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

O.C.D. Form No. 300

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT IV FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING THE
ROXANA STATE WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT F OF SEC. 36, T-26-N, R-26-E,
UNION COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, TO BE PROPERLY PLUGGED, AUTHORIZING
THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELL, AND ORDERING A FORFEITURE OF THE
PLUGGING BOND, IF ANY.**

CASE NO. 11488

APPLICATION FOR PLUGGING AND FORFEITURE OF BOND

1. Sofia Exploration Company (the "Operator") is the operator of the Roxana State Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Sec. 36, T-26-N, R-29-E, Union County, New Mexico.
2. Operator has posted a cash bond in the amount of \$7,500 with the First National Bank in Clayton (Certificate of Deposit No. 5086) for said well in compliance with Section 70-2-14 NMSA 1978 and Rule 101 of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division, which bond is conditioned upon compliance with the statutes of the State of New Mexico and the Rules and Regulations of the Division with respect to the proper plugging and abandonment of the wells operated by Operator.
3. The subject well has not produced hydrocarbon carbon dioxide substance or has otherwise been inactive for more than one year or are no longer usable for beneficial purposes and no permit for temporary abandonment has been requested by the Operator and approved by the Division.
4. By virtue of the failure to use the wells for beneficial purposes or to have an approved

current temporary abandonment permit, the subject well is presumed to have been abandoned and is required to be plugged.

5. By authority of Section 70-2-14 NMSA 1978, the Rules and Regulations of the Division require wells which are inactive for more than one year or are no longer usable for beneficial purposes to be properly plugged.

6. Demand has been attempted to be made upon the Operator to either place the subject well to beneficial use, obtain approval for temporary abandonment or properly plug and abandon the same and the Operator has failed to do so.

WHEREFORE, the Supervisor of District IV of the Oil Conservation Division applies to the Director to enter an order:

A. Determining whether or not the Roxana State Well No. 1 should be plugged in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

B. Upon a determination that said well should be plugged, directing Operator to plug said well.

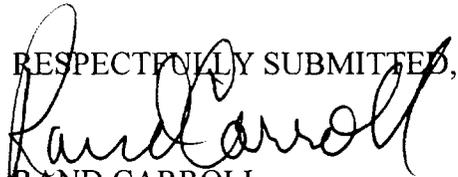
C. Further ordering that if Operator fails to plug and abandon said well as ordered by the Director, that the Division be authorized:

i. to plug said well;

ii. to declare forfeit on said bond and to take such action to foreclose on said bond, and

iii. to recover from the Operator any costs of plugging said well in excess of the amount of the bond, if any.

D. For such other and further relief as the Division seems just and proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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