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Case No. 12758 Re:

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> Attached for filing is an Entry of Appearance, Response by C. W. Stumhoffer to Application for Compliance Orders and Civil Penalties and a Motion for Continuance. The originals and an extra copy will be in today's mail.

If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank you.

Respectfully yours.

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Secretary to James E. Haas

#### **Enclosures**

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Mr. David K. Brooks (w/enc.)

Mr. C. W. Stumhoffer (w/enc.)

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT II, FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING OPERATORS TO BRING ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN (147) WELLS INTO COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 201.B, AND ASSESSING APPROPRIATE CIVIL PENALTIES; LEA, ROOSEVELT AND CHAVES COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO

**CASE NO. 12758** 

#### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

COMES NOW James E. Haas, of Losee, Carson, Haas & Carroll, P. A. and hereby enters his appearance on behalf of C. W. STUMHOFFER.

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I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading to be mailed to counself of record this October 25/2001.

James E. Haas

# STATE OF NEW MEXICO PRIMITION DIV. ENERGY MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION PM 2: 54

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CASE NO. 12758

### RESPONSE BY C. W. STUMHOFFER TO APPLICATION FOR COMPLIANCE ORDERS AND CIVIL PENALTIES

COMES NOW C. W. Stumhoffer ("Stumhoffer"), by and through its attorneys of record, Losee, Carson, Haas & Carroll, P. A. (James E. Haas) and for their response states as follows:

1. Stumhoffer plugged the well in question, being the Shipman No. 1 well ("Well") in May 1983, pursuant to Sundry Notice and Report (copy attached) approved by the Hobbs District Office of the OCD on May 9, 1983. Due to an oversight, Stumhoffer failed to file a final C-103 with the Hobbs District Office of the OCD. However, notations in the well file of the OCD for the Well indicate that OCD personnel examined the wellsite and found the location to be in satisfactory condition, as is indicated in the notation affixed to letter dated November 7, 1991 (copy is attached). This is further confirmed by memo of February 21, 1993 from the Supervisor of the Hobbs District Office (copy attached), indicating that the well has been plugged was found to be in satisfactory condition. Stumhoffer will file Form C-

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103 with the Hobbs District Office by the date of hearing and will provide a copy of same to the Hearing Officer as soon as an approved copy is received from the Hobbs District Office.

WHEREFORE, Stumhoffer, having fully responded to the allegations contained in the Application, and ask that this Application be dismissed and further that Stumhoffer be provided such further and other relief as deemed just in the premises.

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OIL CONSERVATION DIV.

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO 2: 55 ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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CASE NO. 12758

#### **MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

COMES NOW C. W. STUMHOFFER("Stumhoffer"), by his attorneys, Losee, Carson, Haas & Carroll, P. A. (James E. Haas), and in support hereof respectfully state:

- 1. On October 15, 2001, Stumhoffer received the notice dated October 11, 2001, from David K. Brooks, Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer setting the referenced case for a hearing on Thursday, November 1, 2001, at 8:15 a.m.
- 2. A review of the filings in the Hobbs office of the Oil Conservation Division indicates that the only action required to bring the well in question into compliance is for Stumhoffer to file Form C-103 with the Hobbs Dixrict Office of the Oil Conservation Division, which will should be accomplished by the date of the hearing.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that Case No. 12758 and the hearing scheduled therefor as to Stumhoffer be continued to such other time as is convenient for both the examiner and opposing counsel, and for such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

LOSEE, CARSON, HAAS & CARROLL, P.A.

Bv:

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