

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

**APPLICATION OF READ & STEVENS INC. TO  
REMOVE FLARE OIL INC. AS OPERATOR OF  
RECORD OF THE STATE IL COM #001 WELL,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 22354**

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Read & Stevens Inc. (“Applicant”) submits its Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

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**APPLICANT**

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**INTERESTED PARTIES**

No other parties of record.

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**STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

Applicant seeks an order: (1) removing Flare Oil Inc. as operator of record of the State IL Com #001 well; and (2) designating R&S as operator of record. R&S is a registered operator in good standing with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”). R&S is record title owner of State Lease L0-4609-0001 (“Lease”) covering lands in Section 3 in Township 19 South, Range 24 East, which was terminated on May 21, 2019. Flare Oil Inc. (“Flare”) (OGRID No. 7899) is the operator of record of the State IL Com #001 well (API No. 30-015-23349) (“Well”) located on the Lease

at 1980 feet from the north line and 1980 feet from the east line (Unit G) of Section 3, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. The Well was completed in the Boyd; Morrow (Gas) Pool (Pool No. 72840) and first produced in February 1981 and last produced in October 2016. As operator of record of the Well, Flare has the obligation under the Oil and Gas Act and Division regulations to properly plug and abandon the well but is unavailable and unlocatable. As record title owner of the Lease, R&S intends to properly plug and abandon the Well. The Well is located approximately 14.4 miles southwest of Artesia, New Mexico.

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

<b><u>Witness</u></b>	<b><u>Occupation</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Time</u></b>	<b><u>Exhibits</u></b>
Harrison Read	Landman	Affidavit	Approx. 8

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Applicant will present its case by affidavit if there is no opposition to its application.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTIONS

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**QUESTIONS**

<b>Testimony</b>	
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