Supervisor