

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST CHARLES SEED, SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, AND ASSIGNS OF LEASE NO. SEED SECTION 30 FINDING THAT THE OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF 19.15.25.8 NMAC AS TO NINE WELLS, REQUIRING OPERATOR TO BRING SAID WELLS INTO COMPLIANCE WITH 19.15.25.8 NMAC BY A DATE CERTAIN, AND IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE, DECLARING THE WELLS ABANDONED AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG THE WELLS IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 15128**

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Applicant Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") is seeking an order declaring nine subject wells in Lea County, New Mexico, abandoned and authorizing the division to plug the wells.

The OCD supports the approval because of the following:

1. Notice of Hearing was properly served as required by 19.15.4.9 NMAC and 19.15.4.10 NMAC.
2. Charles Seed, the last operator of record, passed away Dec. 25, 2013
3. OCD has had discussions with Chris Seed, son of the deceased, who has indicated they will not oppose the order.
4. The nine wells referred to in in the application for hearing have not had any production reported on the ONGARD system.
5. No correspondence regarding the subject wells has been received since August 16<sup>th</sup>. 1975.
6. The subject wells operated by Operator in New Mexico have been inactive for a continuous period exceeding one year plus 90 days, and are neither plugged and abandoned in accord with Division Rules 19.15.25.9 to -11 NMAC nor on approved temporary abandonment status in accord with Division Rule 19.15.25.12 NMAC.

## **RESPONDENT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

WITNESS:

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes

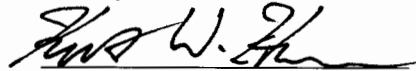
Daniel Sanchez, NMOCD Compliance & Enforcement Manager

Testimony on compliance with OCD Rules.

## **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

None.

Respectfully submitted  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014 by




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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was electronically mailed on the following party on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

No opposing party has entered an appearance

  
Keith Herrmann