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

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT I FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING THE BAKER C NO. 1 (API NO. 30-025-10469), LOCATED 660 FNL AND 660 FEL, UNIT A, SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, TO BE PROPERLY PLUGGED, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELL AND ORDERING A FORFEITURE OF THE PLUGGING BOND IF ANY.

CASE NO. _///.3/

APPLICATION FOR PLUGGING AND FORFEITURE OF BOND

Donald Sharratt (hereinafter called "Operator") is the operator of the Baker C No.
Well (API No. 30-025-10469), located 660 FNL and 660 FEL, Unit A, Section 26, Township
South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

2. Donald Sharratt, as Operator, has posted a one well cash bond in the amount of \$7,500 in compliance with Section 70-2-14 N.M.S.A. 1978 and Rule 101 of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division, which bond is conditioned upon compliance with the statutes of the State of New Mexico and the Rules and Regulations of the Division with respect to the proper plugging and abandonment of the well operated by said Operator.

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3. Operator has deposited with the United New Mexico Bank at Lea County, Hobbs, New Mexico, the sum of \$7,500 in Certificate of Deposit or Savings Account No. 0100064994 and has assigned said account to the Oil Conservation Division as security for said bond. 4. The subject well has not produced hydrocarbon substance or has otherwise been inactive for more than one year or is no longer usable for beneficial purposes and no permit for temporary abandonment has been requested by the Operator and approved by the Division.

5. By virtue of the failure to use the well for beneficial purposes or to have an approved current temporary abandonment permit, the subject well is presumed to have been abandoned and is required to be plugged.

6. By authority of Section 70-2-12 N.M.S.A. 1978, the Rules and Regulations of the Division require wells which are inactive for more than one year or are no longer usable for beneficial purposes to be properly plugged.

7. Demand has been made upon the Operator to either place the subject well to beneficial use, obtain approval for temporary abandonment or properly plug and abandon the same and the Operator has failed to do so.

WHEREFORE, the Supervisor of District I of the Oil Conservation Division applies to the Director to enter an order:

1. Determining whether or not the Baker C No. 1 well should be plugged in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program;

2. Upon determination that said well should be plugged directing Donald Sharratt as

Operator to plug said well within 45 days of the date of the Director's order.

3. Further ordering that if Operator fails to plug said well as ordered by the Director, that the Division be authorized:

- a. to plug said well;
- b. to declare forfeiture on said bond and to take such action to foreclose on said bond; and
- c. to recover from the Operator any costs of plugging in excess of the amount of the bond.
- 4. For such other and further relief as the Division deems just and proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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