## 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 III FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING NERDLIHC COMPANY INC. AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY: (i) NERDLIHC SHOULD NOT BE ORDERED TO PROPERLY PLUG THIRTEEN WELLS LOCATED IN MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, (ii) THE DIVISION SHOULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO PLUG THESE WELLS AND FORECLOSE ON THE PLUGGING BOND, IF NERDLIHC DOES NOT, (iii) THE DIVISION SHOULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO RECOVER THE PLUGGING COSTS IN EXCESS OF THE PLUGGING BOND, IF ANY, FROM NERDLIHC, (v) AND FINES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED ON NERDLIHC FOR FAILURE TO PLUG THESE WELLS.

CASE NO. 12344

## APPLICATION FOR PLUGGING AND FORFEITURE OF BOND

- 1. Nerdlihe Company Inc. (the "Operator") is the operator of the thirteen wells shown on the attached Exhibit A.
- 2. Operator has posted a cash bond in the amount of \$50,000 for these wells in compliance with Section 70-2-14, NMSA 1978, and Division Rule 101, which bond is conditioned upon compliance with New Mexico statutes and Division Rules with respect to the proper plugging and abandonment of the wells operated by Operator. United New Mexico Bank is the holder of the bond, Bond No.OCD-236.
  - 3. These wells (i) have not produced hydrocarbon or carbon dioxide substance or have

otherwise been inactive for more than one year, or (ii) are no longer usable for beneficial purposes, and no permit for temporary abandonment has been requested by the Operator and approved by the Division.

- 4. By virtue of the failure to use the wells for beneficial purposes or to have approved current temporary abandonment permits, these wells are presumed to have been abandoned and are required to be plugged.
- 5. By authority of Section 70-2-14 NMSA 1978, Divison Rules require wells which are inactive for more than one year or are no longer usable for beneficial purposes to be properly plugged.
- 6. Demand has been made or attempted to be made upon the Operator to either place the wells to beneficial use, obtain approval for temporary abandonment or properly plug and abandon the wells and the Operator has failed to do so.

WHEREFORE, the Division District III Supervisor applies to the Director to enter an order:

- A. Requiring the Operator to plug the wells in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.
- B. If the Operator fails to plug and abandon the wells as ordered by the Director, authorizing the Director:

- i. to plug the wells;
- ii. to declare forfeiture of the bond, if any, and to take such action to foreclose on the bond;
- iii. to recover from the Operator any costs of plugging the wells in excess of the amount of the bond, if any; and
- iv. impose fines on the Operator for failure to plug the wells as ordered by the Division.

D. For such other relief as the Division deems just and proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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## EXHIBIT "A"

Bullseye #1Y	C-19-16N-09W	#30-031-20556
Bullseye #3	N-18-16N-09W	#30-031-20424
Bullseye #5	K-18-16N-09W	#30-031-20465
Bullseye #7	D-19-16N-09W	#30-031-20507
Bullseye #6	K-18-16N-09W	#30-031-20471
Bullseye #12	M-18-16N-09W	#30-031-20593
Bullseye #10	O-18-16N-09W	#30-031-20578
Bullseye #15	D-13-16N-10W	#30-031-20674
Bullseye #13	O-13-16N-10W	#30-031-20673
Bullseye #16	M-18-16N-09W	#30-031-20942
Marcelina #1	A-24-16N-10W	#30-031-20446
Marcelina #5	A-24-16N-10W	#30-031-20513
Marcelina #6	H-24-16N-10W	#30-031-20514