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ATTN LORI WROTEMBER

New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept.  
Santa Fe, NM, Attn; Betty Rivera, Secretary

Let Me congratulate on your appointment as Secretary of the Department of Energy. To us in this area it is probably the most important Department in the State.

I am a very small producer in S.E. New Mexico but I feel compelled ask for help on the matter of the hearing set for Feb. 22 in Santa Fe concerning the many wells that are out of compliance with the rules of the Oil Conservation Division, which incedentaly are very necessary.

The reason that I feel qualified to ask for a postponement of this Hearing, or at least to have it held in ovr area, is the fact that I am dealing daily with Stripper Production. Strippers, as you know do not produce much each but overall are a respectable percentage of the gross production in the whole Nation.

In the last few years I have purchased a number of this type Wells. At one time I was involved with approximately 35 Wells which were not in compliance. Now that number is down to 12 and if allowed to proceed I will have them all either plugged or producihg.

If I have to go to Santa Fe, hire a lawyer and waste this much Money and time will it serve any purpose that I am not already working on? I can make the necessary repairs to at least one Well if allowed to do so instead of this trip.

If you impose fines against us some of us will have to declare Bankruptcy. Then what will the State do with these Wells? They still have to be plugged at acost to the State. Would it not be better to help us accomplish this at our expense?

I am enclosing a copy of some actual run statements which are of similar dates and on the same Lease and the same purchaser. for a three year span. I believe you can understand why we may be in the situation we are. Just imagine that your salary was cut by 75%, then run back up, then cut by 50%. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Dalton Bell

  
cc: Various persons

ATTN  
UNWRITTEN BARY

TRANSPOR: NAVAJO REFINING CO.-TRUCK  
STATE: NH  
COUNTY: EDDY  
PAYMENT METHOD: Basic

PROPERTY: 00018941 BROOKS

OPERATOR'S CRUDE OIL STATEMENT  
DECEMBER, 1998

As of 01/11/99  
7:42

ADJUST  
CODE

TICKET  
DATE  
12/29/98

PRICE  
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TRANSPORTER: NAVAJO REFINING CO.-TRUCK  
STATE: NH  
COUNTY: EDDY  
PAYMENT METHOD: Basic

PROPERTY: 00018941 BROOKS

OPERATOR'S CRUDE OIL STATEMENT  
DECEMBER, 1999

As of 01/07/00  
9:38

ADJUST  
CODE

TICKET  
DATE  
12/26/99

PRICE  
23.9677

OWNER # 003845	TAX PAYER ID # 525662554	NAVAJO REFINING & CRUDE MKTG.		CHECK DATE 11/26/00	CHECK NUMBER 651755	
Lease-Sub Lease: Owner:	Lease Name Prod Date Decimal	Avg Prc Int Type	Volume	Operator Name Gross	County Other	State Net

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

00018941  
Lease:  
Owner:

BROOKS  
10/00

30.6532

TRANSPORTER: NAVAJO REFINING CO.-TRUCK  
STATE: NH  
COUNTY: EDDY  
PAYMENT METHOD: Basic

PROPERTY: 00018941 BROOKS

OPERATOR'S CRUDE OIL STATEMENT  
DECEMBER, 2001

As of 01/08/02  
9:48

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CODE

TICKET  
DATE

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