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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF **BOLD ENERGY, LP FOR OF A SALT WATER** DISPOSAL WELL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 14039=

### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

COMES NOW, Ernest L. Padilla, PADILLA LAW FIRM, P.A. and enters his

appearance on behalf of BERT MADERA, MONTIE CAROL MADERA, and

MADERA FAMILY TRUST B in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted:

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I caused a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance to be sent by facsimile at 505-982-2151 and U.S. Postal Service to James G. Bruce, Esq., P.O. Box 1056, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1056 on this 26<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2007.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF BOLD ENERGY, LP FOR A SALT WATER DISPOSAL WELL LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 14039

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### PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-hearing Statement is submitted by BERT MADERA and MONTIE CAROL MADERA, by and through their undersigned counsel, Ernest L. Padilla, Padilla Law Firm, P.A. as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

### **APPEARANCES OF PARTIES**

**ATTORNEY** 

APPLICANT:

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OPPOSITON OR OTHER PARTY:

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### STATEMENT OF CASE

### APPLICANT:

### **OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY:**

Bert and Montie Carol Madera and Madera Family Trust B (Madera) oppose the application because the proposed salt water disposal well is located in the proximity of Madera's only fresh water source servicing that portion of Madera's ranch. Madera requests that the applicant drill monitor wells which will alert the applicant and Madera that the integrity of the injection well has failed or has otherwise been compromised. Applicant's and Madera's fresh water tests differ materially. Madera also has requested that annual fresh water well testing be conducted by the applicant. These are reasonable requests given the anticipated rates of injection into the injection well. Upon information and belief, the injection well will operate under considerable pressures and will be taking salt water from many sources, not limited to salt water produced from the federal oil and gas lease under which the well was original drilled. The primary source of salt water will be from applicant's Antelope Ridge oil recovery plant located in the vicinity of the proposed injection well.

Madera is informed that the applicant does not have authority from the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of Interior to inject salt water into the proposed injection well. Madera is further informed that the federal oil and gas lease on which the proposed injection well was originally drilled has expired by its own terms, thus applicant would not be authorized under the terms of the oil and gas lease to inject salt water produced from the lease.

Applicant has not obtained an easement from Madera, which owns the surface estate on which the injection well is located, to place a pipeline on the surface of the land or to otherwise use the surface of the land to operate the injection well.

# PROPOSED EVIDENCE

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WITNESSES

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**EXHIBITS** 

Unknown

**OPPOSITION** 

WITNESSES

EST. TIME

**EXHIBITS** 

Bert Madera 20 minutes None

Roy Miller, P.E. 20 minutes (1) Water Analysis (2) Location map

# **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

(Please identify any procedural matters which need to be resolved prior to hearing.)

None

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