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

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APPLICATION OF BLACK RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC FOR A SALT WATER DISPOSAL WELL AND AUTHORIZATION TO INJECT THROUGH ITS PROPOSED MALAGA SWD NO. 4 WELL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 16130** 

## PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Black River Water Management Company, LLC, ("Black River") the applicant in the above-referenced matter, submits this Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

### APPEARANCES

## **APPLICANT**

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### APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF CASE

Black River seeks an order authorizing injection of produced water for disposal purposes through its proposed **Malaga SWD No. 4 well** (API No. 30-015-44514), with a surface location 1,489 feet from the North line and 490 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 11, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. The maximum proposed daily injection rate will be approximately 40,000 barrels per day with an average daily injection rate of approximately 30,000 barrels per day. The proposed injection will occur within the Devonian

formation at a depth of approximately 14,230 feet to 15,103 feet deep. The maximum injection pressure will be 2,846 psi.

This application was initially filed administratively and is similar to the administrative application filed for the Malaga SWD No. 5 well (API No. 30-015-44571), recently approved as a disposal well in the same zone under SWD-1733 and located in adjacent Section 12. This matter for the Malaga SWD No. 4 was set for hearing following the filing of protests. All of the protests have been formally withdrawn except for the protest lodged by Carla Kay Nearhood Dickson, who resides in Arkansas. *See* Attached notice of protest.

### APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESS. Name and Expertise	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Brooks Verschoyle, Landman	Approx. 10 minutes	Approx. 3
Bradley M. Robinson, Engineer	Approx. 20 minutes	Approx. 3

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The protest filed by Carla Kay Nearhood Dickson is attached hereto. Notice of the hearing on this matter was provided to Ms. Dickson at the address provided on the attachment. In the event Ms. Dickson does not file a prehearing statement or otherwise enter an appearance, Black River will submit proof of notice to Ms. Dickson at the hearing and thereafter request that this application be approved administratively like the Malaga SWD No. 5 well (API No. 30-015-44571), which was recently approved as a disposal well in the same zone under SWD-1733 and is located in adjacent Section 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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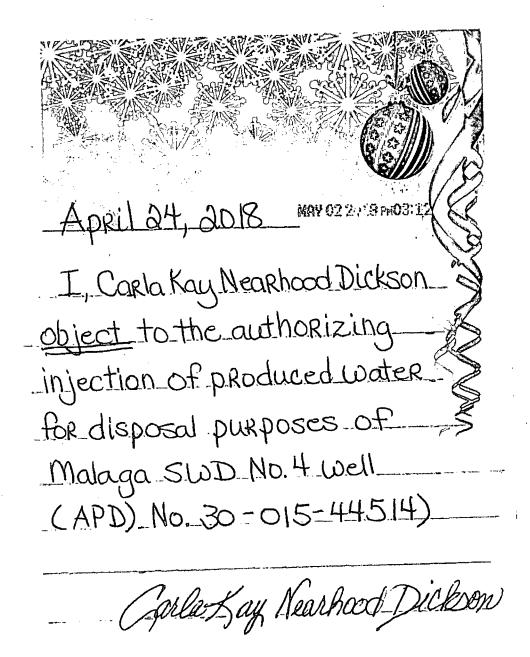
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