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Director
Oil Conservation Division
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Minerals and Natural Resources
220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

2130 FSL & 2310 FWL
K-3-18N-30E

Re: *Application of Hess Corporation for Administrative Approval of a Non-Standard Gas Spacing Unit for its WBDGU 1830 031K Well, comprised of 160 acres in the Southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Harding County, New Mexico.*

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

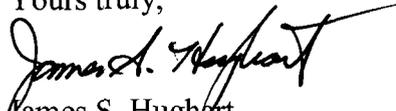
Hess Corporation, operator of the WBDGU (formerly Mitchell) 1830 031K carbon dioxide gas well, located in the NE/4SW/4 of Section 3, T18N, R30E, West Bravo Dome Field, hereby seeks administrative approval pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 19.15.15.11.B(2), of a non-standard gas spacing and proration unit in the Tubb formation, Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Pool for its WBDGU 1830 031K Well to be comprised of 160 acres in the Southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Harding County, New Mexico.

The creation of this non-standard gas spacing unit will enable Hess to produce the well from its lease from T. E. Mitchell & Son, Inc., which is committed to the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Unit (WBDGU). Hess would not include State of New Mexico Lease # LO 5852-4 comprising lot 1, SE/4NE/4, E/2SE/4, SW/4SE/4 of Section 3 in a 640 acre spacing unit, which acreage is owned by Oxy USA, Inc. and was long ago committed to the Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Unit. Also excluded from this non-standard unit will be lots 2, 3, 4, S/2NW/4, SW/4NE/4 and NW/4SE/4 which is owned by Hess Corporation and is also committed to the WBDGU. The creation of this non-standard spacing unit will facilitate efficient WBDGU operations and avoid the cumbersome operational, accounting and division of interest issues that would result from merging Bravo Dome and West Bravo Dome units for a single well due to State spacing rules.

As you will note from the attached plat, this non-standard spacing and proration unit is comprised of contiguous quarter-quarter sections and lots and lies wholly within a single governmental half section. Attached is a plat which shows the subject spacing unit for this well and all adjoining spacing units or leases. Also attached is a list of all parties affected by this application.

On or before the date on which this application was filed with the Division, a copy of this application with all attachments thereto was mailed to each of the affected parties by Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested. Each of the affected parties was advised that if they have an objection to the proposed non-standard spacing or proration unit it must be filed in writing with the Division's Santa Fe office within twenty days from the date notice was sent. They were also advised that if no objections were received by the Division within twenty days, the Division Director could approve the application.

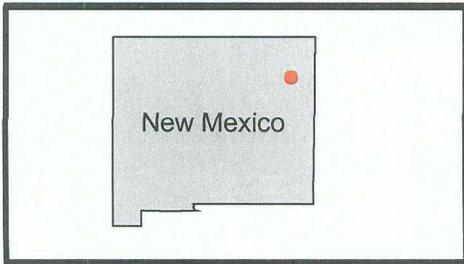
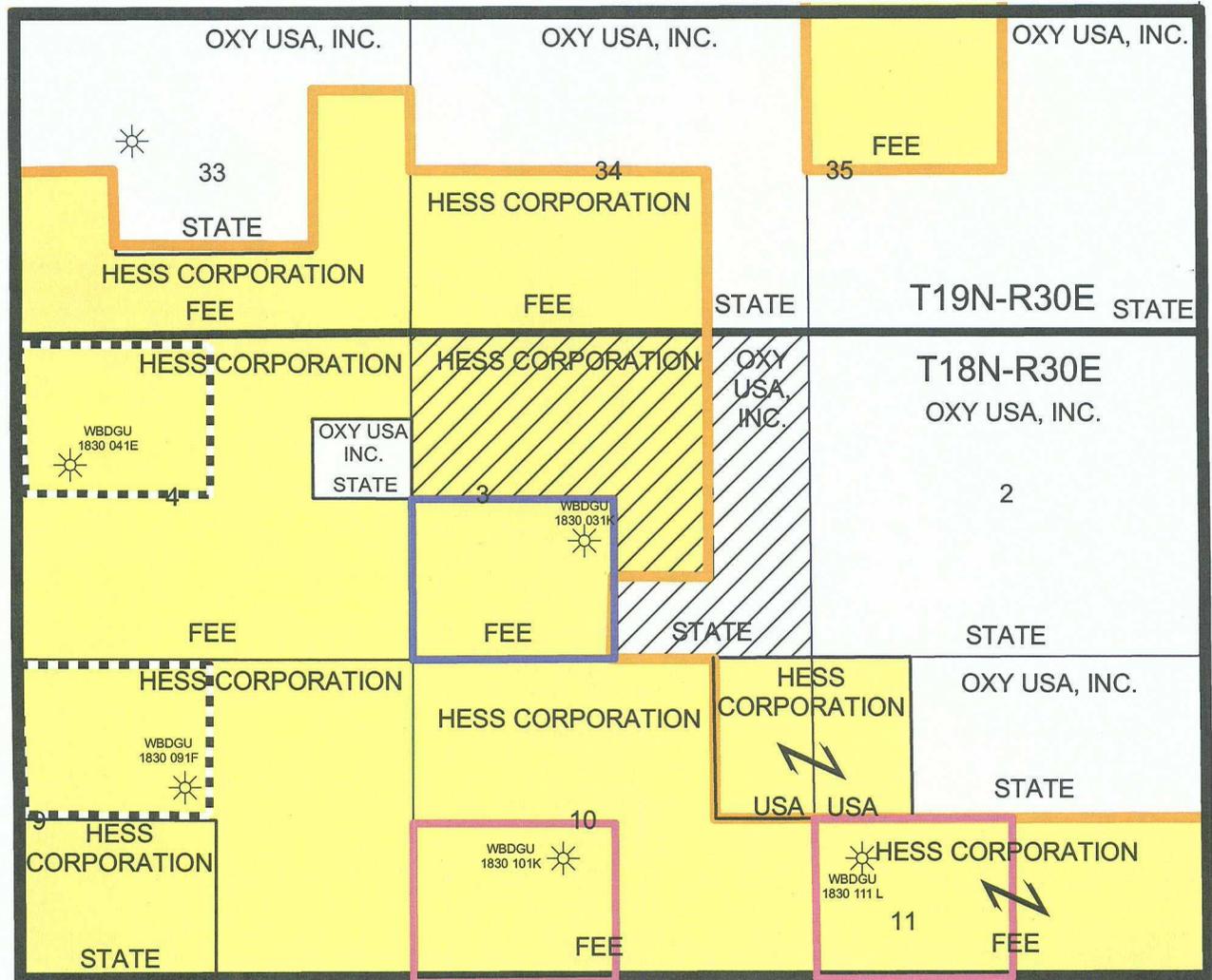
Yours truly,



James S. Hughart,
Land Manager

Encl.

cc: Mr. William F. Carr
Holland & Hart



Legend
Proposed wells

- NON-STANDARD UNIT MITCHELL 1830 031K
- OFFSETING UNITS
- OTHER PROPOSED NON-STANDARD UNITS
- ACREAGE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM NON-STANDARD UNIT
- BRAVO DOME/WEST BRAVO DOME BOUNDARY LINE

HESS CORPORATION
LEASE MAP
WBDGU 1830 031 K WELL
NINE SECTION AREA
AROUND DRILLSITE LOCATION

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AFFECTED PARTIES

Application of Hess Corporation
Administrative approval of a non-standard spacing unit
WBDGU 1830 031K Well
160 acres (Southwest Quarter)
Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 30 East, NMPM
Harding, New Mexico.

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