STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER AND CONSIDERATION OF:

AMENDED APPLICATION OF ALPHA ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC, FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

> OCD CASE NO. 25166 OCC CASE NO. 25694 ORDER NO. 23961

AMENDED APPLICATION OF ALPHA ENERGY PARTNERS II, LLC, FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

> OCD CASE NO. 25495 OCC CASE NO. 25696 ORDER NO. 23977

AMENDED APPLICATION OF ALPHA ENERGY PARTNERS II, LLC, FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

> OCD CASE NO. 25496 OCC CASE NO. 25695 ORDER NO. 23989

MOTION REQUESTING THE COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THAT AER'S REPRESENTATIONS OF PURPORTED SHUT-IN PAYMENTS WERE KNOWINGLY MADE IN BAD FAITH

Alpha Energy Partners, II, LLC, and affiliate AEP II Operating, LLC (collectively "Alpha"), through its undersigned attorneys, submits to the Oil Conservation Commission ("Commission" or "OCC") this Motion ("Motion") requesting the Commission to find that the representations of the purported shut-in payments made by American Energy Resources, LLC ("AER") in the above-referenced cases ("Subject Cases") were false representations knowingly made in bad faith. In support of its Motion, Alpha provides the following:

I. Relevant Procedural History and Background:

1. At the Status Conference held before the Commission on November 13, 2025, the Commissioners heard the pleadings presented by AER, in particular, AER's Amended and

Combined American Motion to Strike, Dismiss as Moot, and Response to Alpha Response to American Application for De Novo hearing and Emergency Motion to Stay Division Order Nos. R-23961, R-23989, and R-23977 ("AER's Response"), in which AER presented to the OCC as its Exhibit N2 thirty-nine checks all dated February 28, 2025, purporting to have adhered to the shutin terms of AER's antiquated and supplanted leases by which it claims ownership.

- 2. At the conclusion of the status conference, the Commission remained undecided whether the motion to stay should be granted, stating that the Commission did not have jurisdiction to determine title, and scheduled a subsequent status conference for December 17, 2025, to make any final rulings in the proceedings.
- 3. In its pleadings, Alpha acknowledged that ruling on the validity of title itself was outside the scope of the OCC's jurisdiction but respectfully submitted that the Commission has the authority and jurisdiction to make a ruling on whether a party has taken necessary steps to make a "good faith" claim to title, that the Commission can isolate and evaluate the "good faith" element of a party's claim as separate and distinct from evaluating the validity of the title itself and thereby determine whether a party acted in good or bad faith in its representations, especially if such actions involve false representations to the OCC that clearly show absence of necessary due diligence, total disregard of dispositive notices in the chain of title, and/or representations that, as any reasonable person can see, disregard the meaning of the plain language of a specific provision in a lease. The Division and Commission have the authority to determine whether a party acted in "good faith" in order to protect correlative rights and therefore can determine whether an action, such as drafting and dating a check for shut-in payments, adhered in "good faith" to the plain meaning of a provision in a lease without making a ruling on whether the lease itself is valid.

- 4. Alpha respectfully asks the Commission to determine whether the actions and representations AER made before the OCC, separate from a determination of the validity of title itself, were made in good faith, based on the following legal arguments.
 - II. The Commission Should Not Relinquish its Obligation to Protect Correlative Rights by Asserting a Lack of Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Title Unless the Parties Have Both Established a "Good Faith" Claim to Title That Presents a Bona Fide Title Dispute.
- 5. When parties in a contested pooling hearing present the OCD or OCC with differing amounts of working interest in their ownership exhibits, it is the "responsibility" of each party to ensure that they are presenting a "good faith" claim to title. *See e.g.*, R-11700-B, ¶ 28. A determination of whether this "responsibility" has been fulfilled is based on whether the parties have taken "good faith" steps to the best of their abilities that would safeguard the accuracy of their claims of ownership. Such safeguards would include adhering to the customs and practices of the oil and gas industry that a prudent operator would be expected to follow, including a showing of due diligence in the review of the chain of title and the ability of an operator to show that it adhered to good-faith practices that provides the Commission with a presentation of the ownership. If review of the evidence indicates that the parties made a "good faith" claim of ownership, then it is proper for the Commission to acknowledge that a bona-fide title dispute exists which should be deferred to district court.
- 6. However, if a party presents evidence indicating that the opposing party did **not** make a "good-faith" claim of ownership, then it is proper—and necessary—for the Commission to retain jurisdiction to make a narrowly tailored evaluation of whether such claim was made in good faith. The Commission does **not** thereby adjudicate title; it merely determines whether the parties satisfied their threshold responsibility to present ownership claims supported by good-faith diligence. If, however, the Division and Commission were to conclude that they lack authority to evaluate the

"good-faith" element of a claim to title, then, as a matter of law, the OCD/OCC would have to require every pooling or permitting applicant to first obtain a district court determination that its ownership representation was made in good faith before submitting any ownership report at all. Otherwise, every ownership calculation the OCD/OCC makes—including basic determinations of working-interest percentages—would be illegitimate, because the agency would lack jurisdiction even to assume that the parties' title representations were made in good faith absent a court order. Such a regime would leave the OCC unable to rely on any ownership exhibit submitted to it.

- 7. Clearly, such a requirement would be absurd and unmanageable. The Commission could not function if applicants were forced to obtain district-court confirmations of "good faith" before the OCC could even review ownership exhibits. Thus, the Commission's authority to evaluate the good-faith component of a party's claim is essential—especially where a party presents evidence that its opponent made false representations or failed to satisfy basic due-diligence obligations necessary to establish a good-faith claim. When such evidence is presented, the Commission may determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, that a party acted in bad faith, thereby corrupting the administrative process. *See, e.g.,* Paragraphs 16-20 below, discussing the requirement that all administrative remedies—including the OCC's evaluation of the "good-faith" element—must be exhausted before the Commission can conclude that a bona-fide title dispute exists warranting referral to a district court.
 - III. AER Made False Representations in Bad Faith to the Commission by Presenting Checks Dated February 28, 2025, Which Fail as Evidence of Adhering to the Clear Terms of Shut-in Payments.
- 8. In its Response, AER presented the Commission with copies of checks for shut-in payments it allegedly sent to the lessors of the antiquated and supplanted leases ("AER's Leases) by which AER purports to have made a good -faith claim of ownership. The purpose of a shut-in

payment is to perpetuate a lease after the subject well has ceased production, and in order be a good-faith effort, the shut-in payment must comply with the plain language of the shut-in provision of the lease. The Saik Well began ceasing its production in 2008 and showed no production whatsoever from 2010 to 2024, more than 14 years of zero production. *See* the production history of the Saik Well attached hereto as Exhibit 1. All of AER's checks listed the original lessors and were dated February 28, 2025. Furthermore, the plain language of the shut-in provisions of AER's Leases had the same or similar language stating that any shut-in payment must be made on or before ninety (90) days after the date on which the well is shut-in.

- 9. However, the Saik Well remained a non-producing well for more than a decade, as shown by the Division's records, prompting EMNRD to issue the NOV Letter in 2017 in which it determined that the Saik Well was a non-producing well in violation of statewide rules and demanded that the operator return the well to production, place it on temporary abandonment status, or plug the well. However, the operator failed to respond to the NOV Letter, and the Saik Well remained a non-producing well for eight years thereafter, far beyond the 90-day deadline allowed by the plain language of the shut-in provision in AER's Leases.
- 10. In its Exhibit N2, AER, for example, presents a check to Emma Louise Bell, the original Lessor, representing to the Commission that this payment is a good-faith effort to comply with the shut-in provision of the lease. However the shut-in provision states: "Lessee may pay or tender as royalty, on or before ninety (90) days after the date on which said well is shut in and thereafter at annual intervals the sum of \$1.00 per acre, and if such payment is made or tendered, this lease shall not terminate and it will be considered that gas is being produced from this lease in paying quantities." See the 1969 lease to Emma Bell attached hereto as Exhibit 2. Not only is it clear from the plain language of the provision that AER's check was sent far past the 90-day deadline, but Emma Louise Bell passed away on November 4, 2005, according to the Affidavit of Heirship

and Death Certificate recorded June 18, 2007 (Reception No. 0707311) in Eddy County, New Mexico, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit 3. Charles R. Bell is listed as her only heir who is now the owner of the minerals. The plain language of the lease further states: "Payment or tender of said shut-in gas royalty may be made by the check or draft of Lessee mailed or delivered to the parties entitled thereto on or before the date the payment is due." (emphasis added)

- 11. Without adjudicating title itself, that is, without determining the validity of the lease itself, the Commission certainly has the authority and jurisdiction to review the plain language of the shut-in provision to determine whether the presentation of AER's check provides a good-faith effort to present evidence that corresponds with the terms and plain meaning of the provision, which is the purpose of AER's presenting the check to the OCC, just as the Commission has the authority and jurisdiction to review the good-faith efforts of a party to present its percentage of ownership in an ownership exhibit in a contested hearing, or review a party's good-faith efforts to negotiate, or review a party's good-faith efforts to prudently operate a well. Upon review of the plain language of the shut-in clause, the Commission should be able to determine that AER's presentation of a check dated February 28, 2025, is a bad-faith effort to induce the OCC into believing that AER met the 90-day deadline for shut-in payments, which as shown by the OCD's record of no production, had passed years ago; thus, even any reasonable lay-person can see, without having to evaluate title, that AER's check is a false representation to the Commission. See also the Affidavit from Wildcat Energy, LLC stating that no shut-in payments for the Saik Well were made after it ceased production more than a decade ago, attached hereto as Exhibit 4.
- 12. Furthermore, the fact that AER made the check payable to Emma Louise Bell, the original Lessor, and not to Charles R. Bell, the current owner of the minerals, demonstrates that AER failed to make a good-faith effort of due diligence to determine "the parties entitled" to shut-in payments, as required by the plain language of the lease and by the custom and standards of what

constitutes a prudent operator in the oil and gas industry. A "good-faith" claim of ownership would have included a prudent review of the chain of title for the purpose of identifying Charles R. Bell as the party "entitled" to payment, as stated in the lease, a review which would have led to the discovery of the Affidavit of Heirship and Emma Bell's Death Certificate. The fact that AER made the check payable to Emma Louise Bell, a deceased person, who is no longer entitled to nor capable of receiving payment indicates that AER made false representations by presenting the checks in an effort to mislead the Commission.

- 13. Another prime example involving the mineral interests of Ben and Carrie Wheeler ("Wheeler") further highlights AER's misrepresentations and failure to satisfy the prerequisite "good-faith" elements of its claim to ownership over which the Commission has jurisdiction to evaluate and which should be established before parties can claim the existence of a bona-fide title dispute that would require the Commission to relinquish its jurisdiction to district court. In 1948, the Wheeler's leased their mineral interest in the Subject Lands for a primary term of 5 years to R.L. Martin by Oil and Gas Lease recorded in Eddy County in Book 31, Page 388. See 1948 Lease attached hereto as Exhibit 5. Eighteen years later, the Wheeler's leased their same mineral interest to David J. Sorenson on December 8, 1966, by Oil and Gas Lease recorded in Eddy County in Book 172, Page 184. A copy is attached as Exhibit 6. This second Lease to Sorenson is a 1966 lease by which AER purports to claim an interest in the Subject Lands, even though the interest had been previously leased in 1948.
- 14. AER's check dated February 28, 2025, sent for the alleged purpose of making a shut-in payment was made out to Ben Wheeler, the original lessor; however, if AER had performed proper due diligence in "good faith," AER would have discovered that Ben Wheeler had been deceased by 1980 and the new owners who would have been "entitled" to payment were Dorothy S. Wheeler, Barbara K. Beasley, Constance Irene Hood, and Gary Bennett Wheeler. *See* Ben Wheeler's Deed of

Distribution recorded in Eddy County in Book 246, Page 776, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 7. The fact that AER did not make payment to "the party or parties who at the time of such payment would be entitled to receive the royalties," as required by the lease (*see id.*), demonstrates that AER again made false representations to the Commission when it submitted the check dated February 28, 2025, made out to a deceased person, who is not entitled to shut-in payments.

- 15. Furthermore, the 1966 Lease states: "but [if] gas and/or condensate is not being sold or used and such well is shut-in, either before or after production therefrom, then on or before 90 days after said well is shut-in, and thereafter at annual intervals, lessee may pay or tender an advance annual shut-in royalty equal to the amount of delay rentals provided for in the lease for the acreage then held under this lease by the party making such payment or tender, and so long as said shut-in royalty is paid or tendered this lease shall not terminate...." See id. Again, there is a 90-day deadline after production ceases to make the shut-in payment. The Saik Well ceased production more than 14 years prior to the date of AER's check, long after the 90-day deadline, and therefore the Commission can determine that the payment was made and submitted in "bad faith" without having to determine the validity of the lease itself. Alpha respectfully asks the Commission, upon review of this evidence, to rule that AER acted in bad faith.
- 16. Finally, a comparison of AER's checks to a "good faith" review of documents and notices in the chain of title show that 28 of the 39 persons listed on AER's checks are deceased and therefore are not the persons "entitled" to shut-in payments under the plain terms of AER's leases. See Alpha's spreadsheet listing the persons to whom AER sent checks and their current status attached hereto as Exhibit 8; see also the Self-Affirmed Statement of Alpha's Landman confirming his "good-faith" review of deadlines in the leases attached hereto as Exhibit 9. Alpha's Landman only had to expend an hour of his time to make a "good faith" review of the chain of title to determine whom among AER's Leases were deceased and who would still be entitled to shut-in payments

pursuant the plain language of the leases, assuming hypothetically that payments could have been made more than a decade after the 90-day deadline, which they cannot be. *See id*.

- IV. All Administrative Remedies Within a State Agency's Jurisdiction Must be Exhausted Before the Commission Can Defer a Matter to District Court.
- 17. It is a common practice for mineral owners to enter into new leases with other lessees once their previous leases have expired by the terms of the lease, such as by a lack of production and/or failure to make timely shut-in payments. The Commission has an obligation to protect correlative rights by ensuring that the rightful owners in a unit receive their just and equitable share of production. *See* NMSA 1978 § 70-2-6 (The OCC shall have jurisdiction, authority, and control over all persons, matters or things necessary or proper to enforce effectively the provisions of the Oil and Gas Act, which should easily include a review of the "good-faith" elements of a claim to title separate from the determination of the validity of title itself); *see also Continental Oil Co. v. OCC*, 1962-NMSC-062, P 11 (The power granting the OCC authority and jurisdiction over matters related to conservation of oil and gas is founded on the duty to protect correlative rights and prevent waste).
- 18. If a party threatens and/or violates correlative rights by making false representations of fact to the Commission and engaging in bad-faith behavior by intentionally disregarding due diligence and other standard practices within the oil and gas industry that are necessary to establish the "good faith" element of a claim to ownership, then the Commission has the authority and the obligation to review and rule on such factual matters (i.e., finding that AER engaged in false representations when presenting its claim to title) separately and distinguishable from ruling on validity of the title itself which is a matter of law. See U.S. West Commc'ns, Inc. v. N.M. State Corp. Comm'n, 1998-NMSC-032, ¶ 9 (stating that under the exhaustion of administrative remedies doctrine, where relief is available from an administrative agency, a party is ordinarily required to

pursue that avenue of redress before proceeding to the courts; and until that recourse is exhausted, suit is premature and must be dismissed).

- 19. The issues of "good faith" that Alpha is asking the Commission to address require the unique expertise of the Commission and Division who are knowledgeable of and involved in the standards, practices, and expectations within the oil and gas industry, questions such whether it is prudent to acquire and attempt to operate, instead of plugging, a well that has a history of violations from lack of production; whether a party acting in good faith would attempt to present checks to the Commission dated long after the clear deadlines for shut-in payments as stated in the leases; whether a party acting in good faith would perform the necessary due diligence to ensure that it was making payments to current, living mineral owners who are entitled to shut-in payments rather than to deceased person who no longer own the minerals. These questions of fact should first be addressed and ruled on by the Commission pursuant to its expertise before it prematurely relinquishes its jurisdiction in order to ensure that a bona-fide title dispute actually exists. See id. at ¶ 11 (stating that administrative remedies are proper, and the exhaustion doctrine exists because "the interests of justice are best served by permitting the agency to resolve factual issues within its peculiar expertise.") (emphasis added).
- 20. Alpha respectfully asks the Commission to exercise both its authority and its unique expertise to evaluate the factual matters of AER's actions and rule on a question squarely within its jurisdiction: Given the clarity of the 90-day deadline stated in the shut-in provisions of the Bell and Wheeler Leases, did AER make false representations to the Commission when it presented its checks dated February 28, 2025, -- more than a decade after the Saik Well completely ceased production to induce the Commission into believing that it had satisfied the 90-day deadline of the shut-in provision?

- 21. If the answer is in the affirmative, then Alpha submits that AER failed to satisfy the "good-faith" element of its claim to ownership before the Commission. The evaluation of whether a party has acted in good faith is a purely factual matter. The fact that AER presented checks more than 14 years after the well ceased all production for the purpose of showing the OCC it met the 90-day deadline; the fact that AER never provided an ownership report or exhibit to the OCD or to the Commission demonstrating its alleged percentage of ownership; the fact that AER failed to address the NOV Letter for eight years after it acquired the antiquated and supplanted leases for the Saik Unit; and the fact that AER reported production from the Saik Well starting in 2025 in the amount of 1 MCF per month when the Saik Well had no meter for measuring production and its gathering pipeline was capped (see Alpha's Motion Requesting and Evidentiary Hearing to Determine Whether the Saik #001 Well Should be Plugged) all these matters are factual matters requiring the oil and gas expertise of the Commission to evaluate and rule on before it defers the matters to district court in the form of a bona-fide title dispute.
- 22. Because there are indications it made false representations to the Commission and failed to satisfy the "good-faith" element in its claim to ownership, AER does not meet the criteria of the *Tenneco* test for granting a stay, as AER in light of its bad-faith actions is not likely to, nor should it, prevail on the merits of these cases; furthermore, it would be harmful to the public interest to set a precedent of rewarding a bad actor and its bad actions a party who intentionally acquired antiquated and supplanted leases for a well that has been non-productive for more than a decade and identified as in violation of the Division's rules, intentionally presented false and ineffective shutin payments to the Commission, and intentionally reported production from a capped pipeline and an absent production meter, and who has used such bad actions to disrupt and abuse legitimate proceedings before the Division and Commission in an effort to attack and undermine legitimate

pooling orders, not the mention the more than 700 owners who would be harmed by having the right to their just and equitable share of production denied by a stay.

23. The Parties of Record—Permian Resources Operating, LLC, Sarvis Permian Land Fund I, LLC, U.S. Energy Development Corporation, and Sarvis Rockmont Permian Land Fund, LLC—have been informed of the filing of this Motion and have not stated a position as of this filing date. Alpha has also notified American Energy Resources, LLC of the filing of this Motion, and because the requested relief is adverse to its asserted interest, Alpha presumes that American Energy Resources, LLC opposes this Motion.

V. **Conclusion:**

For the reasons and evidence provided herein, Alpha respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion and find as a factual matter that AER's representations of shut-in payments were made in bad faith and that AER failed as a factual matter to satisfy the good-faith element of its claim to ownership, findings that should result in a denial of AER's request for a stay.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Well Details

30-015-20971 SAIK #001 [336641]

General Well Information				
Operator:	[372991] American Energy Resources LLC			
Status:	Active		Direction:	Vertical
Well Type:	Gas		Multi-Lateral:	No
Work Type:	New		Mineral Owner:	Private
			Surface Owner:	Private
Surface Location:	B-17-22S-27E 990 FNL 1980 FEL			
Lat/Long:	32.3971138,-104.2098923 NAD83			
GL Elevation:	3122			
KB Elevation:			Sing/Mult Compl:	Single
DF Elevation:			Potash Waiver:	False
Proposed Formation and/or Note	s			
INT TO P&A EXPIRED 5/11/2010				
Depths				
Proposed:	0		True Vertical Depth:	11690
Measured Vertical Depth:	11690		Plugback Measured:	0
Formation Tops				
	Formation	Тор	Producing Method O	btained
Event Dates				
Initial APD Approval:	09/01/1974			
Most Recent APD Approval:	01/07/2025		Current APD Expiration:	09/01/1976
APD Cancellation:				
APD Extension Approval:				
Spud:	03/10/1996		Gas Capture Plan Received:	
Approved Temporary			TA Expiration:	
Abandonment:				
Shut In:				
Plug and Abandoned Intent			PNR Expiration:	
Received:			Last MIT/BHT:	04/18/2025
Well Plugged:				
Site Release:				
Last Inspection:	04/18/2025			

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01/07/2025	[336641] SAIK	#001	[372991] American Energy Resources LLC	New	Gas	Active			
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EXHIBIT 1

10/27/2010	[308584] SAIK	#001	[209564] WILDCAT ENERGY LLC	New	Gas	Active	
01/01/2006	[302160] SAIK	#001	[192463] OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	New	Gas	Active	
02/01/1997	[20597] SAIK	#001	[16696] OXY USA INC	New	Gas	Active	
01/01/1997	[20372] SAIK	#001	[2894] BRISTOL RESOURCES CORP	New	Gas	Active	
01/01/1996	[18292] SAIK	#001	[873] APACHE CORPORATION	New	Gas	Active	
11/01/1995	[4864] SAIK	#001	[9761] APACHE ENERGY RESOURCES CORP	New	Gas	Active	
09/01/1974	[4864] SAIK	#001	[9761] APACHE ENERGY RESOURCES CORP	New	Gas	Active	

Comments			

Pits & Containr	ments											
Id	Name	Rule	Status	(Capacity) Type	Registration	Inspection Before *	Earliest Effective Commencement	Last Effective Cessation	Inspection After *	Closure Report	Reclamation Report	Restoration Complete
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Hole 1	1		13.375	0	358		0	0.0	0	0			0	No
Surface Casing	1		13.375	0	358		358	48.0	358	0		Class C Cement	380	No
Hole 2	1		9.625	0	3560		0	0.0	0	0			0	No
ntermediate 1 Casing	1		9.625	0	3560		3560	36.0	3560	0		Class C Cement	1150	No
Hole 3	1		7.000	0	10500		0	0.0	0	0			0	No
ntermediate 2 Casing	1		7.000	0	10500		10500	23.0	10500	0		Class C Cement	575	No
Packer	1		4.500	9113	9118		5	0.0	0	0			0	No
Hole 4	1		4.500	10392	11685		0	0.0	0	0			0	No

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Tubing 1	1	2.375	0	9113	9113	0.0	0	0		0	No

Well Completions

[73960] CARLSBAD; MORROW, SOUTH (GAS)

Zone Permanently Plugged Last Produced: 04/01/1996 Status:

B-17-22S-27E 990 FNL **Bottomhole Location:** 1980 FEL

Lat/Long: Acreage:

No Consolidation Code: DHC:

> Production Method: Flowing

Well Test Data

Production Test: Test Length: 0 hours Flowing Tubing Pressure: 0 psi Flowing Casing Pressure: 0 psi

Choke Size: 0.000 inches Testing Method:

Gas Volume: 0.0 MCF Oil Volume: 0.0 bbls Gas-Oil Ratio: 0 Kcf / bbl Oil Gravity: 0.0 Corr. API Disposition of Gas: Water Volume: 0.0 bbls

Perforations

Top Measured Depth

Bottom Measured Depth Date (Where Completion Enters **Top Vertical Depth Bottom Vertical Depth** (End of Lateral)

Formation)

Notes

Event Dates

Initial Effective/Approval: 09/01/1974 Most Recent Approval: 03/10/1996 TA Expiration:

Confidential Requested On: Confidential Until: Test Allowable End:

Test Allowable Approval:

TD Reached: **Deviation Report Received:** Rig Released: No

Directional Survey Run: Logs Received:

Directional Survey Received: Closure Pit Plat Received:

First Oil Production: 01/01/1975 First Gas Production: 01/01/1975

First Injection: Ready to Produce: Completion Report Received:

C-104 Approval: New Well C-104 Approval: Plug Back:

Authorization Revoked Start: Revoked Until:

Well Completion History

TA Effective Well Operator Completion Status Expiration Property Date Number Date 03/10/1996 [18292] SAIK #001 [873] APACHE CORPORATION Zone Permanently Plugged 01/01/1996 [18292] SAIK #001 [873] APACHE CORPORATION Active [9761] APACHE ENERGY RESOURCES CORP 11/01/1995 [4864] SAIK #001 Active 02/08/1994 [4864] SAIK #001 [9761] APACHE ENERGY RESOURCES CORP Active

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[4864] SAIK [9761] APACHE ENERGY RESOURCES CORP 09/01/1974 #001 Active

[74040] CARLSBAD; STRAWN (GAS)

Last Produced: Zone Permanently Plugged

Bottomhole Location: B-17-22S-27E 990 FNL

Lat/Long: Acreage:

DHC: No Consolidation Code:

> **Production Method:** Flowing

03/01/1996

Well Test Data

Production Test: Test Length: 0 hours Flowing Tubing Pressure: 0 psi Flowing Casing Pressure: 0 psi

Testing Method: Choke Size: 0.000 inches

Gas Volume: 0.0 MCF Oil Volume: 0.0 bbls Gas-Oil Ratio: 0 Kcf / bbl Oil Gravity: 0.0 Corr. API Disposition of Gas: Water Volume: 0.0 bbls

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Authorization Revoked Start: Revoked Until:

Well Completion History

TA Effective Well Operator **Completion Status** Expiration Property Number Date Date 03/10/1996 [18292] SAIK #001 [873] APACHE CORPORATION Zone Permanently Plugged 01/01/1996 [18292] SAIK #001 [873] APACHE CORPORATION Active 11/01/1995 [4864] SAIK #001 [9761] APACHE ENERGY RESOURCES CORP Active 02/08/1994 [4864] SAIK #001 [9761] APACHE ENERGY RESOURCES CORP Active 09/01/1974 [4864] SAIK #001 [9761] APACHE ENERGY RESOURCES CORP Active

[74160] CARLSBAD; WOLFCAMP, EAST (GAS)

Last Produced: Status: Active 09/01/2025

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Bottomhole Location:

B-17-22S-27E 990 FNL 1980 FEL

Lat/Long:

N/320 17-22S-27E Units: A B C D E F G H Acreage:

DHC: No Consolidation Code:

Production Method: Flowing

Well Test Data

Production Test: Flowing Tubing Pressure:

650 psi

Choke Size: 0.160 inches

Gas Volume: 727.0 MCF Gas-Oil Ratio: 0 Kcf / bbl Disposition of Gas:

Test Length: 0 hours Flowing Casing Pressure: 0 psi

Testing Method:

Oil Volume: 132.0 bbls Oil Gravity: 0.0 Corr. API

Water Volume: 196.0 bbls

Perforations

Top Measured Depth

Date (Where Completion Enters **Bottom Measured Depth** (End of Lateral)

Top Vertical Depth

Bottom Vertical Depth

Formation)

9434

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No

05/02/1996

Notes

Event Dates

Initial Effective/Approval:

03/18/1996 01/07/2025

Most Recent Approval: Confidential Requested On:

Test Allowable Approval:

Confidential Until: Test Allowable End:

TA Expiration:

TD Reached:

DHC: Rig Released:

Deviation Report Received: Directional Survey Run:

Logs Received:

Directional Survey Received:

Closure Pit Plat Received:

First Oil Production:

First Gas Production:

First Injection: Ready to Produce:

05/02/1996 09/25/1996

No

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05/02/1996

Completion Report Received: New Well C-104 Approval:

C-104 Approval:

Plug Back:

Authorization Revoked Start: 06/22/2017

Revoked Until:

Well Completion History

Effective Date	Property	Well Number	Operator	Completion Status	TA Expiration Date
01/07/2025	[336641] SAIK	#001	[372991] American Energy Resources LLC	Active	
10/27/2010	[308584] SAIK	#001	[209564] WILDCAT ENERGY LLC	Active	
01/01/2006	[302160] SAIK	#001	[192463] OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	Active	
02/01/1997	[20597] SAIK	#001	[16696] OXY USA INC	Active	
01/01/1997	[20372] SAIK	#001	[2894] BRISTOL RESOURCES CORP	Active	
03/18/1996	[18292] SAIK	#001	[873] APACHE CORPORATION	Active	

Financial Assurance

Please login to review the financial assurance associated with this well.

Compliance Note that Financial Assurance and Inactive Well Compliance are documented in separate reports (Inactive Well Report, Financial Assurance Report). Also note that some compliance issues are addressed at the operator level so not listed under each well. cGC1706129094 Violation Source: Date of Violation: 03/02/2017 Compliance Required: 06/05/2017 Resolved: Notes IDLE WELL Actions/Events **Event Date** Category Туре 03/02/2017 Enforcements Plug/Abandonment 03/02/2017 Notifications Letter of Violation cTM1720038562 **Violation Source:** Other 07/19/2017 Date of Violation: Resolved: Compliance Required: 10/22/2017 Notes IDLE WELL Actions/Events **Event Date** Category Туре 07/19/2017 Enforcements Other Violation 07/19/2017 Notifications Letter of Violation cDA2314421630 Violation Source: Field Inspection Date of Violation: 05/23/2023 Compliance Required: 08/21/2023 Resolved: Notes

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Searches Operator Data Hearing Fee Application

Violation Source: Field Inspection

Date of Violation: 12/23/2024

Compliance Required: 03/23/2025 Resolved:

Notes

Vegetation around heater treater needs to be cleaned.

Actions/Events

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Event Date	Category	Туре	
12/24/2024	Notifications	Pre Enforcement Notification	

Upstream Natural Gas Venting & F The upstream natural gas venting & flaring volumes as	_	am natural gas waste	reports (C-115B) s	ubmissions.		
Earliest Natural Gas Waste Report in OC	D Records: 01/	2025 Last :		09/2025		Show All Upstream Venting & Flaring
	Ventin	g & Flaring Volu	mes		Beneficial	Use
	Flared (MCF)	Total (MCF)			Used (MCF)	
2025	0	0	0			0
Grand Total:	0	0	0			0

Orders

Please login to review the orders associated with this well.

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Frame Oil	(BBLS)	Gas (MCF)	Water (BBLS)	Days P/I	Water (BBLS)	Co2 (MCF)	Gas (MCF)	Other	Pressure
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	116	45,904	3,966	844	0	0	0	0	N
	1	39,188	0	396	0	0	0	0	N
	100	40,464	3,529	728	0	0	0	0	N
	6,895	88,625	325	422	0	0	0	0	N
	260	10,118	0	31	0	0	0	0	N
	194	18,400	19	245	0	0	0	0	N
	300	20,750	16	363	0	0	0	0	N
	156	16,552	368	366	0	0	0	0	N
	114	12,736	116	351	0	0	0	0	N
	95	8,955	0	347	0	0	0	0	N
	8	3,537	0	350	0	0	0	0	N
	0	1,722	0	318	0	0	0	0	N
	45	1,991	0	358	0	0	0	0	N
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2007	12	5,582	0	365	0	0	0	0	N/A
2008	0	731	0	130	0	0	0	0	N/A
2009	0	0	0	151	0	0	0	0	N/A
2010	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	N/A
2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2025	0	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	N/A
Grand Total:	12,101	5,462,860	28,791	6,395	0	0	0	0	N/A

Transporters		
Transporter	Product	Most Recent for Property
[147831] Lucid Artesia Company	Gas	9/2025

Points of Disposition			
ID	Туре	Description	Pool(s)
2804606	Water		[73960] CARLSBAD;MORROW, SOUTH (GAS), [74040] CARLSBAD;STRAWN (GAS), [74160] CARLSBAD;WOLFCAMP, EAST (GAS)
2804605	Gas		[74160] CARLSBAD;WOLFCAMP, EAST (GAS)
2804604	Oil		[74160] CARLSBAD; WOLFCAMP, EAST (GAS)

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2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
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2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
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CARLSBAD;WOLFC	AMP, EAST (GAS)							
Jan	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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May	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jun	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jul	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Aug	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sep	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oct	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pool Total:	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	N/A
Annual Total:	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	N/A
Grand Total:	12,101	5,462,861	28,791	6,396	0	0	0	0	N/A

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	[147831] Lucid Artesia Company	Gas	10/2025							

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acres, more or less.

Producers \$5 Rev. (5 Year Lease) 10-57	•-	IVE YEAR PAID OIL AND GAS			Form 345 Hall-Poorbangh Press Roswell, New Mexico
THIS AGREEMENT made this	11th	day of	•	March	19 69 between
EMMA LOUISE BELL, deali	ng in her sol	e and separ	ate prope	erty,	
masor (whether one or more), whose addr and DAVID J. SORENSON, P.					
1. Leasor in consideration of	royalties herein pro-	rided and of the ag , prospecting, drilling	reements of Le	sace berein contained, for and producing oil	hereby grants, leases and lets ex and gas, laying pipe lines, building
hereto, to produce, save, take care of, tr Eddy	rat, transport, and ow	ra said products, ar Ma	nd housing its er	uployees, the following	described land in

2. Without reference to the commencement, prosecution or crassition at any time of drilling or other development operations and/or to the discovery, development or constituent time of production of oil or gas and without further payments than the royalties herein provided, and notwithstanding anything else herein contained to the contrary, this lesse shall be for a term of five years from this date (called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil or gas is produced from said land or land with which said land is pooled hereunder.

Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East of N.M.P.M., containing 40.00

- 2. The royalties to be paid by Lessee, are: (a) on oil, one-eighth of that produced and saved from said land, the same to be delivered at the wells or to the credit of Lessee into the pipe line to which the wells may be connected; Lessee may from time to time purchase any royalty oil in its possession, paying the market price therefor prevailing for the field where produced on the date of purchase; (b) on gas, including casinghead gas or other gaseous substance, produced from said land, and soid, or used off the premises or for the extraction of gasoline or other product therefrom, the market value at the well of one-eighth of the gas so soil or used, provided that on gas soid at the wells the royalty shall be one-eighth of the amount realized from such sale; while there is a gas well on this lesse or on acreage probed therewith but gas is not being soil or used. Lessee may pay or tender as royalty, on or before ninety [90] days after the date on which said well is shot in and thereafter at annual intervals the sum of \$1.00 per acre, and if such payment is made or tendered, thus lesses shall not terminate and it will be considered that gas is being produced from this lesse in paying quantities. Payment or tender of said shut-in gas royalty may be made by the check or draft of Lessee mailed or delivered to the parties entitled thereto on or before the date said payment is due. Lessee shall have free use of oil, gas, coal and water freen said land, except water from Lesson's wells, for all operations hereunder, and the royalty on oil and gas shall be computed after deducting any so used.
- 4. Lessee, at its option, as bereby given the right and power, to pool or combine the acreage covered by this lesse, or any portion thereof as to uit and gas, or either of them, with other land, lessee or lesses in the immediate vicinity thereof to the extent, hereinafter stipulated, when in Lessee's juderment it is necessary or advisable to do so in order properly to explore, or to develop and operate said lessed premises in compliance with the spacing rules of the New Mesico Oil Conservation Commission, or other fawful authority or when to do so would, in the indigenent of Lessee, promote the conservation of oil and gas, in and under and that may be produced from said premises. Units pooled for oil hereunder shall not substantially exceed 40 acres each in area, and under and that may be produced from said premises. Units pooled for oil hereunder shall not substantially exceed 40 acres each in area, and the produced produced the produced for oil hereunder shall not substantially exceed 40 acres each in area, and the produced produced produced the produced for oil hereunder shall not substantially exceed 40 acres each in area, and the produced and the produced as to oil in any care or more strates and as to gas a posted of confined as to any other stratum or strate, and oil units need not conform as to area with gas utils. The posting in one or more instances shall not exhaust the rights of the Lessee between or the produced pro
- 8. If at the expiration of the primary term oil or gas is not being produced on said land, or from land pooled therewith, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, or shall have completed a dry hole thereon within 60 days prior to the end of the primary terms, the lesse shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted with no cessation of more than 60 consecutive days, and if they result in the production of oil or gas so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced from said land, or from land pooled therewith, If, after the expiration of the primary term of this lesse and after oil or gas is produced from said land, or from land pooled therewith, the production thereof should cease from any cause, this lesses shall not terminate if Lessee commences operations for drilling or reworking within 60 days after the cessation of such production, but shall remain in force and effect so long as such operations are prosecuted with no cessation of more than 60 consecutive days, and if they result in the production of oil or gas, so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced from said land, or from land posled therewith. Any pooled unit designated by Lessee in accordance with the terms bereof, may be dissolved by Lessee by instrument filed for record in the appropriate records of the county in which the lessed premises are situated at any time after the completion of a dry hole or the cessation of production on said unit. In the event a well or wells are accordance with the terms beroof, may be dissolved by Lessee by instrument filed for record in the appropriate records of the county in which the lessed premises are situated at any time after the completion of a dry hole or the cessation of production on said unit. In the event a well or wells as a reasonably prudent operator would drill under the aame or similar circumstances. Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to Lessee or place of record a release covering any
- 6. Lessee shall have the right at any time during or after the e-piration of this lesse to remove all property and fixtures placed by Lessee on said land, including the right to draw and remove all casing. When required by Lessor, Lassee will bury all pip- lines below ordinary plow depth, and no well shall be drilled within two hundred feet of any residence or barn now on said land without Lessor's consent.
- 7. The rights of either party hereunder may be assigned in whole or in part, and the provisions hereof shall extend to their beirs, successors and assigns but no change or division in swarership of the land or royalties, however accomplished, shall operate to enlarge the obligations or diminish the rights of Lessee; and no change or division in such ownership shall be binding on Lessee until thirty (30) days after Lessee shall have been furnished by registered U. S. shall at Lessee's principal place of business with a certified cupy of recorded instrument or instruments evidencing same. In the event of assignment hereof in whole or in part liability for breach of any obligation hereonder shall rest exclusively upon the owner of this lessee or of a portion thereof who commits such breach. If six or more parties become entitled to royalty hereunder, Lessee may withhold payment thereof unless and until furnished with a recordable instrument executed by all such parties designating an agent to receive payment for all.
- 8. The breach by Lessee of any obligation arising bereunder shall not work a forfeiture or termination of this lesse nor cause a termination or revision of the state created hereby nor be grounds for cancellation hereof in whole or in part. In the event Lessee considers that operations are not at any time being conducted in compliance with this lessee, Lessoe shall notify Lessee in writing of the facts relied upon as constituting a breach hereof, and Lessee, if an default, shall have sirely days after receipt of such notice in which to commence the compliance with the obligations imposed by virtue of this instrument. After the discovery of oil or gas in paying quantities on said premises. Lessee shall develop the acreage retained hereunder as a reasonably prudent operator but in discharging this obligation it shall in no event be required to drill more than one well per forty (40) acres of the area retained hereunder and capable of producing oil in paying quantities and one well per 640 acres plus an acreage tolerance not to exceed 10% of 640 acres of the area retained hereunder and capable of producing gas in paying quantities.
- 9. Lessor hereby warrants and agrees to defend the title to said land and agrees that Lessoe at its option may discharge any tax, mortrage or other lien upon said land either in whole or in part, and in event Lessoe does so, it shall be subrogated to such lien with the right to enforce came and apply royalties accruing hereurder toward actisfying same. Without impairment of Lessoe's right under the warranty in event of failure of title, it is agreed that if Lessoe same interest in the oil or gas on, in or under said land less than the entire fee simple extate, then the royalties to be paid Lessor shall be reduced proportionately. Should any one or more of the parties named as Lessors fall to execute this lessor, it shall nevertheless be binding upon the party or parties assessing the name.
- 18. Should Lesser he prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lesse, from conducting drilling or reworking operations thereon or from producing oil or gas therefrom by reason of scarcity of or inability to obtain or to use equipment or material, or by operation of force majoure, any Federal or state law or any order, rule or regulation of governmental authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such coverant shall be assepted by, and Lessee shall not be liable in damages for failure to comply therewith; and this lesse shall be extended while and so long as Lessee is prevented by any such cause from conducting drilling or reworking operations on or from producing oil or gas from the lessed premises; and the time while Lessee is so prevented shall not be counted against Lessee, anything in this lesse to the contrary notwithstanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOFY this instrument is executed on	
DOLLARS M. BOYLES	Ema Louise Bell
PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN	
My Commission Expires August 30, 1971.	mere Lamor

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CALIFORNIA STATE OF KENXXYEXHXX County of Los Angeles INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT 88.	
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14st day of Horah	,
19 69 by Emma Louise Bell, dealing in her sole and separate property.	
My commission expires august 30, 19 7/ My Commission Expires August 30,	XI.IA
CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT	
STATE OF NEW MEXICO County of	
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of	. 19
	President
of cor	rporation
on behalf of said corporation.	
My Commission Expires: Notary Pr	ublic
INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATE OF California Ss. County of For angelia The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19 69 by Post Mayelia - Co legisles, Califor Arealy of For Angelia By commission expires area 30 1921 My Commission Expires Area 30 1921	
Wy County, N. M. To of this office. County Clerk County Clerk County Clerk County Clerk Deputy To Deputy	David J. Sorenson, P.O. Box 1453, Roswell, New Mexico, 88201

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IN THE MATTER OF EMMA LOUISE BELL

DECEASED

AFFIDAVIT OF HEIRSHIP

A. Mysesse is ROMAN H. OHNEMUS	. I am over the age of twenty-one years and I reside at
3033 CALLE FRONTERA SANCLEMENTE.	CALIFORNIA 92673-3012 .
B. I am acquainted with the family history of EMMA LOUISE 200 5. In ORANGE County, CALIFORNIA (State) 810 N. LOARA 55. #203 , ORANGE	at the age of 87 years. The Decedest resided at
knowledge, Decedent left <u>me will</u> . C. Please state Decedent's martial status at the time of death.	
Circle one: Never Married Diverced D. Please list current spouse and <u>all children</u> born to or adopted b	Separated Widowed by Decedent, regardless of whether they are now alive. If there are
children of the Decedent who pre-decessed the Decedent, please list as time of death then pieces list the parents and siblings of the Deceden	- Control of the Cont

Name	Age	Address	LMng?	Date of Death	Relationship to Decedent?	Other Parent's Name
CHARLES R. BELL		810 N. LOARA 57. #201	YES		SON	
		ANA HEIM, CA 92801				
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B. Briefly state type and length of your relationship with the Decedent BROTHER (ACE 25) ALL HER LIFE

** PLEASE NOTE: This affidavit must be recorded in ALL COUNTIES where the Decedent's property is located before OXY can complete the transfer to the Decedent's beirs**

> CHARLES R BELL 810 N LOARA ST #203

ANAHEIM CA 92801-4211

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HEALTH CARE AGENCY 1200 N. MAIN STREET, SUITE 100-A

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING MATTER BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

AMENDED APPLICATION OF ALPHA ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC, FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

> OCD Case No. 25166 Order No. 23961 OCC Case No. 225694

APPLICATIONS OF ALPHA ENERGY PARTNERS II, LLC, FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

> OCD Case Nos. 25496 & 25495 Order Nos. 23989 & 23977 OCC Case Nos. 25695 & 25696

AFFIDAVIT OF ROGER BECKER

I, Roger Becker, state and present this Affidavit under oath as being accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

I am over 18 years of age, have personal knowledge of the matters in this affidavit, and am competent to address these matters.

I am the President of Wildcat Energy LLC ("Wildcat") and have held this position for 24 years. I have been involved in the oil and gas industry for more than 45 years, and I am fully familiar with what constitutes a prudent operator acting in good faith pursuant to the customs and standards of the oil and gas industry.

On November 26, 2018, I executed an assignment of oil and gas leases ("Subject Leases") to American Energy Resources LLC ("AER"), owned by Jonathan Samaniego, as part of AER purchasing several non-producing wells, including the non-producing Saik #001 Well (API No. 30-015-20971) ("Saik Well"). Most of the Subject Leases are at least 50 years old or

older and all of them were executed and filed in the 1960s and 1970s. At the time they were executed and filed, they covered the N/2 of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and were associated with the Saik Well. Their primary terms had expired long ago and the Saik Well ceased producing in 2008 and for 16 years thereafter. I have never paid shut-in royalty fees on these leases. There is every indication by the terms of the leases, the history of lack of production, and the standards of the oil and gas industry, that the Subject Leases, have expired and terminated by their own terms in relation to the Saik Well, which is a non-productive well consisting only of salvage equipment and materials.

I am fully aware of the standards and customs of the oil and gas industry can state that a prudent operator would never attempt to operate, recomplete or produce a non-producing well based on the current status and circumstances of the Subject Leases. As an operator myself, had I acquired a non-producing well such as the Saik Well, and wanted to produce the well, I would have entered into new leases with mineral owners on which to base production of the well. A prudent operator acquiring a non-producing well would review the history of production, the status of the leases, and the chain of title from the Subject Leases forward and note any constructive and actual notice of newer leases having been taken since the execution of the Subject Leases. To produce a well without taking such prudent measures would result in illegitimate and unauthorized production and transgressions such as trespass and conversion and certainly the violation of correlative rights and waste.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT

R.L. Becker

Subscribed to me this 20 day of October 2025.

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TRACEY KIRKHAM CALVERT
Notary ID #129323016
My Commission Expires
February 26, 2029

INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP

AGREEMENT, Made and entered into the 13th day of July 1948, by and between BEN WHILLER and Carrie WHILLER, his wife, of Carlabad, New Mexico party of the first part, hereinafter called lessor, (whether one or more) and R. L. MARTIN party of the second part, hereinafter called lessee.

WITNESSETH, That the said lessor, for and in consideration of Ten Dollars and Other Valuable Considerations, cash in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained on the part of lessee to be paid, kept and performed, has granted, demised, leased and let and by these presents does grant, demise, lease and let unto the said lessee, for the sole and only purpose of mining and operating for oil and gas, an laying pipa lines, and building tanks, powers, stations and structures thereon to produce, save and take care of said product, all that certain tract of land situate in the County of Eddy State of New Mexico, describad as follows, to-wit:

The NELNEL of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M. of Section --- Township --- Range --- and containing 40 acres, more or less.

It is agreed that this lease shall remain in force for -- term of five years from this date, and as long thereafter as oil or gas, either of them, is produced from said land by the lessee, and or if lessee shall commence drilling opperations at any time while this lease is in force this lease shall remain in force and its terms shall continue so long as such operations continue with due diligence and if production results therefrom then as long as production continues.

In consideration of the premises the said lesses covenants and agrees:

lst. To deliver to the credit of lessor, free of cost in the pipe line to which he may connect his wells, the equal one-eighth part of all oil produced and saved from the leased premises.

2nd. To pay the lessor one-eighth, at the market price for the gas so used, for the gas from each well where gas only is found, while same is being used off the premises, and lessor to have gas free of cost from any such well for all stoves and all inside lights in the principal dwelling house on said land during the same time by making his own connections with the wells at his own risk and expense.

3rd. To pay lessor for gas produced from any oil well and used off the premises or for the manufacture of casinghead gas, one-eighth, at the market price for the gas so used, for the time during which such gas shall be used, said payment to be made Monthly.

If no well be commenced on said land on or before the 13th day of July 1949 this lease shall terminate as to both parties, unless the lesses on or before that date shall pay or tender to the lessor or to the lessor's credit in the Carlsbad National Bank at Carlsbad, New Nexico or it's successors, which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land, the sum of TWENTY and No/100 DOLLARS, which shall operate as a rental and cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for twelve months from said date. In like manner and upon like payments or tenders the commencement of a well may be further deferred for like periods of the same number of months successively. And it is understood and agreed that the consideration first recited herein, the down payment covers not only the privileges granted to the date when said first rental is payable as aforesaid, but also the lessee's option of extending that period as aforesaid, and any and all other rights conferred.

Should the first well drilled on the above described land be a dry hole, then and in

expiration of the last rental period which rental has been paid, this lease shall terminate as to both parties, unless the lessee on or before the expiration of said twelve months shall resume the payment of rentals in the same amount and in the same manner as hereinbefore provided. And it is agreed that upon the resumption of the payment of rentals, as above provided that the last preceding paragraph hereof, governing the payment of rentals and the effect thereof, shall continue in force just as though there had been no interruption in the rental payments.

If said lessor owns a less interest in the above described land than the entire and undivided fee simple estate therein, then the royalties and rentals herein provided shall be paid the lessor only in the proportion which his interest bears to the whole and undivided fee.

Lesses shall have the right to use, free of cost, gas, oil and water produced on said land for its operations thereon, except water from wells of lessor.

When requested by lessor, lesses shall bury its pips lines below plaw depth,

No well shall be drilled nearar than 200 feet to the house or barn on said premises, without the written consent of the owners.

Lessee shall pay for damages caused by its operations to growing crops on said land.

Lessee shall have the right at any time to remove all machinery and fixtures placed on said premises, including the right to draw and remove casing.

If the estate of either party hareto is assigned, and the privilege of assigning in whole or in part is expressly allowed—the covenants hereof shall extend to their heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, but no change in the ownership of the land or assignment of rentals or royalties shall be binding on the lessee until after the lessee has been furnished with written transfer or assignment or a true copy thereof; and it is hereby agreed that in the event this lesse shall be assigned as to a part or as to parts of the above described lands and the assignee or assignees of such part or parts shall fail to make default in the payment of the proportionate part of the rents due from him or them, such default shall not operate to defeat or effect this lesse in so far as it covers a part or parts of said lands upon which the said lesses or any assignee thereof shall make due payment of said rental.

Lessor hereby warrants and agrees to defend the title to the lands herein described, and agrees that the leases shall have the right at any time to redeem for lessor, by payment, any mortgages, taxes, or other liens on the above described lands, in the event of default of payment by lessor, and be subrogated to the rights of the holder thereof. In Testimony Whereof We Sign, this the 13th day of July 1948.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO,)
COUNTY OF EDDY)

On this 13th day of July, 19-- before me personally appeared dEN WHEELER AND Carrie WHEELER, his wife, and R. L. MARTIN to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

My Commission Expires Feb. 16, 1949

James W. Stagner Notary Public



FILED FOR RECORD on the 9th day of November, A. D., 1948, at 11:20 o'clock A. M.

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TODIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP

AGREFMENT, Made and enter-6 into the 12th day of July 1948 by and between ACCITATO STRAIT and ESTHER GIRAPTI, his wife, of Carlabad, New Mexico party of the first part, hereinafter called lesson, (whether one or more) and R. L. Martin party of the second part, hereinafter called lesson.

WITTESSETH, That the soid lessor, for end in consideration of Ten pollars and Other Valuable Considerations, each in hand unid. receibt of which is hereby acknowledged and of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained on the part of lessee to be maid, beet and performed, has granted, demised, leased and let end by these presents does stant, demise, lesse and let unto the sold lessee, for the sole and only burrose of their and operating for oil and gas, and laying cipe likes, and building tanks, howers, stations and structures thereon to produce, save and take care of said product, all that certain tract of land situate in the County of Eddy State of New Mexico, described as follows, to-wit:

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It is agreed that this lesse shall remain 'n force for term of five years from this date, and as long thereafter as oil or gas, either of them, is aroduced from said land by the lessee, and or if lessee shall commence drilling opporations at any time while this lesse is in force this lesse shall remain in force and (is terms shall continue as long as such operations continue with due diligence and if production results there-

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF EDDY COUNTY

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Y BEN ACEY WHEELER, deceased.

No. PB-80-40

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INSTRUMENT OF DISTRIBUTION

The undersigned Personal Representative, in order to make distribution of the property of this estate in compliance with Chapter 45, NMSA 1978, relating to decedent's estate, hereby assigns, transfers and releases to Dorothy S. Wheeler; Barbara K. Beasley; Constance Irene Hood and Gary Bennett Wheeler, distributeds of the estate, all right, title and interest of the decedent in the following described property:

An undivided one-fourth interest each in the following described property:

One-fifth of all minerals and an undivided one-eighth interest in the surface of

NE社NE社 of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

One-fifth interest in surface of:

SEXNW% of Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;

Lot 2, Block B, Livingston Wheeler Addition to the City of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico

One-tenth interest in surface of:

Lots 11 & 13, Block 100, Stevens Secton Addition to City of Carlsbad, New Mexico;

All surface estate of:

Beginning at a point 880 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; thence South 660 feet; thence West 440 feet; thence North 660 feet to the point of beginning; together with an 8 foot easement along the East side of the tract herein described.

DATED this 10th day of December, 1980.

DOROTHY S. Personal Representative 1501 Howard Street Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

EXHIBIT

 STATE OF NEW MEXICOX COUNTY OF EDDY

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My Commission Expires 9-10-8

G. GOODMAN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 10th. day of December, 1980 by Dorothy S. Wheeler, Personal Representative of the estate of Ben Acey Wheeler, deceased, for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

 STATE OF NEW MEXICO County of Eddy

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Cristin Aranda	Deceased	3/6/2016	AOH (1129/1085)
John Brown			
Johnny Adams	Deceased	10/7/2016	Googled
Addie Elizabeth Turner	Deceased	1990	PB-90-65-W
Rafael P. Castillo	Deceased	12/5/2008	Googled
Emma Louise Bell	Deceased	11/4/2005	AOH (698/145)
Cora S. Glaze	Deceased	6/6/1905	AOH (238/189)
Forrest H. Carlton			
Richard Tilton	Deceased	2/25/2014	Googled
Lucia O. Tovar			
Donald Ray Coburn			
Joe Marshall Puckett			
Belen Guerra	Deceased	3/26/2022	Googled
Jesse L. Greene	Deceased	8/10/2011	Googled
Ben Wheeler	Deceased	3/21/1980	DoD (246/776)
Russell Lynn Hoyle	Deceased	9/26/2013	PR Deed (1087/1204)
William B. Hunt	Deceased	7/12/1996	Death Cert (293/805)
Daniel B. Lopez Jr.			
W.E. McAteer	Deceased		Death Cert (180/376)
Manuel Madrid	Deceased		Affidavit of Surviving Spouse (766/274)
Manuel Elizondo	Deceased		DoD (257/180)
Larue Harper	Deceased		Death Cert (690/1081)
Angel F. Galindo	Deceased	10/20/1995	Death Cert (233/567)
WM Adair Gossett	Deceased		Previously the Mayor of Carlsbad
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Edwin Jolley Little	Deceased	10/3/1981	Probate (1189/278)
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Manuel Nieto	Deceased		Death Cert (110/778)
Yrene Medrano	Deceased		Death Cert (405/1024)
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER AND CONSIDERATION OF:

AMENDED APPLICATION OF ALPHA ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC, FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

> OCD CASE NO. 25166 OCC CASE NO. 25694 ORDER NO. 23961

AMENDED APPLICATION OF ALPHA ENERGY PARTNERS II, LLC, FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

> OCD CASE NO. 25495 OCC CASE NO. 25696 ORDER NO. 23977

AMENDED APPLICATION OF ALPHA ENERGY PARTNERS II, LLC, FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

> OCD CASE NO. 25496 OCC CASE NO. 25695 ORDER NO. 23989

SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF JOHN COFFMAN

I, John Coffman, state and affirm the following:

- 1. I am over the age of eighteen years and have the capacity to execute this Statement, which is based on my personal knowledge.
- 2. I am employed as a Landman with Alpha Energy Partners II, LLC ("Alpha"), affiliate successor in interest to Alpha Energy Partners, LLC, and I am familiar with the subject application and the lands involved.
- 3. I graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in business (Energy Commerce) in 2018. I have worked at Alpha for approximately 2 years, and I have been



working in New Mexico for 8 years. My credentials as a petroleum landman have been accepted by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") and made a matter of record.

4. I conducted a good-faith review of the records in Eddy County, New Mexico, that pertain to the Subject Lands in the above-referenced cases, which is an essential part of the good-faith acts of due diligence that is expected from a prudent operator before making claims of ownership to the Division and Commission. My review of the records showed that 28 of the 39 persons listed on the checks dated February 28, 2025, presented to the Commission by American Energy Resources, LLC ("AER") are deceased and therefore not the persons "entitled" to receive shut-in payments under the plain language of AER's leases, as shown in Exhibit 8 attached to the Alpha's Motion. I also confirmed that AER's leases have a 90-day deadline after being shut-in for making such payments. Finding this information in the records took only about an hour of my time and is the kind of "good-faith" due diligence expected to be performed by any party who presents itself to the Division and the Oil Conservation Commission as a prudent operator in the oil and gas industry.

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Signature page of Self-Affirmed Statement of John Coffman:

I understand that this Self-Affirmed Statement will be used as written testimony before the Division in Case Nos. 25694, 25695 and 25696, and affirm that my testimony herein is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico.

John Coffman

Date Signed

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