STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT 1^{i} λ λ λ λ λ λ λ OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BUREAU FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST OASIS WATER SOLUTIONS LLC, FOR WELLS OPERATED IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO <u>15-73</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 Oasis Water Solutions
LLC (Operator) is out of compliance with 19 15 8 NMAC, and NMSA 1978, § 70-214, (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

- Operator is a New Mexico limited liability company that operates 3 wells in Lea County, New Mexico, under OGRID No 310761
- Operator's address of record with OCD is PO Box 36, Monument, NM 88265

- The New Mexico Secretary of State has Operator registered under corporation number 4824270 and identifies Jimmie B Cooper, Organizer, as officer of record
- 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 is in need of acceptable financial assurance for the following wells
 - a State MTS #002 API # 30-025-28141, \$15,770 required bond amount,
 - b State MTS #003, API # 30-025 28247, \$15,820 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,

- 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>73</u> day of May, 2017 by

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