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February 15, 2000

Amerada Hess Corporation  
P.O. Box 840  
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Attn: Mr. Roy L. Wheeler, Jr.

Re: Application for Surface Commingling  
State "Q" Well Nos. 1, 4, and 7  
Unit Letters I and J, Section 16-20S-37E  
State Lease A0-1469-2  
Abo/Tubb/ and Monument Paddock Pools  
Commingling Order PC-976  
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

We have received your letter of February 3, 2000, wherein you requested our approval to surface commingle the production from the above wells at the State "Q" Storage Facility located in the NW/4SE/4 of Section 16-20S-37E.

We understand that production from the State "Q" (Wells Nos. 1, 4 & 7) will be metered separately.

Since it appears that there will be no loss of revenue to the State of New Mexico's beneficiaries as a result of your proposed operation, your request is hereby approved. Our approval is given with the understanding that the Commissioner of Public Lands reserves the right to amend or withdraw his approval, should this operation prove to be unprofitable to the state at any time in the future. Also, our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

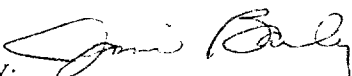
Your \$30.00 filing fee has been received.

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

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:

  
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Enclosure

xc: Reader File

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