

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

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APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION,  
THROUGH THE DISTRICT I SUPERVISOR FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER  
AGAINST REUBIN COLLINS d/b/a RCJ ENTERPRISES, LLC FINDING THAT  
THE OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF 19.15.4.201 NMAC AS TO ELEVEN  
WELLS, REQUIRING OPERATOR TO BRING SAID WELLS INTO  
COMPLIANCE WITH 19.15.4.201 NMAC BY A DATE CERTAIN AND, IN THE  
EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE, DECLARING THE WELLS ABANDONED  
AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG THE WELLS LOCATED IN  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 13886

AMENDED ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND  
PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

The Oil Conservation Division submits this entry of appearance and pre-hearing statement pursuant to OCD Rule 1211 [19.15.14.1211 NMAC].

**APPEARANCES**

APPLICANT

Oil Conservation Division

APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

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RESPONDENT

Reubin Collins, d/b/a RCJ Enterprises  
(no appearance has been filed at this time)

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P.O. Box 6055  
Hobbs, NM 88241-6055

Reubin Collins, d/b/a RCJ Enterprises  
2301 Camino Rio  
Farmington, NM 87401

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) seeks a compliance order against Reubin Collins, a sole proprietor doing business as RCJ Enterprises finding Mr. Collins in violation of 19.15.4.201 NMAC, requiring Mr. Collins to plug or otherwise return the wells to compliance by a date certain, and if Mr. Collins fails to comply, authorizing the OCD to plug the wells. The wells are federal, and the state holds no financial assurance for the wells.

The original application sought a compliance order as to all eleven wells operated by Mr. Collins. The eleven wells had no reported production or injection for more than one year plus ninety days, and were not plugged or on approved temporary abandonment. In addition, Mr. Collins had failed to file reports for the wells, and the OCD had cancelled Mr. Collins' authority to transport from or inject into the wells, under the authority given by 19.15.13.1115.C NMAC. Mr. Collins did not respond to the notice of cancellation, and the OCD assumed the wells were abandoned.

When preparing the case for hearing, OCD inspectors checked the well sites, and found that while some of the wells were inactive, others appeared to be active or capable of activity. At this hearing, the OCD will proceed to request an order requiring Mr. Collins to plug the following wells, that inspectors verified were inactive:

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| • Wallen Bass #003      | 30-025-25904 |
| • Cockburn Federal #007 | 30-025-01362 |
| • Cockburn Federal #10  | 30-025-21242 |
| • Buffalo Unit #007     | 30-025-21604 |

The OCD will move to dismiss the application as to the remaining wells without prejudice. The OCD intends to file a new application for a compliance order on the remaining wells regarding the failure to file C-115 reports and production/injection after cancellation of authority.

#### APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

##### WITNESS:

##### ESTIMATED TIME:

Daniel Sanchez, Enforcement and Compliance Manager	15 minutes
Larry "Buddy" Hill, Inspector, District 1	10 minutes
Dorothy Phillips, Financial Assurance Administrator	by affidavit
Jane Prouty or David Bradshaw, Automation and Records Bureau	by affidavit

#### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The OCD asks that Mr. Hill be allowed to testify by telephone.

Respectfully submitted  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2007 by



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was mailed to Reubin Collins d/b/a/ RCJ Enterprises at the addresses indicated above this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2007.

  
Gail MacQuesten