

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF  
THE SUNLAND PARK UNIT AGREEMENT  
DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case 8268

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Comes the undersigned Randolph M. Richardson, with offices at Roswell, New Mexico, and files herewith one (1) copy of the proposed Unit Agreement for the development and operation of the Sunland Park Unit Area, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and hereby makes application for the approval of said Unit Agreement as provided by law, and in support thereof states:

1. That the proposed Unit Area covered by said Agreement embraces approximately 22,284.00 acres of land, more or less, more particularly described as follows:

T-26-S, R-1-W, NMPM

Section 13: E $\frac{1}{2}$   
Sections 24, 25, 36: All  
Section 35: E $\frac{1}{2}$

T-27-S, R-1-W, NMPM

Section 1: N $\frac{1}{2}$

T-26-S, R-1-E, NMPM

Sections 7, 18, 19, 20: All  
Section 21: S $\frac{1}{2}$   
Sections 27 through 36,  
inclusive: All

T-27-S, R-1-E, NMPM

Sections 1 through 16,  
inclusive: All

Dona Ana County, New Mexico

2. That of the lands embraced within the proposed Unit, 16,143.00 acres are lands of the United States, being 72.44% of the Area, 5,980.00 acres are State of New Mexico lands being 26.84% of the Area, and 160.00 acres are patented (Fee) lands being 0.72% of the Unit Area.

3. That Applicant is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief states, that the proposed unit area covers all or substantially all of the geological feature involved, and that in the event of a discovery of oil and gas thereon, that said Unit Agreement will permit the producing area to be developed or operated in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste of the unitized substances.

4. That Randolph M. Richardson is designated as the Unit Operator in said Unit Agreement, and, as such, is given authority under the terms thereof to carry on all operations necessary for the development and operation of the Unit Area for oil and gas subject to all applicable laws and regulations. That said Unit Agreement provides for the drilling of an Initial Test Well to a depth sufficient to test the Ellenberger formation, but applicant is not obligated to drill said well in any event to a depth in excess of 20,000 feet.

5. That the applicant believes that in the event oil or gas is discovered in paying quantities on lands within the Unit Area, that the field or area can be developed more economically and efficiently under the terms of said Unit Agreement, to the end that maximum recovery will be obtained of unitized substances and that said Unit Agreement is in the interest of conservation of prevention of waste as contemplated by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division rules and regulations.

6. That Application for Approval of said Unit Agreement has been filed with the Commissioner of Public Lands.

7. That upon an order being entered by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division approving said Unit Agreement, and after approval by the United States Department of Interior, an approved copy will be filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned applicant respectfully requests that a hearing be held before an examiner on the matter of said Unit Agreement, and that upon said hearing, said Unit Agreement be approved by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as being in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste. Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be heard at the July 25, 1984, hearing.

DATED this 3rd day of July, 1984.

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