

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL
CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:**

CASE NO. 12976

**AMENDED APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT I, FOR AN ORDER
REQUIRING MAYFAIR MINERALS, INC. AND/OR PAUL D. BLISS TO
PROPERLY PLUG AND ABANDON ONE (1) WELL, ASSESSING AN
APPROPRIATE CIVIL PENALTY IN EVENT OF OPERATORS' FAILURE TO
COMPLY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELL AND
ORDERING A FORFEITURE OF APPLICABLE PLUGGING BOND;
ROOSEVELT COUNTY NEW MEXICO.**

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by the Oil Conservation Division as required by Rule 1208.B.

PARTIES

APPLICANT

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Mayfair Minerals, Inc.

No appearance

Commercial Union Insurance Company

No appearance

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

According to the records of the Division. Mayfair Minerals, Inc. is the operator of the well identified in the Application. Paul D. Bliss has filed documents indicating that he is the operator of the subject well, but has not filed a change of operator notice on form C-104A, nor has he filed any bond or other financial assurance. The well is inactive, has been inactive for a longer time than authorized by Rule 201, and has not been temporarily abandoned. Applicant will offer evidenced that the condition of the well is such that plugging thereof is necessary for the prevention of waste, protection of correlative rights and protection of the environment. Applicant seeks an order determining that either or both, Mayfair Minerals, Inc. and Paul D. Bliss, are responsible as operator for the proper plugging of the subject well and directing both said respondents to cause the well to be plugged. In event the respondents fail to plug said, the Division should be authorized to plug same, to forfeit the bond furnished by Respondent Mayfair Minerals, Inc., on which Respondent Commercial Union Insurance Company is surety, and to seek reimbursement from respondent Mayfair and Bliss, jointly and severally, for any excess of plugging costs incurred by the Division over and above the amount realized from forfeiture of such bond. Also to be considered will be the propriety of the plugging procedure proposed by the Division staff.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

<u>WITNESS</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Jane Prouty	5 min.	1
Chris Williams (by telephone)	15 min.	8
Dorothy Phillips	2 min.	2
Florene Davidson	2 min.	0

RESPONDENT'S EVIDENCE

The attorney for Respondent Paul D. Bliss has advised the undersigned that he does **not** plan to attend the hearing or to present any evidence.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None anticipated.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of this Pre-Hearing Statement have been served on Paul D. Bliss, the only respondent who has appeared in the case, by mailing same to the attorney for respondent.


David K. Brooks