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Case 12733-A

Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing are an original and one copy of an application to re-open Case No. R-12733-A, together with a proposed advertisement, filed on behalf of Read & Stevens, Inc. Please set this matter for the August 21, 2003 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

The advertisement is also on the enclosed disk.

Very truly yours,


James Bruce

Attorney for Read & Stevens, Inc.

cc: David K. Brooks w/encl.

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF READ & STEVENS, INC.
TO RE-OPEN CASE NO. 12733-A, EDDY
AND CHAVES COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 12733-A

APPLICATION

Read & Stevens, Inc. applies to re-open Case No. 12733-A, and for an order rescinding or reducing the civil penalty imposed against it by Order No. R-11761, and in support thereof, states:

1. Case No. 12733-A was filed by the Division to require several operators to bring 56 wells into compliance with Division Rule 201.B, and to assess civil penalties for failure to do so.

2. Applicant is the operator of fourteen wells which were the subject of Case No. R-12733-A.

3. Order No. R-11761, issued on April 15, 2002, assessed a civil penalty of \$26,000.00 against applicant for failure to timely bring its wells into compliance with Division Rule 201.B.

4. Applicant's wells have been brought into compliance with Division Rule 201.B, and requiring it to pay the civil penalty will cause waste, and is otherwise improper.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that the civil penalty imposed against it by Order No. R-11761 be rescinded or reduced.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney for Read & Stevens, Inc.

PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

Case 12733-A (Re-opened): Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. to Re-open Case No. R-12733-A, Eddy and Chaves Counties, New Mexico. Applicant applies to re-open Case No. 12733-A, and for an order rescinding or reducing the civil penalty imposed against it by Order No. R-11761.

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