

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

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION,  
THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER, FOR A  
COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST NORTHSTAR OIL & GAS FINDING THAT  
THE OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF 19.15.4.201 NMAC AS TO TWO  
WELLS, DETERMINING THAT THE VIOLATION IS KNOWING AND  
WILLFUL AND IMPOSING A PENALTY, 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, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG THE  
WELLS AND FORFEIT THE APPLICABLE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE, SAN  
JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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CASE NO. 13920

*De novo*

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

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RESPONDENT

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) seeks a compliance order against Northstar Oil & Gas (Northstar) finding that Northstar knowingly and willfully violated 19.15.4.201 NMAC as to the two wells identified in the order, imposing penalties for that knowing and willful violation, requiring Northstar to plug or otherwise return the wells to compliance by a date certain, and if Northstar fails to comply, authorizing the OCD to plug the wells and forfeit the applicable financial assurances. Northstar has posted a \$50,000 cash bond.

#### APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESS:

ESTIMATED TIME:

Charlie Perrin, Supervisor, District III

20 minutes

Dorothy Phillips, Financial Assurance Administrator

10 minutes

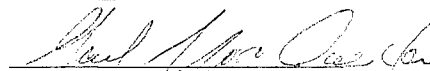
#### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None.

#### EXHIBITS

The OCD's exhibits are attached.

Respectfully submitted  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007 by




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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon Northstar Oil & Gas at the address indicated above by overnight mail this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007.



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