

AP-079

Abatement Plan Proposal

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Mr. Glenn von Gonten
New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

**RE: Proof of Written Notice and Proof of Publication For Stage 1 Abatement Plan Proposal
State X #1 Site (AP-79)
T12S-R34E-Section 1 Lea County, New Mexico**

Mr. von Gonten:

On behalf of Pride Energy Company, enclosed is proof of written notice and proof of publication for the Stage 1 Abatement Plan Proposal for the above-referenced site as required by OCD Rule Part 30.15.

On March 20, 2009, written notice was sent to interested parties by certified mail or email as directed by NMOCD. The Notice of Publication and mailing lists of interested parties are included in Attachment A.

Public notices were published in the Hobbs News-Sun and the Santa Fe New Mexican on March 24, 2009. Affidavits of publication are included in Attachment B.

We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions please call me at 505-266-5004 or Matt Pride at 918-524-9200.

Sincerely,



Andrew Parker
R.T. Hicks Consultants

cc (via email): Matt Pride (Pride Energy Co., Tulsa, OK)
Larry Hill (NMOCD -District 1, Hobbs, NM)

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Oil Conservation Division

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Oil Conservation Division Regulations, the following Stage 1 Abatement Plan Proposal has been submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division, 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, Telephone (505) 476-3440:

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Mailing List:

1. Surface owners within one mile (parcel post)
 - a. State QE 13 #1:
 - i. A.D. Jones Estate, Inc. Attn. Dirk Jones HC 12, Box 25 Tatum, NM 88267
2. Federal, State, and Local Agencies (certified mail)
 - a. Office of Natural Resources Trustee Attn: Jim Baca 610 Gold Avenue SW, Suite 236 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102
 - b. New Mexico State Land Office, Commissioner of Public Lands P.O. Box 1148 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1148
 - c. Lea County Commission 100 North Main Lovington, NM 88260-4030
 - d. New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Attn: Glenn Von Gonten 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505
3. Attached List (email only)
4. City Officials
 - a. none (< 1-mile for city limits)
5. Tribal Lands (certified mail)
 - a. none

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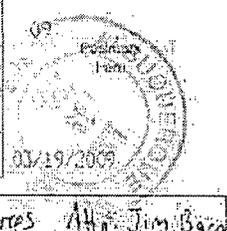
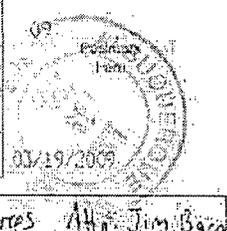
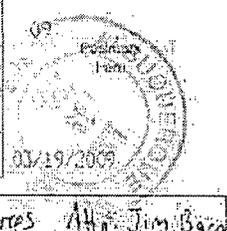
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Sent To: **NM OGD Attn: Glenn Von Gonten**
 Street, Apt. No. or PO Box No. **1220 South St. Francis Dr**
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Sent to: Lea County Commission
Street, Apt. No.: 100 North Main
City, State, ZIP+4: Louington NM 88260-4030

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From: Sandra Stout [sstout@leacounty.net]

Sent: Mon 3/30/2009 3:38 PM

To: Andrew Parker

Cc:

Subject: RE: Receival of Public Notices

Thank you Andrew.

Sandra J Stout

Administrative Assistant
Lea County Commission/Manager's Office
100 North Main, Suite 4
Lovington, New Mexico 88260

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-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Parker [<mailto:andrew@rthicksconsult.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 3:33 PM

To: Sandra Stout

Cc: gilbertvandeventer@suddenlink.net

Subject: Receival of Public Notices

Sandy:

Per our conversation you should have received 5 public notices via certified mail. The receipt number is 7004 1350 0001 9663 5677. Please let me know if you receive the notices in th mail.

Until then, I have attached copies of the notices. Please distribute the public notices as appropriate to the County Commission.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Andrew Parker
R.T. Hicks Consultants
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APPENDIX B

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/s/ L. Paquin
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 24th day of March, 2009

Notary Mary Margaret Vigil-Weideman
Commission Expires: 11-13-2012



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Affidavit of Publication

State of New Mexico,
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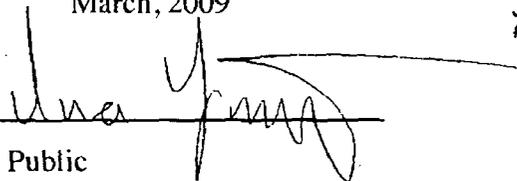
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