

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

**APPLICATION OF THE ESTATE OF  
JOHN R. STEARNS TO REMOVE NORTHERN  
PACIFIC OIL & GAS, INC. AS OPERATOR OF  
RECORD OF THE NEW MEXICO BA STATE  
#1, NEW MEXICO STATE BA #002 AND NEW  
MEXICO BA #005 WELLS, CHAVES  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**CASE NO. 23721**

**ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

Ari Biernoff, Christopher Graeser and Richard Moore and hereby enter their appearances on behalf of Stephanie Garcia Richard, Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico, and the New Mexico State Land Office, in the above case.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023, I served a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance by first class mail (and, where email addresses are listed, by email) on the following:

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