STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BUREAU FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST SOVEREIGN EAGLE, LLC, FOR A WELL OPERATED IN ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO <u>15706</u>

APPLICATION

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Compliance and Enforcement (
Bureau (Bureau) through its undersigned attorney hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (OCD or Division) pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978 §70-2-12 for a compliance order (1) determining operator Sovereign Eagle LLC (Operator) is out of compliance with 19 15 8 NMAC and NMSA 1978 § 70 2-14 (2) requiring Operator to return to compliance with 19 15 8 NMAC and (3) in the event of non-compliance finding the Operator in violation of a Division order for each day after the deadline established in the sought order to obtain acceptable financial assurance. This application deals specifically with Operator's violations of OCD rules regarding financial assurance and does not include all violations that may exist. The OCD retains its right to bring a compliance action for any other existing and future violations. In support of this application the OCD states

1 Operator is a New Mexico limited liability company that operates 9 wells in Roosevelt County New Mexico under OGRID No 263940

2 Operator s address of record with OCD is P O Box 968 Roswell NM 88202

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4 NMSA 1978 § 70 2-14 requires that each person firm corporation or association who operates any oil gas or service well within the state as a condition precedent to drilling or producing the well furnish financial assurance in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit or a cash or surety bond or a well-specific plugging insurance policy to the OCD running to the benefit of the state and conditioned that the well be plugged and abandoned and the location restored and remediated in compliance with OCD rules

5 19 15 8 9 C NMAC states that an operator shall cover a well that has been in temporary abandonment for more than two years by either a one well financial assurance or a blanket plugging financial assurance for wells in temporarily abandoned status

6 Operator currently needs acceptable financial assurance for the following well

a Stoltenberg #001 API # 30 041-20809 \$12 290 required bond amount

WHEREFORE the Bureau by and through its compliance and enforcement manager hereby applies to the Director to enter an Order

- A Determining that Operator is in violation of 19 15 8 NMAC
- B Determining that Operator is in violation of NMSA 1978 § 70-2 14

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- C Requiring Operator to provide the OCD with acceptable financial assurance within 30 days of the issuance of an order
- D In the event of non compliance with the sought Division order by the dates established by the OCD finding the Operator in violation of a Division order
- E For such other and further relief as the Director deems just and proper under the circumstances

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this <u>25</u> day of April 2017 by

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