

IN THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI

RE: PETITION OF AMERADA HESS CORPORATION TO
ESTABLISH SPECIAL FIELD RULES FOR THE DRY
CREEK DOME FIELD AND TO DISSOLVE EXISTING
SPECIAL FIELD RULES FOR GUM BRANCH FIELD
IN COVINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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DOCKET NO. 42-95-565 & 787

EMERGENCY
ORDER NO. 59-95

EMERGENCY ORDER

THIS DAY this matter came on for hearing before the State Oil and Gas Board on the Emergency Petition of Amerada Hess Corporation to authorize simultaneous production from the Minerals Management 28-1 No. 1 Well and the Minerals Management No. 2 Well, for no more than 45 days; such hearing being called for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board has fully considered said matter and the evidence and recommendations made in said hearing and finds as follows:

1. By permit duly issued on May 19, 1993, Amerada Hess Corporation has drilled its Minerals Management 28-1 No. 1 Well on a 640 acre gas unit to a total depth of 15,055 feet. This well was drilled as a wildcat and discovered a productive gas pool in the Hosston Formation. Petitioner has since drilled its Minerals Management No. 2 Well on the same 640 acre drilling unit and has discovered a second gas pool in the Hosston Formation. Petitioner has staked locations for two more wells in this field.

2. These wells have been drilled in what is now designated as Dry Creek Dome Field. It is appropriate to establish Special Field Rules for development of these gas pools and to establish the geographical area for the general structural feature which has created these pools. Petitioner has proposed to define Dry Creek Dome Field to include the following lands:

Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and
29, Township 8 North, Range 17 West, Covington
County, Mississippi.

Petitioner has also proposed to define the two new Hosston Gas Pools as the Upper Hosston 14,000 Foot Gas Pool of the Southeast Segment and the Upper Hosston 14,500 Foot Gas Pool of the Southeast Segment in Dry Creek Dome Field.

3. Petitioner is currently producing its Minerals Management 28-1 No. 1 Well from the Upper Hosston 14,000 Foot Gas Pool and three stray sands. It anticipates having its Minerals Management No. 2 Well ready for production from the Upper Hosston 14,500 Foot Gas Pool around February 15. It is important to Petitioner that these two wells be able to produce from these separate pools and not be shut-in pending a hearing of this matter at the March 1995 meeting of this Board. Additional production information is necessary for Petitioner to be able to evaluate the completion of its Willie Von McRaney No. 1 well, now drilling immediately West of the Minerals Management wells. Petitioner is entitled to an emergency order temporarily approving this simultaneous production.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Petitioner is authorized to simultaneously produce the Minerals Management 28-1 No. 1 Well and the Minerals Management No. 2 Well in their present configuration, for a period not to exceed 45 days and subject to a final hearing on this Petition, after proper notice, at the regular ~~March 15~~, 1995 meeting of this Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner shall acquire all other permits, if any, required by any other permitting authority.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, this the 15th day of February, 1995.

MISSISSIPPI STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD

By:

Joseph S. Zuccaro
CHAIRMAN