

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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July 14, 2003

Hon. Lori Wrotenbery, Chairman New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission 1220 S. St.Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Case No. 12811 (J.Cleo Thompson)

Dear Chairman Wrotenbery:

After reviewing this matter the Division staff has determined that the order entered in this case as to J.Cleo Thompson was improvidently entered. Both of J.Cleo Thompson's subject wells were actually in compliance prior to the Division hearing on March 22, 2002.

The Division accordingly requests that the Commission vacate Order No. R-11934, entered in Case No. 12811, insofar only as it applies to J.Cleo Thompson, and that the Division's application in this case, insofar only as it applies to J.Cleo Thompson, be dismissed.

Should you have questions, please feel free to call the undersigned at (505)-476-3450.

Very truly yours,

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cc. Mr. James Bruce Attorney for J. Cleo Thompson

> Ms. Cheryl Bada Commission counsel

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

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

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING OPERATORS TO BRING THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT (388) WELLS INTO COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 201.B, AND ASSESSING APPROPRIATE CIVIL PENALTIES; EDDY, CHAVES AND OTERO COUNTNIES, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 12811

ORDER NO. R-11934 DE NOVO

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO VACATE ORDER AND DISMISS APPLICATION AS IT APPLIES TO J. CLEO THOMPSON

THIS MATTER, having come before the Chair of the New Mexico Oil

Conservation Commission on motion of the Oil Conservation Division to vacate Order

No. R-11934, entered in Case No. 12811, insofar as it applies to J. Cleo Thompson and

dismiss the Oil Conservation Division's application in Case No. 12811, insofar as it

applies to J. Cleo Thompson and the Chair being advised that both of J. Cleo Thompson's

subject wells, 15-04081 and 15-04004, were in compliance prior to the Oil Conservation

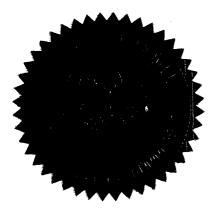
Division's March 22, 2002 hearing, grants the motion to vacate Order No. R-11934,

entered in Case No. 12811, insofar as it applies to J. Cleo Thompson and dismisses the

Oil Conservation Division's application in Case No. 12811 as it applies to J. Cleo Thompson.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Order No. R-11934, entered in Case No. 12811, as it applies to J. Cleo Thompson is vacated and the Oil Conservation Division's application in Case No. 12811 as it applies to J. Cleo Thompson is dismissed.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico on the 15th of July 2003.



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