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| APPLICATION OF TARGA MII LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AS O GAS PROCESSORS, LLC ("TAH INJECT ACID GAS INTO TARC PLANT SALT WATER DISPOSA (API NO. 30-025-21497), LEA CC | PERATOR FOR VERSADO RGA") FOR APPROVAL TO GA'S EXISTING EUNICE GAS AL (SWD) WELL NO. 1 |
| | CASE NO. 14575 |
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| TESTIMO | ONY OF WILLIAM JONES |
| My name is William V. Jone | es. |
| I am a registered profession | al petroleum engineer. I graduated from New Mexico |
| State University in 1979 with ba | chelor of science degrees in civil engineering and |
| geological engineering. | |
| I have been employed wit | h the Engineering Bureau of the Oil Conservation |
| Division as a petroleum engineer sin | nce March 2002. I serve as a hearing examiner. My |
| other duties include reviewing appl | ications for salt water disposal permits, and preparing |
| the reports to the Environmental I | Protection Agency regarding Class II wells in New |
| Mexico's Underground Injection | Control Program. Class II wells include acid gas |
| injection wells, salt water disposal v | vells, and other injection wells. |
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OCD Exhibit A

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| My testimony in Case 14575 will address: |
| (1) My review of the available information concerning the Eunice Gas Plan |
| D Well No. 1 and the permitting history for this project; |
| (2) My review of the available data relevant to the area of review; |
| (3) My concerns regarding the application; and |
| (4) My recommendations to the Oil Conservation Commission. |
| <u>1.</u> Review of the Eunice Gas Plant SWD Well No. 1 and the Relevant Permitting History. |
| remitting mistory. |
| I prepared a chronology for the subject well, based on my review of the applicable |
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The Eunice Gas Plant SWD Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-21497) was drilled for the purpose of disposal and permitted by Division Order SWD-29 on September 21, 1961, for salt water disposal into the upper San Andres formation through an **open hole from 3935 to 4000 feet**. The well was actually completed in 1961 as a disposal well into an open hole from 4010 to 4550 feet. I found no logs for the disposal interval.

65 In 1974 and 1975 in Order No. R-4936, issued in Case No. 5377 and Order No. R-5003, issued in Case No. 5403, the Commission considered whether injection into the 66 67 Oueen and/or San Andres formations should be allowed to continue in wells located in 68 Sections 13 through 36, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, and in Sections 1 through 69 12, Township 23 South, Range 37 East, because it appeared the injected water was not 70 being contained in the formation in which it was placed. One of the wells the 71 Commission considered was the Eunice Gas Plant Well No. 1. Ordering paragraph 11 on 72 page 13 of R-5003 specifically allowed continued injection into the well, "until further 73 order of the Commission, provided, however, that waters disposed of into said well shall 74 be limited to normal gasoline plant water effluent, and said disposal shall not exceed an 75 average of 1500 barrels of water per day during any one-month period." R-5003 required 76 remedial cement work on numerous area wells in an attempt to stop the water flows and 77 more frequent, witnessed Bradenhead testing. R-5003 further provided that the case 78 would be re-opened for reconsideration in November 1975. I have not been able to locate 79 any further order issued in these cases.

In 1983, a pump-in injection test reached a rate of 10 barrels per minute into the open hole interval of 4010 to 4550 at a bottom-hole pressure of 3000 psi without showing any apparent evidence of fracturing.

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86 Targa appeared before the Division in Case No. 13865 in 2007 requesting to 87 utilize a proposed new well, to be placed approximately 330 feet from the existing Eunice 88 Gas Plant SWD Well No. 1, for disposal of natural gas processing wastes from Targa's 89 Eunice Gas Plant and South Eunice Compressor Station into the San Andres formation 90 through perforations from 4500 to 5000 feet. The Division issued hearing Order R-91 12809 granting this relief in September 14, 2009. Order R-12809 required the existing 92 Eunice Gas Plant SWD Well No. 1 to be properly plugged and abandoned. Order R-93 12809 also provided that the injection authority granted by the order would terminate in 94 one year if the operator had not commenced injection operations pursuant to the order, 95 unless the Division granted an extension.

96 In August of 2008, Targa petitioned the Division to extend the deadline to 97 commence disposal and cited the following reasons: (i) additional time is needed to plug 98 nearby wells required in the order and (ii) the location of this acid gas injection well may 99 be moved if approved by the Division in an upcoming hearing. Case No. 13865 was re-100 opened, and Division Order R-12809-B was issued on August 8, 2008. The order granted 101 Targa's request and extended the deadline to commence disposal to September 14, 2009. 102 In February 2009, without mailing out new individual certified notices, Targa 103 administratively requested that the permissions granted in Division Order R-12809 be 104 transferred from its proposed new well to the nearby existing Eunice Gas Plant SWD

105 Well No. 1. Targa proposed equipping the old well, drilled in 1961, with a new cemented

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| 106 | liner extending from surface to 4450 feet, and proposed produced water and Acid Gas |
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| 107 | disposal into an open hole from 4450 to 4950 in the San Andres formation. The |
| 108 | Division issued administrative Order SWD-1161 on February 23, 2009, granting Targa's |
| 109 | request. Order SWD-1161 set a new maximum surface disposal pressure limit of 900 psi, |
| 110 | required installation of a one-way subsurface safety valve in the tubing, and retained |
| 111 | jurisdiction for entry of further orders. Order SWD-1161 also provided that the injection |
| 112 | authority granted by the order would terminate in one year if the operator had not |
| 113 | commenced injection operations, unless the Division granted an exception. |
| 114 | On August 12, 2010, after receiving no further request to extend the deadline to |
| 115 | commence disposal, Mr. Daniel Sanchez as enforcement manager of the Division, |
| 116 | informed Targa in writing that SWD-1161 and R-12809, as amended, had expired. |
| 117 | On November 9, 2010, Targa filed its current application for approval to inject |
| 118 | into the Eunice Gas Plant Salt Water Disposal (SWD) Well No. 1. |
| 119 | Throughout the life of the well, the monthly reported disposal rate and disposal |
| 120 | pressures have been haphazard at best and most likely grossly inaccurate. The Division's |
| 121 | records as to disposed volumes are therefore unreliable. OCD Exhibit C is a summary |
| 122 | of the reported disposal rate and disposal pressures for the well for the period January |
| 123 | 2006 to October 1, 2010, taken from the Division's RBDMS (Risk Based Data |
| 124 | Management System). OCD Exhibit D is a Rate vs. Time plot I prepared using reported |
| 125 | disposal rate data from 1994 to date, taken from http://octane.nmt.edu/gotech/Main.aspx |
| 126 | (New Mexico Tech's web site). |
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Area of Review Data Relevant to Targa's Application. 129 2. There are a large number of wells in the Area of Review for the Eunice Gas Plant 130 131 SWD Well No. 1: within ¹/₂ mile there are 3 wells that penetrate the San Andres or at least 132 some part of the San Andres; within 1 mile there are 25 such wells; and within 2 miles 133 there are over 230 such wells. In contrast, the 7 permitted acid gas injection wells in 134 New Mexico have no wells or only one well within one mile penetrating the disposal 135 interval. Targa's proposed Monument AGI Well No. 1 does have 11 wells within 1 mile, 136 but its disposal interval is the Devonian formation. OCD Exhibit E is a list I prepared 137 showing the number of wells within the Area of Review for the 7 existing and two 138 proposed acid gas injection wells in New Mexico. 139 I found three wells within one half mile of the subject well that penetrate the San 140 Andres. OCD Exhibit F is a chart I prepared summarizing the information I found 141 regarding the wells. Two of the wells, the Santa Rita #002 and the Santa Rita #012, are 142 located almost $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the subject well. They both appear to be cemented through 143 the San Andres. The third well is the Langlie Mattix Penrose Sand Unit Well No. 252 144 (the LMPSU), which is located only 1650 feet from the subject well. The LMPSU was 145 drilled into the top of the San Andres and plugged back with steel wool. Targa has 146 agreed to re-open and drill out this well to the old total depth and plug it back to 3700 147 feet using more competent plugs. 148 I found 22 wells between $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and one mile from the subject well that penetrate 149 the San Andres. OCD Exhibit G is a chart I prepared summarizing the information I 150 found regarding these wells. There are at least 7 wells that penetrate the San Andres Case No. 14575

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| 52 | still have portions of casing over the San Andres formation unprotected with cement: |
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| 53 | a. Two Salt Water Disposal wells extending from the San Andres to deeper |
| 54 | depths: |
| 55 56 | Christmas #330-025-10500 Perfed 4164 to 5314 feet. SWD-606.A.L. Christmas #130-025-25412 Perfed 4026 to 5314 feet. SWD-957. |
| 57 | A.L. Christinas $\#1$ 50-025-25412 Terred 4020 to 5514 feet. 5 w D-757. |
| 58 | b. Two Plugged and Abandoned wells with issues in the lower San Andres: |
| 59 | J V Baker #11 30-025-10486 Open 5028 to 5500 feet. |
| 50 | Baker A #5 30-025-10467 Open 4950 to 5500 feet. |
| 51 | Three wells active in deeper formations one exposed to the upper Ser |
| 52 53 | c. Three wells active in deeper formations – one exposed to the upper San Andres and the other two are exposed across the entire San Andres and even |
| 54 | beyond: |
| 55 | J V Baker #9 30-025-10415 Open 3400 to 4300 feet. |
| 56 | Will Cary #830-025-10413Open 3800 to 6175 feet. |
| 57 58 | Christmas 28 #4 30-025-39049 Open 3606 to 4823 feet. |
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| 59 | OCD Exhibit H is a chart showing the location of these 7 wells. OCD Exhibit I is a |
| 70 | wellbore diagram of one of these wells, the Will Cary #8, showing the large open interval |
| 71 | that will be exposed to corrosion. If the disposal plume enters the corroded casing, H2S |
| 72 | will be produced with the gas stream or released when pulling unit crews work on the |
| 73 | well. |
| 74 | There are other wells within 1 mile that penetrate the San Andres formation that |
| 75 | have only lite-weight cement across the San Andres formation. |
| 76 | Wells within the 1 mile Area of Review that penetrated (drilled through) the San |
| 77 | Andres were spud from earliest date, 1937. |
| 78 | Other than the subject well, there are 2 active San Andres disposal wells within 1 |
| 79 | mile and 5 active San Andres disposal wells within 2 miles. Reported disposal rates for |
| 30 | these 5 wells range from 135 to 1900 barrels per day. |
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There are no active <u>San Andres production wells</u> within 1 mile, but there are 39
San Andres producing wells within 2 miles, most located to the northwest.

This is an active area for oil field operations. **OCD Exhibit J** shows most of the active wells within the general area. The best oil producer within 2 miles is within 1 mile of the subject well and is completed in the Abo formation. New wells are being planned, possibly to exploit the Abo formation or other depths below the San Andres formation.

There are 25 wells <u>shallower than the top of the San Andres</u> located within 1/2 mile and 94 such wells within 1 mile. These shallower wells include many targeting the Penrose Sands where waterflood projects are active - Order R-3247 allowed the Langlie Mattix Penrose Sand Unit Waterflood Project. This South Eunice area is rife with reported waterflows – mostly within the Salado formation, located above the San Andres formation. This area is the "waterflow" area in Order R-5003, requiring remedial cementing and more frequent, witnessed bradenhead surveys.

According to the testimony of Hobbs District Supervisor Chris Williams at the 2007 permitting hearing for this acid gas injection project, and according to the available records I have reviewed, there are possible Ogallala and Santa Rosa fresh water intervals extending from depths of 50 feet below the surface down to the top of the Rustler anhydrite.

The Eunice Gas Plant SWD #1 was squeezed in 1991 after casing leaks were discovered. In my opinion, the leaks most likely allowed some direct injection into any existing Santa Rosa reservoirs or other exposure of those reservoirs to backside communication. The result of the squeeze as shown by the subsequent cement bond log likely protected all fresh water from further contamination behind pipe. Targa's planned

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| 204 | installation of the internal liner, and equipping the well's annulus with diesel, will likely |
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| 205 | prevent corrosion and extend the life of this well. |
| 206 | From the available data, there appears to be a thief zone that has hampered |
| 207 | primary cementing jobs within or just below the San Andres formation. In many cases, |
| 208 | subsequent squeeze jobs were done pursuant to Order R-5003 to raise cement and cover |
| 209 | upper wellbores. For example: |
| 210 | a. The Santa Rita Well No. 12 (API: 30-025-36482) was drilled in 2003 to a |
| 211 | total depth of 7200 feet and the cement placement was verified with a |
| 212 | Cement Bond Log. The cement annular fill-up efficiency was an effective |
| 213 | 63 percent instead of a more normal 80 percent. |
| 214 | b. Other wells such as the J V Baker Well No. 11 indicate also the difficulty |
| 215 | in cementing over the San Andres or over formations just below the San |
| 216 | Andres. |
| 217 | Many of these wells targeting other deeper formations were only cemented across |
| 218 | these deeper targets. Most were subsequently squeezed after shallower (bradenhead) |
| 219 | water flows were encountered. |
| 220 | The in situ waters within the San Andres are recognized as corrosive. Many well |
| 221 | problems caused by corrosion have occurred throughout the Permian Basin from |
| 222 | uncemented San Andres intervals. |
| 223 | Despite the large number of wells in the area surrounding the Eunice Gas Plant |
| 224 | SWD Well #1, I had difficulty finding recent, offset open-hole logs. Open hole logs are |
| 225 | preferable to cased hole logs for determining porosity because there is no need to |
| 226 | compensate for the casing. The Laura J. May #1, 30-025-26480, drilled in 1980 and |
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| 227 | located less than a mile from the subject well, is one of the closest wells with an open- |
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| 228 | hole log. The log is OCD Exhibit K. The San Andres is a dolomite, and from the Laura |
| 229 | J. May #1 log, the San Andres appears to be relatively uniform with porosity hovering |
| 230 | near 7%. It is not possible to tell only from the available log if the San Andres has |
| 231 | adequate porosity development for matrix-like disposal, and it is difficult to estimate at |
| 232 | which interval the San Andres will preferably take disposed fluids. |
| 233 | <u>3. Concerns.</u> |
| 234 | A. The Langlie Mattix Penrose Sand Unit Well No. 252 (30-025-10499), |
| 235 | operated by Legacy Reserves Operating, LP and located 1850 feet to the northwest, |
| 236 | should be repaired so that it does not act as a conduit. This well was drilled in 1957 into |
| 237 | the top of the San Andres formation (where it encountered water) and plugged 400 feet |
| 238 | back using a reported mixture of lead wool and cement. I agree with Targa's proposal to |
| 239 | re-open and drill out this well to the old total depth and then plug the well back to 3700 |
| 240 | feet, using more competent plugs, under the direction of the Hobbs District Office. |
| 241 | B. A large number of potential problems exist just outside the ¹ / ₂ mile radius. |
| 242 | For example: |
| 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 | There are a large number of wells beyond the ½ mile radius but within a 2 mile radius, that penetrate the San Andres or some part of the San Andres. A thief zone appears to have hampered the cementing within or just below the San Andres. There are 7 wells located beyond the ½ mile radius but within a 2 mile radius that penetrate the San Andres that have portions of their casing within the San Andres that are unprotected with cement. Due to the old wells and poor records, there could be more than 7. There are additional wells within a 1-mile radius that penetrate the San Andres formation that have only lite-weight (lead) cement across the San Andres formation. The San Andres was not a target producing formation, and cement designs were adjusted accordingly. If the un-cemented wellbores are exposed to acid gas, that will accelerate corrosion and accelerate pipe failure. In addition, the <i>in situ</i> waters are corrosive, |
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| 257 258 | and displacement of those waters may speed up corrosion and highlight problems in old uncemented wellbores. |
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| 259 | 6. The area is an active drilling area, and it is likely wells will be drilled to the Abo |
| 260 261 | or other depths below the San Andres formation, possibly penetrating the disposal plume. |
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| 263 | C. Because of the large number of potential problems that exist just outside |
| 264 | the 1/2 mile radius, it is important to ensure that any portion of this plume does not extend |
| 265 | past the 1/2 mile radius. Targa predicts that the plume will extend only 1/4 mile in 30 years |
| 266 | of injection. However, that prediction is based on assumptions, such as uniform (plug |
| 267 | like) disposal into 700 feet of open hole and 10 percent porosity. OCD Exhibit L shows |
| 268 | how much that prediction can change if even one of the variables is changed. In this |
| 269 | example, I kept the disposal rate and porosity constant, and assumed a uniform radial |
| 270 | invasion. But I changed the size of the disposal interval. That changed the prediction |
| 271 | significantly. |
| 272 | D. Without logs on the subject well, we can't at this time assume the porosity |
| 273 | of the interval in this well taking fluid is an "effective" 10 percent. |
| 274 | E. The assumption of plug-like displacement over 700 feet of interval is |
| 275 | another stretch which defies nature. For example, a 1983 pump-in injection test on this |
| 276 | well showed that this well can accept fluids at a rate of 10 barrels per minute at a bottom- |
| 277 | hole pressure of 3000 psi, despite offset logs indicating relatively low porosity. This is |
| 278 | consistent with the cementing records indicating thief zones. I am concerned that there |
| 279 | may be a fracture or fractures, and that the injected fluid will preferentially follow those |
| 280 | fractures to the offsetting un-cemented wellbores. In fact, permeability in reservoirs is |
| 281 | best characterized by a log-normal distribution. This is especially true in lower |
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F. The Oil Conservation Commission should require Targa to provide additional data that can be used to better calculate the radius of the plume and establish a time limit for the permit.

G. Because of the existing uncemented intervals in Area of Review wells, I am concerned about Targa's proposal to inject between 4450 feet and 4950 feet. Depending on the existing casing in the Eunice Gas Plant SWD #1 well, I recommend that the well be completed to allow disposal between 4850 feet and 4400 feet, to give approximately a 100 foot vertical factor of safety to existing uncemented intervals in Area of Review wells.

H. Targa proposes to inject a maximum of 4075 barrels per day; Order R-5003 limits injection in the well to 1500 barrels per day. The Commission will need to determine whether the concerns raised in R-5003 have been addressed, and determine whether its order in this case can supersede R-5003.

297 <u>4. Recommendations.</u>

I recommend granting Targa's application, providing that Targa complete the remedial work set out below, and providing that Targa constructs and operates the well according to the requirements set out below.

Because of the concerns set out above, I recommend that the Oil Conservation Commission limit the permit to the time it takes for the calculated, uniform radius plume to reach a maximum of ¹/₂ mile from the well. At that time, Targa should be required to shut this well in, and no further disposal should be allowed. As discussed above, I do not

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| 305 306 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 | believe the radius can be calculated adequately using the available information. For that reason, I recommend that Targa be required to gather information that can be used to calculate the radius of the plume, and require Targa to re-open this case for hearing within one year to present that information to the Commission. At that time, the parties should re-calculate the time the acid gas plume is predicted to reach ½ mile from the well. The Commission would then be able to amend its order to impose a maximum term for the disposal permit. If Targa wishes to request an increase in the pressure limit based on the results of the Step Rate Test, it would be able to request that increase at the |
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| | on the results of the Step Rate Test, it would be able to request that increase at the |
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| | hearing, and account for that pressure limit increase in its calculation of the plume. |
| 314 | A. Construction and testing requirements. Prior to injecting acid gas, Targa |
| 315 | should be required to construct the well as follows, and complete the following tests: |
| 316 317 318 319 320 321 322 323 324 325 326 327 328 329 330 331 332 333 334 335 336 337 338 339 | <u>Depth.</u> Targa should be limited in the permitted depth to dispose of Acid Gas to above 4850 feet and below 4400 feet, giving a 100 foot vertical factor of safety to existing uncemented intervals in Area of Review wells. <u>Logging.</u> As no logs are available, Targa should be required to run open hole electric logs on this disposal interval, including porosity and resistivity logs. <u>Injection tubing.</u> Targa should equip the injection tubing so as to keep the acid gases under pressure and in a less corrosive phase. The injection tubing should be coated or constructed to prevent or retard corrosion from a mixture of hydroger sulfide, wastewater, and carbon dioxide. <u>Safety valve.</u> Targa should install a one-way safety valve in the tubing below the level of the well head, to prevent backflow of disposed fluids. <u>Pressure gauges.</u> Targa should be required to keep the tubing/casing annulus loaded with diesel, and pressure gauges on the tubing and tubing/casing annulus the readings from these meters and gauges should be remotely transmitted to Targa's plant site and this data should be recorded and stored for review by the Division inspectors. This is necessary to prevent and detect dangerous leaks. I will also help to determine the extent of the plume and the effects on this reservoir. <u>Meters.</u> Targa should be required to install meters on the disposed water and or the disposed acid gas, and keep records of the volumes of water and acid gas injected. <u>Step Rate Test.</u> Targa should be required to run a Step Rate Test using disposa water after the proposed open hole is completed for disposal and before Acid Gaa disposal is commenced. The procedure for this test should be approved by the |

| 340 | Division prior to the test and Division personnel should be given an opportunity |
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| 341 | to witness the test. |
| 342 | 8. Injection Survey. Targa should be required to run a tracer and temperature |
| 343 | injection survey on this well while injecting water (no acid gas) at a representative |
| 344 | rate which approximates the disposal rate and supply the results of that survey to |
| 345 | the Division. This survey will help determine what intervals in the large open |
| 346 | hole disposal interval will most readily accept water and therefore help in |
| 347 | calculation of the plume's radius. |
| 348 | 9. <u>Mechanical Integrity Test</u> . Targa must demonstrate to the Hobbs District Office |
| 349 | that the well has passed a mechanical integrity test. |
| 350 | 10. Hydrogen Sulfide Contingency Plan. Targa must obtain approval from the |
| 351 | Division's Environmental Bureau for a Hydrogen Sulfide Contingency Plan that |
| 352 | complies with 19.15.11 NMAC before injecting acid gas. |
| 353 354 | <u>B.</u> Operational requirements: Once Targa has completed the well to conform |
| 355 | to the requirements set out above, has completed the required tests, and has a hydrogen |
| 356 | sulfide contingency plan approved by the Division's Environmental Bureau, it should be |
| 357 | allowed to commence injection of acid gas, subject to the following additional |
| 358 | requirements: |
| 359 | 1. Disposal volumes. The Commission needs to set a disposal volume limit. Note |
| 360 | that Order R-5003 limits the disposal volume for this well to 1500 barrels per day, |
| 361 | and the Commission must determine whether it should supersede that order and |
| 362 | allow the volume Targa has requested in its application. |
| 363 | 2. <u>Pressure limits</u> . The initial orders should provide that Targa may inject at 0.3 psi |
| 364 | per foot, or 1300 psi. If the results of the step rate test indicate that a higher |
| 365 | injection pressure is acceptable, Targa may request an increased pressure limit |
| 366 | when it re-opens the case for a determination on the length of the permit term. |
| 367 | Future pressure increases on this well should be allowed only after notice to |
| 368 | affected persons and hearing. I recommend that the Commission consider |
| 369 | requiring Targa to perform an additional injection survey at any higher requested |
| 370 | pressure, and that the Commission then consider whether the change in injection |
| 371 | pressure will require them to change the time limit of the permit. |
| 372 | 3. <u>Mechanical Integrity Tests</u> . The annular pressure integrity of this well or MIT |
| 373 | test should be done at least once every 5 years or as required by the Hobbs district |
| 374 | office. |
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| 376 | <u>C.</u> Remedial work. Targa should be required to perform the following |
| 377 | remedial work on Legacy Reserves Operating, LP's ("Legacy") Langlie Mattix Penrose |
| 378 | Sand Unit Well No. 252 (API No. 30-025-10499), which is located within the Area of |
| | Case No. 14575 |
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| 379 | Review: Enter this well and drill out existing plugs down to 4073 feet and then again | |
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| 380 | plug back the well to 3700 feet using cement retainer squeeze cementing or verified | |
| 381 | cement plugs, under direction of the Hobbs district office. | |
| 382 | D. Re-opening Case. Within one year of the effective date of the order, | |
| 383 | Targa should be required to move to re-open Case 14575 for a hearing to determine the | |
| 384 | time limit for the permit, and if necessary to change the pressure limit. If Targa does not | |
| 385 | file its motion one year of the effective date of this order, its authority to inject under this | |
| 386 | order should terminate automatically. | |
| 387 | At the hearing, Targa should be required to present the following: | |
| 388 389 390 391 392 393 394 395 396 397 398 399 400 401 402 403 404 405 406 407 | Proof that the well has been completed at the permitted depth, with the required tubing, safety valves, meters and pressure gauges in place. Proof that Targa has obtained approval for its hydrogen sulfide contingency plan from the Division's Environmental Bureau. Proof that Targa has provided the Division with corrected reports of disposal volumes and disposal pressures for the well, or explain why that information is not available. Proof that Targa has completed the remedial work on the Legacy Reserves Operating LP Langlie Mattix Penrose Sand Unit Well No. 252. Results and data from the following: Electric logs on the open hole interval. Step rate test. Tracer and temperature injection survey. Readings from the meters and pressure gauges for disposal of water and acid gas. Mechanical integrity test. Targa's calculation of the time it will take for the acid gas plume to reach ½ mile from the disposal well, incorporating the newly-acquired data. | |
| 408 | compiled the required data, the Commission should terminate the permit. If Targa has | |
| 409 | completed the required work and compiled the required data, the Commission should | |
| 410 | issue an amendment to its order setting a time limit for the permit based on the evidence | |
| 411 | presented. The time limit should be based on the time it takes for the calculated, uniform Case No. 14575 Testimony of William V. Jones Page 15 of 16 | |

radius plume to reach 1/2 mile from this well. At that time, Targa should be required to 412 413 shut this well in and no further disposal allowed. 414 I further recommend that two years after the effective date of the initial order, if 415 the Commission has not issued a subsequent order addressing the time period for the 416 permit, Targa's authority to inject should terminate automatically. 417 418 I, William V. Jones, swear that the foregoing is true and correct. 419 William V. Jones 420 421 422 423 424 Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\frac{\partial n^d}{\partial n^d}$ day of December 2010, by William V. 425 426 Jones. 427 428 scure 429 430 Notary Public 431 432 My commission expires: 433 434] 67/201 435 436 Case No. 14575 Testimony of William V. Jones Page 16 of 16