

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

**APPLICATION OF EMPIRE NEW MEXICO LLC TO REVOKE
THE INJECTION AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-965 FOR THE BLINEBRY
DRINKARD SWD #020 WELL OPERATED BY RICE
OPERATING COMPANY, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. 24438

**ENTRY OF APPEARANCE BY RICE OPERATING COMPANY
AND NOTICE OF OPPOSITION TO PRESENTATION BY AFFIDAVIT**

Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A., (Earl E. DeBrine, Jr., Deana M. Bennett and Yarithza Peña) hereby enters its appearance on behalf of Rice Operating Company (“Rice”) in the above-referenced case.

Rice further provides notice that it objects to presentation of this case by affidavit under Rule 19.15.4.12(A)(1)(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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