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Rapid Company, Inc. P. O. Box 1231 Lovington, New Mexico 88260

Re: Rapid Company, Inc. Copelan State
Wells Nos. 1 and 2, located in Units C
and A, respectively, of Section 31, Township
10 South, Range 27 East, Chaves County
Plugging Bond

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the docket of the Examiner Hearing to be held on Thursday, April 6, 1995, at 8:15 a.m. in the Oil Conservation Division Hearing Room, 2040 S. Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Case 11228 concerns the above captioned subject matter.

Sincerely.

RAND CARROLL Legal Counsel

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January 9, 1995

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Rapid Company, Inc. P.O. Box 1231 Lovington, NM 88260

Re: Copelan State #1, Unit C, and #2, Unit A

Rabbit Flats Queen Pool

Sec. 31, T10S, R27E, Chaves County, New Mexico

Gentleman:

Enclosed is a copy of a May 9, 1991, memorandum to you from Mike Williams, Supervisor for the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division District II, requesting that you inform the OCD of your plans to plug the above-referenced well.

The OCD has not received such plans as of the above date and is therefore by this letter informing you of its intent to hold a "show cause" hearing directing you to show cause why an order should not be entered determining that the well should be plugged, directing any plugging bond you posted to be forfeited, and directing you to plug the well. If you do not plug the well and the OCD is required to do so, the OCD will seek to recover any monies expended in plugging the well from you through all available legal means.

If we do not hear from you by February 9, 1995, we will set this matter for the above-described show cause hearing.

Rand Carroll

Sincerely,

Legal Counsel

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

cc: Tim Gum, Supervisor, OCD District II Ray Smith, Oil & Gas Inspector

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MEMORANDUM TO: RAPID CO. INC.

FROM:

Mike Williams, OCD District II Supervisor

DATE:

May 9, 1991

The OCD has revised our rule on Temporarily Abandoned wells and is now in the process of implementing the new Order No. R-9210.

Essentially what the order says is that an operator can, with regulatory approval, shut in a producing well or an injection well for up to one year; after this period of time the operator must, within 90 days, implement one of the following:

- 1) The well be placed back into beneficial use.
- 2) The well be Temporarily Abandoned in accordance with Rule 203.
- 3) The well be Plugged & Abandoned in accordance with Rule 202.

Because of the number of wells in District II which have not been produced for over one (1) year (estimated number to be 1600), the Division realizes that the work cannot be done in 90 days. For this reason, after you receive the list of wells that have not produced for over a year, check your own manpower, rig availability and economics; then, request either a meeting with the District Supervisor or submit a time frame to bring the wells into OCD compliance. This time frame will include federal wells.

If possible, the Division would like to see all wells in compliance with OCD rules within a two-year period.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has agreed to implement the OCD Rule 203 requiring well integrity testing before approving a well as temporarily abandoned. Any well listed that is on a Federal Oil and Gas Lease will need prior approval of the testing procedure from the BLM. Contact the appropriate BLM office for a description of what needs to be submitted. The wells on the list that are State or Fee

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leases will need the testing procedures approved by the appropriate NMOCD office.

If the scheduling of wells to be brought into compliance involves both OCD Districts I & II, submit the schedule to either or both Districts for approval.

To give a brief review of the new Temporary Abondon Rule 203 - it is designed to make sure the mechanical integrity of the casing is such that the well can be shut in without problems occurring. Afater testing the well in the manner outlined in Rule 203, the BLM or OCD can give approval to T.A. the well for up to five (5) years.

Attached are: Rule 202 for Plugging & Abandonment

Rule 203 for Temporary Abandonment of wells

List of wells that our records show have not produced in over a year*

MW:br

*NOTE: This list of wells may not be complete. If there are additions or deletions, please let us know.