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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2007 SEP 11 PM 12 07

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED  
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL  
CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR A COMPLIANCE  
ORDER AGAINST NORTHSTAR OIL & GAS, ETC.,  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 13,920 (*de novo*)  
Order No. R-12779

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE, PRE-HEARING STATEMENT,  
AND REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE

This pleading is submitted by Northstar Oil & Gas.

I. ENTRY OF APPEARANCE.

James Bruce enters his appearance in this case on behalf of Northstar Oil & Gas.

II. PRE-HEARING STATEMENT.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

Oil Conservation Division

APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

Gail MacQuesten

OPPONENT

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Attention: John C. Corbett  
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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant obtained an order requiring two wells to be plugged and abandoned, and imposing a civil penalty upon Northstar Oil & Gas Corp.

OPPONENT

Northstar Oil & Gas Corp. has plugged one of the subject wells, and is in the process of plugging the second well. Northstar Oil & Gas Corp. requests relief from the civil penalty provisions of the order.

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

APPLICANT

WITNESSES

EST. TIME

EXHIBIT

OPPONENT

WITNESSES

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EXHIBITS

John C. Corbett

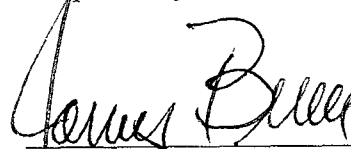
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**III. PROCEDURAL MATTERS – REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE.**

Northstar Oil & Gas Corp. contacted the undersigned on Friday, September 7, 2007 regarding representing it in this matter. As a result, this pleading has not been filed until today. Northstar Oil & Gas Corp. has requested a continuance of this case, to which the Division has objected. By this pleading, Northstar Oil & Gas Corp. again requests a continuance. As grounds therefore, the undersigned states: He is unavailable for hearing on September 13<sup>th</sup>, due to prior commitments on business matters for other clients outside of Santa Fe on Thursday and Friday of this week. In addition, the Division has not shown any harm which will result from the granting of a one month continuance.

Respectfully submitted,



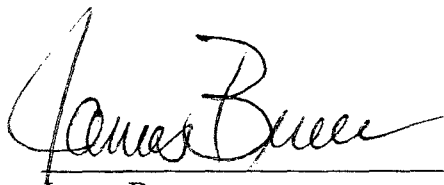
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The foregoing pleading was served upon the following counsel of record this 10<sup>th</sup> of September, 2007 by facsimile transmission:

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