OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE #: 14129

EXHIBIT 14

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

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER, FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST GENERAL OPERATING CO., GENE A. SNOW AND/OR SNOW OIL & GAS, INC. TO DETERMINE THE CORRECT OPERATOR(S) OF ONE WELL, FINDING THE OPERATOR(S) IN VIOLATION OF 19.15.4.201 NMAC AS TO THE WELL, REQUIRING OPERATOR(S) TO BRING THE WELL INTO COMPLIANCE WITH 19.15.4.201 NMAC BY A DATE CERTAIN, AND IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE DECLARING THE WELL ABANDONED AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG THE WELL AND FORFEIT THE APPLICABLE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 14129

<u>AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE AND PUBLICATION</u>

In accordance with Division Rule 1227.D [19.15.14.1227.D NMAC] and Rule 1210 [19.15.14.1210 NMAC] I hereby certify:

1. Notice of the original May 29, 2008 hearing in the above-captioned case was mailed to the following by certified mail, return receipt requested, at least 20 days prior to the hearing date, with a copy of the application:

General Operating Company

8495 Jacksboro Highway Wichita Falls, Texas 76301 Certified Mail No. 7099 3220 0009 7873 0783

Snow Oil & Gas, Inc.

P.O. Box 1277 Andrews, TX 79714 Certified Mail No. 7099 3220 0009 7873 0714

Gene A. Snow 606 S 13th St. Lovington, NM 88260 Certified Mail No. 7099 3220 0009 7873 0707

Nona Snow Registered Agent for Snow Oil & Gas, Inc. 606 S 13th St. Lovington, NM 88260

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Bill Richardson

Governor

Joanna Prukop Cabinet Secretary Reese Fullerton Deputy Cabinet Secretary Mark Fesmire
Division Director
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April 30, 2008

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Dear Operator,

You are hereby notified that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has filed the above-captioned application for a compliance order against <u>General Operating Co., Gene A.</u> <u>Snow and/or Snow Oil & Gas, Inc.</u> A copy of the application is ϵ

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A hearing on this application will take place before a Division hearing officer on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>May 29, 2008</u>, at 8:15 a.m., in Porter Hall, First Floor, 1220 South St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe, New Mexico. At that hearing you will have an opportunity to oppose the entry of the order. If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you should file a pre-hearing statement at least four business days in advance of the hearing, as required by 19.15.14.1211.B NMAC. A copy of that rule is enclosed. I have also enclosed a copy of 19.15.14.1212 NMAC, which addresses representation at administrative hearings before the Division.

If you have questions about the application you may call me at (505) 476-3451.

Very truly yours,

Gail MacQuesten

Assistant General Counsel

Encl: Application in Case No. 14129

Rule 1211 [19.15.14.1211 NMAC] Rule 1212 [19.15.14.1212 NMAC]

Ec: Daniel Sanchez, Compliance and Enforcement Manager

Tim Gum, Supervisor, Artesia District Office

Richard Inge, Artesia District Office

Jane Prouty, Automation Records Manager

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

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CASE NO. 141.29

APPLICATION FOR COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST GENERAL OPERATING CO., GENE A. SNOW AND/OR SNOW OIL & GAS, INC.

1. Gene A. Snow, a sole proprietor, became operator of record of the following well in 1976 under OGRID 201896:

Kleeman #001, P-27-18S-26E, 30-015-00250

- 2. The Kleeman #001 last reported activity in May 1977, and is neither plugged and abandoned nor on approved temporary abandonment status.
- 3. A hand-written notation on the well file copy of a 1978 "Supplement to the Oil Proration Schedule" sent to Mr. Snow states:

"5/9/91 Called, said this well was sold. Didn't know who it was sold to. CR"

4. Documents in the well file for the Kleeman #001 after 1991 identify the operator to be "Snow Oil and Gas," "Snow Oil & Gas, Inc." or "General Operating

Application for Compliance Order General Operating Co., Gene A. Snow and/or Snow Oil & Gas, Inc. Page 1 of 4 Company." There are no documents in the well file showing a change of operator from Gene A. Snow to any one of these companies.

- 5. "Snow Oil and Gas" is not listed as an operator in New Mexico. A letter sent by the Artesia District Office to "Snow Oil and Gas" inquiring about the Kleeman #001 received a response from "Snow Oil & Gas, Inc.," an active operator in New Mexico under OGRID 21013. In a letter dated March 17, 2006, Snow Oil & Gas, Inc. stated that it does not operate or have any interest in the Kleeman #001. "Snow Oil & Gas, Inc." is a corporation; Gene A. Lee is not listed as an officer or director of the corporation. The principal address listed for "Snow Oil & Gas, Inc." on the Corporate Inquiry Screen for the company on the Public Regulator Commission web site is the same address listed for Gene A. Lee in the Lovington telephone book: 606 S. 13th St., Lovington, NM 88260.
- 6. Despite the fact that there are no documents showing a change of operator from Gene A Snow to "General Operating Company," "General Operating Company" appears in the records of the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) as the operator of record for the Kleeman #001 under OGRID 8683.
- 7. The Kleeman #001 is the only well listed on the well list for General Operating Company.
- 8. Neither Gene A. Snow nor "General Operating Company" has a financial assurance posted with the OCD to secure the plugging of wells. "Snow Oil & Gas, Inc." posted a \$50,000 blanket cash plugging bond, Number OCD-224, to secure the plugging of its wells.

- 9. Division rule 19.15.1.7.O(5) defines "operator" as "a person who, duly authorized is in charge of the development of a lease or the operation of a producing property, or who is in charge of a facility's operation or management."
- 10. Division rule 19.15.4.201 NMAC requires an operator to plug and abandon or temporarily abandon a well in accordance with Division rules within 90 days after a period of one year of continuous inactivity.
- Division rule 19.15.3.101(H) NMAC authorizes the Director to order the operator to plug and abandon any well not in compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC and restore and remediate the location by a date certain.
- 12. NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-12(B)(18) and NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-38 authorize the Division to plug and abandon wells, and restore and remediate the location of abandoned wells.

WHEREFORE, the Enforcement and Compliance Manager of the Division hereby applies to the Director to enter an order:

- A. Determining the operator or operators of the Kleeman #001;
- B. Requiring the operator or operators to plug and abandon the Kleeman #001 by a date certain;
- C. If the Kleeman #001 is not brought into compliance with 19.15.4.201

 NMAC by the date set in the order, declaring the well abandoned and authorizing the Division to plug the subject well in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program and restore and remediate the location;

- D. If the order finds "Snow Oil & Gas, Inc." to be the operator of the Kleeman #001, and the Division plugs the well, authorizing the Division to forfeit the financial assurance posted by Snow Oil & Gas, Inc."; and
- E. For such other and further relief as the Director deems just and proper under the circumstances.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this 25 day of April 2008 by

Gail MacQuesten

Assistant General Counsel

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department of the State of

New Mexico

1220 S. St. Francis Drive

Santa Fe, NM 87505

(505) 476-3451

Attorney for The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

Case No. _______. Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for a Compliance Order against General Operating Company, Gene A. Snow and/or Snow Oil & Gas, Inc. The Applicant seeks an order determining the operator or operators of the Kleeman #001, 30-015-00250, Section 27, Township 18S, Range 26E; finding the operator(s) in violation of 19.15.4.201 NMAC as to said well; requiring operator(s) to bring the well into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC by a date certain and authorizing the division to plug the well and forfeit the applicable financial assurance in the event of non-compliance. The well is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Artesia in Eddy County, New Mexico.

19.15.14.1211 PLEADINGS, COPIES, PRE-HEARING STATEMENTS, EXHIBITS AND MOTIONS FOR CONTINUANCE:

Pleadings. Applicants shall file two sets of pleadings and correspondence in cases pending before a division examiner with the division clerk and six sets of pleadings and correspondence in cases pending before the commission with the commission clerk. For cases pending before the commission, the commission clerk shall disseminate copies of pleadings and correspondence to the commission members. The party filing the pleading or correspondence shall at the same time serve a copy of the pleading or correspondence upon each party who has entered an appearance in the case on or prior to the business day immediately preceding the date when the party files the pleading or correspondence with the division or the commission clerk, as applicable. Parties shall accomplish service by hand delivery or transmission by facsimile or electronic mail to any party who has entered an appearance or, if the party is represented, the party's attorney of record. Service upon a party who has not filed a pleading containing a facsimile number or e-mail address may be made by ordinary first class mail. Parties shall be deemed to have made an appearance when they have either sent a letter regarding the case to the division or commission clerk or made an in person appearance at any hearing before the commission or before a division examiner. A written appearance, however, shall not be complete until the appearing party has provided notice to other parties of record. Any initial pleading or written entry of appearance a party other than the applicant files shall include the party's address or the address of the party's attorney and an e-mail and facsimile number if available.

B. Pre-hearing statements.

- (1) Any party to an adjudicatory proceeding who intends to present evidence at the hearing shall file a pre-hearing statement, and serve copies on other parties or, for parties that are represented, their attorneys in the manner Subsection A of 19.15.14.1211 NMAC provides, at least four business days in advance of a scheduled hearing before the division or the commission, but in no event later than 5:00 pm mountain time, on the Thursday preceding the scheduled hearing date. The statement shall include:
 - (a) the names of the party and the party's attorney;
 - (b) a concise statement of the case;
- (c) the names of witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing, and in the case of expert witnesses, their fields of expertise;
 - (d) the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and
- (e) identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.
- (2) Any party other than the applicant shall include in its pre-hearing statement a statement of the extent to which the party supports or opposes the issuance of the order the applicant seeks and the reasons for such support or opposition. In cases to be heard by the commission, each party shall include copies of all exhibits that it proposes to offer in evidence at the hearing with the pre-hearing statement. The commission may exclude witnesses the party did not identify in the pre-hearing statement, or exhibits the party did not file and serve with the pre-hearing statement, unless the party offers such evidence solely for rebuttal or makes a satisfactory showing of good cause for failure to disclose the witness or exhibit.

- (3) A pre-hearing statement filed by a corporation or other entity not represented by an attorney shall identify the person who will conduct the party's presentation at the hearing and include a sworn and notarized statement attesting that the corporation's or entity's governing body or chief executive officer authorizes the person to present the corporation or entity in the matter.
- (4) For cases pending before the commission, the commission clerk shall disseminate copies of pre-hearing statements and exhibits to the commission members.
- C. Motions for continuance. Parties shall file and serve motions for continuance no later than 48 hours prior to time the hearing is set to begin, unless the reasons for requesting a continuance arise after the deadline, in which case the party shall file the motion as expeditiously as possible after becoming aware of the need for a continuance.

[19.15.14.1211 NMAC - Rp, 19.15.14.1208 NMAC, 09/30/05]

19.15.14.1212 CONDUCT OF ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS:

- A. Testimony. Hearings before the commission or a division examiner shall be conducted without rigid formality. The division or commission shall take or have someone take a transcript of testimony and preserve the transcript as a part of the division's permanent records. Any person testifying shall do so under oath. The division examiner or commission shall designate whether or not an interested party's un-sworn comments and observations are relevant and, if relevant, include the comments and observations in the record.
- **B.** Pre-filed testimony. The division director may order the parties to file prepared written testimony in advance of the hearing for cases pending before the commission. The witness shall be present at the hearing and shall adopt, under oath, the prepared written testimony, subject to cross-examination and motions to strike unless the witness' presence at hearing is waived upon notice to other parties and without their objection. The parties shall number pages of the prepared written testimony, which shall contain line numbers on the left-hand side.
- C. Appearances pro se or through an attorney. Parties may appear and participate in hearings either pro se (on their own behalf) or through an attorney. Corporations, partnerships, governmental entities, political subdivisions, unincorporated associations and other collective entities may appear only through an attorney or through a duly authorized officer or member. Participation in adjudicatory hearings shall be limited to parties, as defined in 19.15.14.1208 NMAC, except that a representative of a federal, state or tribal governmental agency or political subdivision may make a statement on the agency's or political subdivision's behalf. The commission or division examiner shall have the discretion to allow any other person present at the hearing to make a relevant statement, but not to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses. Any person making a statement at an adjudicatory hearing shall be subject to cross-examination by the parties or their attorneys.

[19.15.14.1212 NMAC - Rp, 19.15.14.1210 NMAC, 09/30/05]

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CASE #: 14129

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May 07, 2008

Gail MacQuesten
Energy, Minerals and NAtural esources Department of the State of New Mexico
1220 S. St. Francis Drive,
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division vs. General Operating Co., et al.

Case No. 14129

Dear Sir/Madam:

We are herewith returning the Notice, Application, Attachment which we received regarding the above captioned matter.

General Operating Company withdrew to do business in the State of NM on 01/01/0001. When an entity withdraws, the designation of the registered agent is revoked. Service can no longer be taken on behalf of this entity.

Very truly yours,

Log# 513400328

cc: State of New Mexico, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Oil Conservation Division, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY MINERALS AND NAT-URAL RESOURCES DEPART-MENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of the Division of the following public hearing to be held at 8.15 A.M. on May 29, 2008, in the Oil Conservation Division Hearing Room at 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico, before an examiner duly appointed for the hearing. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxillary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Florene Davidson at 505-476-3458 or through the New Mexico Relay Network, 1-800-659-117790 by May 19, 2008. Public decuments, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible forms. Please contact Florene Davidson if a summary or other type of accessible form is needed. STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest or claim in the following cases and notice to the public (NOTE: All land descriptions herein refer to the New Mexico Principal Meridian whether or not so stated.) 📝 CASE 14129 Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for a Compliance Order against General Operating Company, Gene A Snow and/or Snow Oil & Gas, Inc. The Applicant seeks an order determining the operator or operators of the Kleeman #001, 30-015-00250, Section 27, Township 18S, Range 26E; finding the operator(s) in Violation of 19.15.4.201 NMAC as to said well; requiring operator(s) to bring the well into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC by a date certain and authorizing the division to plug the well and forfeit the applicable financial assurance in the event of non-compliance. The well is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Artesia in Eddy County, New Mexico. Given under the Seal of the State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 30th day of April 2008 STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Mark E. Fesmire, P. E.

Division Director S E A L

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

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER, FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST GENERAL OPERATING CO., GENE A SNOW AND/OR SNOW OIL & GAS, INC. TO DETERMINE THE CORRECT OPERATOR(S) OF ONE WELL, FINDING THE OPERATOR(S) IN VIOLATION OF 19.15.4.201 NMAC AS TO THE WELL, REQUIRING OPERATOR(S) TO BRING THE WELL INTO COMPLIANCE WITH 19.15.4.201 NMAC BY A DATE CERTAIN, AND IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE DECLARING THE WELL ABANDONED AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG THE WELL AND FORFEIT THE APPLICABLE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 14129

AFFIDAVIT OF DANIEL W. SNOW

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss
COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

Daniel W. Snow, being first duly sworn on oath, states as follows:

- 1. I have been an officer of Snow Oil & Gas, Inc., a Texas corporation, ("Snow") with offices located at 303 East Broadway, Andrews, Texas, 79714, since its inception on June 30, 1981.
- 2. I am presently the Vice President of Operations for Snow and have held this position since July of 1995.
- 3. Snow was incorporated in the State of Texas on June 30, 1981, as shown on Exhibit "A", the Articles of Incorporation of Snow Oil & Gas, Inc., attached hereto.
- 4. Snow is an active operator in New Mexico and has posted a \$50,000.00 blanket cash plugging bond, Number OCD-224 to secure the plugging of its wells.
- 5. Snow has never operated the Kleeman #001, Section 27, T 18S, R 26E, 30-015-00250, Eddy County, New Mexico ("Kleeman").
- 6. Snow has never been duly authorized, nor is in charge of the development of the Kleeman lease, or in charge of any facility's operation or management associated with the Kleeman lease (19.15.1.7.O(5)NMAC).
- 7. Snow did not acquire the assets of Gene A. Snow, contract operator and sole proprietor, and is not a successor in interest to Gene A. Snow for the operations of the Kleeman.

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- 8. Until May of 2006, Nona Snow served as an officer and on the Board of Directors for Snow Oil & Gas.
- 9. Nona Snow is located at 606 S. 13th Street, Lovington, New Mexico, 88260, and is the registered Agent for Snow in the State of New Mexico.

THIS CONCLUDES MY AFFIDAVIT.

Daniel W. Snow, Vice-President, Operations

Snow Oil & Gas, Inc.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 15th day of October, 2008.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

3-14-09

OFFICIAL SEAL

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Exhibit A

Attached to Affidavit of Daniel W. Snow dated October 15, 2008

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

JUL 0 3 1981

OF

Comporation Division

SNOW OIL & GAS, INC.

The undersigned natural person of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Texas Business Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the corporation:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the corporation is SNOW OIL & GAS, INC.

ARTICLE II

Duration

The period of its duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE III

Purpose

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is the transaction of any or all lawful business.

ARTICLE IV

Shares

The aggregate number of shares which the corporation has authority to issue is one million (1,000,000) shares of the par value of One Dollar (\$1.00) each. The shares are designated as Common Stock and have identical rights and privileges in every respect.

ARTICLE V

Commencement of Business

The corporation will not commence business until it has received for the issuance of its shares consideration of the value of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), consisting of money or property actually received.

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ARTICLE VI

Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 912 Southwest 9th Street, Seminole, Texas 79360, and the name of its initial registered agent at that address is Samuel L. Snow.

ARTICLE VII

Initial Directors

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is four (4), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of the shareholders, or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

Name	Address	
None L. Snow	606 S. 13th Street P. O. Box 1270 Lovington, New Mexico 88260	
Samuel L. Snow	912 Southwest 9th Street Seminole, Texas 79360	
John Mark Snow	606 S. 13th Street P. O. Box 1270 Lovington, New Mexico 88260	
David Wayne Snow	606 S. 13th Street P. O. Box 1270 Lovington, New Mexico 88260	

ARTICLE VIII

Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is Karl Clifford, 2112 Indiana, Lubbock, Texas 79410. He is more than eighteen years of age.

ARTICLE IX

Preemptive Rights

No shareholder or other person shall have any preemptive right whatsoever.

ARTICLE X

Number of Votes

Each share has one vote on each matter on which the share is entitled to vote.

ARTICLE XI

Majority Votes

A majority vote is sufficient for any action which requires the vote or concurrence of shareholders.

ARTICLE XII

Noncumulative Voting

Directors shall be elected by majority vote. Cumulative voting shall not be permitted.

of _______, 1981.

SWORN TO this 30th day of June, 1981.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

> MY COMMISSION EXPINES MARCH 16, 1985 CANOY HOSCH

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LEA COUNTY

STATE OF NEW MEXICO 107

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE! (E)
OF GENE A. SNOW,
DECEASED
)

Probate No. <u>177-148</u>

(£ 1)

PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

The applicant. Nona Snow, states upon oath:

- 1. Applients is the surviving widow of Gene A. Snow and is, therefore, an interested person, and her address is 606 South 13th Street, Lovington, New Mexico 88260.
- 2. Gene A. Snew, age 48 years, a resident of Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico, died December 16, 1977, and the names and addresses of the spouse, children and legatees of the decedent are as follows:

<u>MANEE</u>	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
None Snow	Widow	606 South 13th Street Lovington, New Mexico 88260
Samuel L. Snow	Son	110 South 7th Street Lovington, New Mexico 88260
Daniel W. Snow	Son	606 South 13th Street Lovington, New Mexico 88260
John Mark Snow	Son	606 South 13th Street Lovington, New Mexico 88260

That the said John Mark Snow is a minor, age 15 years, who was born July 23, 1962, and all of the other persons above named are over the age of 18 years and are fully competent. That the said Gene A. Snow was not survived by any other child or children, and there are no other persons who would have taken had the decedent died intestate, and that the said Gene A. Snow had no heir by adoption.

3. That the said Genc A. Snow left a Last Will and

SNOW Exhibit 2 CASE No. 14129 Page 1 of 2 Pages Testament dated October 7, 1968, and said Will is filed with this Petition and the same is offered for probate as the valid Last Will and Testament of Gene A. Snow, deceased.

- 4. Applicant states that the Will was validly executed and was not revoked during the lifetime of the decedent. Applicant requests a judicial Order, after notice of hearing, determining that said Will is the Last Will and Testament of Gene A. Snow, deceased, and determining the heirs of said decedent and the persons entitled to hir estate, and that the fourt lix a time and place or hearing. Applicant knows of no written demand for notice of these proceedings.
- 5. That applicant is named as Executrix, or Personal Representative, to serve as such without bond, and is entitled to be appointed Personal Representative.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that the Court fix a time and place of nearing this Petition and that Notice be given to all interested persons, as provided by the laws of this State; and, after such Notice and hearing, the Court enter an official Order admitting to probate the said Last Will and Testament above described; and the Court enter an Order judicially determining the heirs of the decedent; that applicant be formally appointed as Personal Representative of this estate, without bond; and that Letters Testamentary be issued to the applicant.

None Snow, Applicant

WATSON & WATSON

Attorneys for Applicant,

P. O. Drawer E,

Artesia, New Mexico 88210.

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SURETY: American Employers' Insurance Company

BOND NO.: AE7133144

TYPE: \$50,000 Blanket

APPROVED: 10-13-77

CANCELLED: August 21, 1980

WELL LOCATION:

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