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HAND DELIVERED

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Arco State Well No. 1

Unit P Section 16, T18S, R35E, NMPM

Application of Pride Energy Company for a Division Order rescinding approval of the change of operator for the referenced well from Pride Energy Company to EGL Resources, Inc.

Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Pride Energy Company, please find enclosed our referenced application which we request be set for hearing on the next available Examiner's docket now scheduled for November 4, 1999. Also enclosed is our proposed notice for the advertisement.

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Pride Energy Company

Attn: Matthew L. Pride

12278

Case ______: Application of Pride Energy Company for a Division Order rescinding approval of the change of operator, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks a Division order rescinding its October 5, 1999 approval of a request by EGL Resources Inc. for a change of operator (Division form C-104) from Pride Energy Company to EGL Resources, Inc. for the Arco State Well No 1 located in Unit P, Section 16, Township 18 South, Range 35 East NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This well is located approximately 19 miles west from Hobbs, New Mexico.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PRIDE ENERGY COMPANY FOR A DIVISION ORDER RESCINDING ITS APPROVAL OF A CHANGE OF OPERATOR, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE: 12278

APPLICATION

Comes now PRIDE ENERGY COMPANY by and through its attorneys, KELLAHIN and KELLAHIN, and applies for a Division order rescinding its October 5, 1999 approval of a request by EGL Resources Inc. for a change of operator (Division form C-104) from Pride Energy Company to EGL Resources, Inc. for the Arco State Well No. 1 located in Unit P, Section 16, Township 18 South, Range 35 East NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico,

In support thereof, Applicant states:

- 1. Pride Energy Company is the Division designated operator of the Arco State Well No. 1 located in Unit P, Section 16, Township 18 South, Range 35 East NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- 2. Pride Energy Company has not failed or refused to carry out its duties in accordance with the Joint Operating Agreement applicable to this well.
- 3. Without notice to Pride Energy Company and without its knowledge, EGL Resources Inc. balloted the other working interest owners in an attempt to improperly remove Pride Energy Company as operator of this well.

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- 4. Without notice to Pride Energy Company and without its knowledge, authorization or approval, EGL Resources Inc. filed a Division Form C-104 requesting a change in operator from Pride Energy Company to EGL Resources, Inc. for the Arco State Well No. 1 located in Unit P, Section 16, Township 18 South, Range 35 East NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- 5. On October 5, 1999, and without Pride Energy Company's knowledge, the Division approved EGL Resources, Inc.'s request for change in operator. See Exhibit "A"
- 6. EGL Resources, Inc. represents that the Division's approval was made only after review of the Joint Operating Agreement and ballots" See Exhibit "B"
- 7. EGL Resources, Inc. has failed to comply with the provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement and, without cause, has improperly attempted to remove Pride Energy Company as operator.
- 8. Notification of this application has been sent to those persons listed on Exhibit "C"

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, this Application be approved as requested.

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P. O. BOX 371 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702 915 887-8580 915 682-5852

October 6, 1999

Mr. Matt Pride Pride Energy Company P.O. Box 701602 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74170-1602

Dear Matt,

EGL Resources is the operator of record, as indicated on the enclosed c-104 form, for the Arco State #1 well located in section 16, T8S, R35E, Lea, County, NM. The NMOCD approved the change on October 5, 1999 after reviewing the JOA and ballots. The effective date is September 1,1999.

Many of the working interest owners believe revenue is due them from oil and gas sales and SWD credits of 6-98 to present. Please provide copies of LOE's and revenue from oil and gas sales for this period. EGL will review the documents and determine the most efficient method of collection, if monies are due owners, or payment, if monies are due Pride Energy.

Oil and gas purchasers and the pumper have been notified of the change of operator.

If you have any questions, call me at 915-687-6560.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Snyder, Jr. Vice President



Exhibit "C"

EGL Resources, Inc.
P. O. Box 371
Midland, Texas 79702

Attn: Robert D. Snyder, Jr.