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March 26, 2018

CFM Oil, LLC OGRID #280554 P.O. Box 1176 Artesia, NM 88210

Re: ACOI No. 344

CFM Oil, LLC; OGRID No. 280554

Dear Operator:

Thank you for returning the signed agreed compliance order regarding inactive wells operated by CFM Oil, LLC (CFM). Enclosed is a copy of the fully executed order.

The Order requires CFM to bring <u>18</u> of the wells identified in the Order into compliance with Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC by <u>September 23, 2018</u>. Please remember that to bring a well into compliance under the order, CFM must not only plug the wellbore, place the well on approved temporary abandonment, or return it to production or other beneficial use, CFM must also file the appropriate paperwork. For example, if CFM plugs the wellbore of a well, it must also file a C-103 subsequent report on the plugging. You may wish to confirm the status of each well on the list with the appropriate district office prior to the expiration of the Order.

The Order also requires CFM to file a compliance report with the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) Compliance and Enforcement Manager, Daniel Sanchez, by <u>September 23, 2018</u>. This means <u>the compliance report must be received by the OCD by September 23, 2018</u>. I will review the report to determine whether the wells have been returned to compliance. If you have questions about how to file a compliance report, please contact me at (505) 476-3493.

As CFM works to fulfill its obligations under the order, it should also monitor the status of its other wells to ensure that wells do not remain inactive for a period exceeding 15 months. Remember that you can search the OCD's Inactive Well List for wells that are inactive, but not yet out of compliance.

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The OCD appreciates CFM's commitment to bringing its inactive wells into compliance. If you have any questions, or if I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to call. My email address is daniel.sanchez@state.nm.us.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Sanchez

NMOCD Compliance & Enforcement Manager

Encl. ACOI No. 344

CC: Maxey Brown, OCD District I Supervisor

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### ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NMOCD - ACOI- 344

#### IN THE MATTER OF CFM OIL, LLC

Respondent.

## INACTIVE WELL AGREED COMPLIANCE ORDER

Pursuant to the New Mexico Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 70-2-1 through 70-2-38, as amended ("Act") and OCD Rule 19.15.5.10(E) NMAC, the Director of the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") and **CFM Oil, LLC** ("Operator") enter into this Inactive Well Agreed Compliance Order ("Order" or "ACOI"). Operator agrees to plug, place on approved temporary abandonment status, or restore to production or other beneficial use the wells identified herein in accordance with the following agreed schedule and procedures, or face the possibility of no further agreed compliance orders. See 19.15.25.8 NMAC

#### **FINDINGS**

- 1. The OCD is the state division charged with administration and enforcement of the Act, and rules and orders adopted pursuant to the Act.
- 2. Operator is a Limited Liability Company doing business in the state of New Mexico.
- 3. Operator is the operator of record under OGRID **280554** for the wells identified in Exhibit "A," attached.
- 4. OCD Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC states, in relevant part:
  - "A. The operator of wells drilled for oil or gas or services wells including seismic, core, exploration or injection wells, whether cased or uncased, shall plug the wells as Subsection B of 19.15.25.8 NMAC requires.
  - B. The operator shall either properly plug and abandon a well or place the well in approved temporary abandonment in accordance with 19.15.25 NMAC within 90 days after:

(3)	a period of one year in which a well has been continuously
inactive."	

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- 5. The wells identified in Exhibit "A"
  - (a) have been continuously inactive for a period of one year plus 90 days;
  - (b) are not plugged or abandoned in accordance with OCD Rule 19.15.25.9 NMAC through 19.15.25.11 NMAC; and
  - (c) are not on approved temporary abandonment status in accordance with OCD Rule 19.15.25.12 NMAC through 19.15.25.14 NMAC.
- 6. An operator faces sanctions if it is out of compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC. Sanctions include <u>possible</u> denial of registration by operator or certain related entities (OCD Rule 19.15.9.8B NMAC), <u>possible</u> denial of change of operator that would transfer wells to the noncompliant operator (OCD Rule 19.15.9.9C.1 NMAC), <u>mandatory</u> denial of injection permits (OCD Rule 19.15.26.8A NMAC), <u>possible</u> revocation of injection permits after notice and hearing (OCD Rule 19.15.26.8A NMAC), <u>possible</u> denial of applications for a drilling permit (OCD Rule 19.15.14.10A NMAC), and <u>mandatory</u> denial of allowable and authorization to transport (OCD Rule 19.15.16.19A NMAC).
- 7. Operator is currently out of compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.5.9.A(4) NMAC because it has too many wells out of compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC (the inactive well rule) that are not subject to an agreed compliance order setting a schedule for bringing the wells into compliance with the inactive well rule and imposing sanctions if the schedule is not met. See OCD Rule 19.15.5.9(A)(4) NMAC.
- 8. As the operator of record of <u>146</u> wells, to be in compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.5.9.A(4) NMAC, Operator may have no more than <u>5</u> wells out of compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC (inactive well rule). <u>See</u> OCD Rule 19.15.5.9A(4)(b) NMAC. According to the inactive well list kept pursuant to OCD Rule 19.15.5.9(F) NMAC, Operator has <u>31</u> wells out of compliance as of **March 16**, **2018**. The Operator's inactive well list, dated **March 16**, **2018** is attached as Exhibit "A." Operator faces sanctions for being out of compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC.
- 9. Operator intends to seek privileges from the OCD that would be subject to sanction due to Operator being out of compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC. By placing the wells identified in Exhibit "A" under this Order, Operator will not face sanctions for being out of compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

1. The OCD has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter in this proceeding.

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- 2. The wells identified in Exhibit "A" are out of compliance or will be out of compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC.
- 3. As operator of the wells identified in Exhibit "A," Operator is responsible for bringing those wells into compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC.
- 4. The OCD and Operator enter into this Order to remove the wells identified in Exhibit "A" from the inactive well list kept pursuant to OCD Rule 19.15.5.9(F) NMAC and consideration of Operator's compliance with the inactive well rule for purposes of Operator's compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC. Operator remains subject to sanctions for being out of compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC IF Operator becomes out of compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC for any reason other than the inactive wells identified in Exhibit "A."

#### **ORDER**

- 1. Operator agrees to bring <u>18</u> wells identified in Exhibit "A" into compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC by **September 23, 2018** via
  - (a) restoring the well to production or other OCD-approved beneficial use <u>and</u> filing a C-115 documenting such production or use;
  - (b) causing the wellbore to be plugged in accordance with OCD Rule 19.15.25.10(B) NMAC and filing a C-103 describing the completed work; or
  - (c) placing the well on approved temporary abandonment status in accordance with OCD Rule 19.15.25.12 NMAC through 19.15.25.14 NMAC.
- 2. Prior to completing the term of this agreement, the operator agrees to provide a comprehensive plan, acceptable to the division, as to how it will address the remaining inactive wells on Exhibit "A". Failure to provide such a plan may result in the division denying future amendments to this agreement. Oil and gas produced during swabbing does not count as production for purposes of this Order.
- 3. Operator shall file a **monthly** compliance report, **due on the last day of each month**, identifying each well returned to compliance, stating the date it was returned to compliance and describing how the well was returned to compliance (restored to production or other approved beneficial use, plugged wellbore, approved temporary abandonment status.) Transfer of a well identified on Exhibit "A" to another operator does not count towards Operator's obligation to return wells to compliance under the terms of this Order, but does reduce the total number of wells for which Operator is responsible under the terms of this Order. The final written compliance report must be mailed or e-mailed to the OCD's Enforcement and Compliance Manager and to the OCD attorney in charge of inactive well agreed

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- compliance orders so that it is <u>received by</u> the compliance deadline of **September 23, 2018**. The total length of this Agreed Compliance Order is six months.
- 4. Operator understands that if it fails to meet the terms of this Order, the OCD may decide not to enter into any further agreed compliance orders with Operator. If any more wells become inactive during the duration of this ACOI or the operator is in any other way in violation of OCD Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC, this ACOI may terminate, at the sole discretion of the Division.
- 5. This Order shall expire on **October 23, 2018**. At that time, any wells on Exhibit "A" not in compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC will appear on the inactive well list kept pursuant to OCD Rule 19.15.5.9(F) NMAC, and will be considered when determining Operator's compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC.
- 6. By signing this Order, Operator expressly:
  - (a) acknowledges the correctness of the Findings and Conclusions set forth in this Order;
  - (b) agrees to return to compliance <u>18</u> wells identified in Exhibit "A" by **September 23, 2018**;
  - (c) agrees to submit a compliance report as required in Ordering Paragraph 3 by the **September 23, 2018** compliance deadline set by this Order;
  - (d) waives any right, pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act or otherwise, to an appeal from this Order, or to a hearing either prior to or subsequent to the entry of this Order other than a hearing on a request for waiver; and
  - (e) agrees that the Order may be enforced by OCD or Oil Conservation Commission Order, by suit or otherwise to the same extent and with the same effect as a final Order of the OCD or Oil Conservation Commission entered after notice and hearing in accordance with all terms and provisions of the Oil and Gas Act.
- 7. This Order applies only to the enforcement of OCD Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC against those wells identified in Exhibit "A." Other wells operated by Operator out of compliance with OCD Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC may be subject to immediate enforcement action under the Oil and Gas Act and OCD Rules. Wells identified in Exhibit "A" that are out of compliance with the Oil and Gas Act or OCD Rules other than OCD Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC may be subject to immediate enforcement action under the Oil and Gas Act and OCD Rules.
- 8. The OCD reserves the right to file an application for hearing to obtain authority to plug any well identified in Exhibit "A" and forfeit the applicable financial assurance if the well poses an immediate environmental threat.

CFM Oil, LLC hereby acce and provisions set forth in that Orde	epts the foregoing Order, and agrees to all of the terms er.
and provisions set form in that Orde	CFM OIL LLC  By: Au July (Please print name) Lours Fulton  Title: Owner  Date: 3-21-18
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By:

**ACCEPTANCE** 

Heather Riley

Director, Oil Conservation Division

### Exhibit "A" to Agreed Compliance Order for CFM Oil, LLC

Total Well Count: 146 Inactive Well Count: 31 Printed On: Friday, March 16 2018

District	API	Well	ULSTR	OCD Unit	Ogrid	Operator	Lease Type	Well Type	Last Production	Formation/Notes Status TA Exp Date
1	30-025-01584	CONOCO FEDERAL #001	K-06-18S-33E	К	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	F	0	06/2015	QUEEN
1	30-025-01585	CONOCO FEDERAL #002	7-06-18S-33E	M	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	F	0	08/2015	QUEEN
2	30-015-21823	GILLESPIE STATE #002	C-27-17S-28E	С	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	0	08/2012	
2	30-015-22410	KINDLE #003	B-26-18S-26E	В	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	P	G	04/2010	
2	30-015-10247	STATE B 1111 #001	F-22-17S-28E	F	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	O	03/2015	
2	30-015-23138	STATE B 1111 #008	H-22-17S-28E	Н	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	О	06/2016	
2	30-015-23139	STATE B 1111 #009	H-22-17S-28E	H	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	О	05/2016	
2	30-015-23231	STATE B 1111 #010	H-22-17S-28E	Н	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	o	03/2016	
2	30-015-23140	STATE B 1111 #011	H-22-17S-28E	Н	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	o	03/2016	
2	30-015-23451	STATE B 1111 #012	F-22-17S-28E	F	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	О	03/2015	
2	30-015-23452	STATE B 1111 #013	G-22-17S-28E	G	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	o	09/2014	
2	30-015-23453	STATE B 1111 #014	G-22-17S-28E	G	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	O	05/2014	
2	30-015-23454	STATE B 1111 #015A	G-22-17S-28E	G	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	О	12/2013	
2	30-015-23455	STATE B 1111 #016	F-22-17S-28E	F	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	O	03/2013	
2	30-015-23456	STATE B 1111 #017	F-22-17S-28E	F	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	s.	O	05/2013	
2	30-015-23569	STATE B 1111 #018	A-22-17S-28E	Α	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	0	01/2013	
2	30-015-23570	STATE B 1111 #019	A-22-17S-28E	Α	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	0	03/2016	
2	30-015-23571	STATE B 1111 #020	A-22-17S-28E	A	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	o	12/2014	
2	30-015-23572	STATE B 1111 #021	A-22-17S-28E	Α	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	O	08/2015	
2	30-015-23661	STATE B 1111 #022	G-22-17S-28E	G	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	О	08/2015	
2	30-015-22813	STATE B 1969 #010	O-22-17S-28E	O	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	o	01/2016	
2	30-015-22827	STATE B 1969 #011	O-22-17S-28E	О	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	O	04/2014	SEVEN RIVERS INT TO PA 03/11/10
2	30-015-22828	STATE B 1969 #012	O-22-17S-28E	O	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	0	01/2016	
2	30-015-22829	STATE B 1969 #013	O-22-17S-28E	O	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	O	01/2016	
2	30-015-23141	STATE B 1969 #014	J-22-17S-28E	J	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	O	06/2016	
2	30-015-23142	STATE B 1969 #015	J-22-17S-28E	J	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	O	06/2016	
2	30-015-23232	STATE B 1969 #016	J-22-17S-28E	J	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	0	04/2016	
2	30-015-23143	STATE B 1969 #017	J-22-17S-28E	J		CFM OIL, LLC	S	О	03/2015	
2	30-005-62761	VALLEY B ST #001	H-27-10S-26E	Н	280554	CFM OIL, LLC	S	О	04/2011	
2	30-015-00318	WILLIAMS #003	B-25-18S-26E	В		CFM OIL, LLC	P	0	04/2014	
2		YATES BROWN ST		1		CFM OIL, LLC	S	0	04/2011	

WHERE Operator:280554, County:All, District:All, Township:All, Range:All, Section:All, Production(months):15, Excludes Wells Under ACOI, Excludes Wells in Approved TA Period

By: Inffile
Title: Owner

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August 1, 2017

CFM Oil, LLC OGRID #280554 P.O. Box 1176 Artesia, NM 88210

Re: 19.15.5.9 NMAC Compliance

#### Dear Operator:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) is conducting ongoing review of all operators' compliance status with Subsection A of 19.15.5.9 NMAC. According to OCD records, your company is not in compliance with Subsection A of 19.15.5.9 NMAC for the following reason:

X Inactive wells. According to the attached inactive well list, your company has too many wells in violation of 19.15.25.8 NMAC (the inactive well rule) that are not subject to an inactive well agreed compliance order. As an operator of 146 wells, your company may have no more than 5 wells in violation of the inactive well rule. Your company has 26 wells in violation of the inactive well rule.

Non-compliance with 19.15.5.9 NMAC will prevent your company from acquiring any new wells, acquiring approval of exploration and development plans, receiving new allowables, and obtaining drilling, injection, and other OCD issued permits, and potentially expose your company to additional compliance actions including an OCD order requiring compliance, and revocation of injection permits. As the operator of a non 19.15.5.9 NMAC compliant company, you will not be permitted to register any additional companies to operate in New Mexico or have any interest exceeding 25 percent in any other companies in New Mexico.

The OCD is requesting that you review the OCD's online database for your specific Oil and Gas Registration Identification (OGRID) number and notify the OCD how your company plans to return to compliance with 19.15.5.9 NMAC. This is an opportunity for your company to work with the OCD toward achieving its goal of maintaining compliance with the rules of the State of New Mexico. Please respond to the OCD within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received the OCD may begin formal compliance action.

Respectfully yours,

Daniel Sanchez, Compliance and Enforcement Manager (505)476-3493

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