

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

**IN RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION ISSUED TO BILL L MILLER**

**OGRID # 2336**

**CASE NO. 25921**

**MOTION TO DISMISS AND VACATE HEARING**

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) and Bill L Miller (collectively “Parties”), hereby request that the Division dismiss the above-referenced matter and vacate the May 5, 2026 hearing. As grounds for the dismissal, the Parties state that they have reached an agreement on an SFO, attached hereto as Exhibit A. Exhibit B is a proposed Order.

Respectfully submitted,



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was electronically mailed to the following party on May 4, 2026:

**Bill L Miller**

Roy Bain

[Royebain@gmail.com](mailto:Royebain@gmail.com)

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Michael Hall

## EXHIBIT A

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**STIPULATED FINAL ORDER**

Pursuant to the New Mexico Oil and Gas Act ("Act"), NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-1, *et seq.*, and 19.15.5.10(C) NMAC, the Director of the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") and Benton Crude Oil, LLC ("Operator"), OGRID # 2336, enter into this Stipulated Final Order ("SFO") to resolve a Notice of Violation ("NOV").

1. OCD is charged with the administration and enforcement of the Oil and Gas Act and its rules and has jurisdiction over Operator and its wells in the state of New Mexico.
2. Operator operates under OGRID # 2336.
3. Operator had failed to submit required documentation relating to the plugging and abandonment of the well that is subject to the NOV, as set out more thoroughly in the NOV, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
4. Operator is the responsible party for all required reporting.
5. OCD is authorized to impose sanctions for violations of the Oil and Gas Act and its rules, including denial or revocation of registrations, applications, permits, authorizations and transfers, and the assessment of civil penalties. *See* 19.15.5.10 NMAC.
6. Operator requests this SFO to avoid sanctions for violating the Oil and Gas Act and the specific violations set out more thoroughly in the NOV, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

7. Operator admits the violations alleged in the NOV and waives any right to appeal from this SFO.
8. Additionally, Operator agrees to:
  - a. File all required paperwork to evidence the proper plugging and abandonment of the well on or before April 30, 2026.
  - b. Pay a civil penalty of \$100.00. Said payment shall be made on or before May 1, 2026.
  - c. Payments shall be made to the State of New Mexico, Oil Conservation Division and sent to the attention of the Melissa Shelley.
9. Operator admits to OCD's jurisdiction to file the NOV, consents to the relief specified herein, and waives the right to review by the Oil Conservation Commission or other judicial relief.
10. The person executing this SFO on behalf of Operator represents that they have the requisite authority to bind Operator to the provisions of this SFO and that such representation shall be legally sufficient to evidence their actual or apparent authority.
11. This Order only satisfies the violations set out in the NOV attached hereto as Exhibit A. This Order shall not be construed to relieve the Operator from other regulatory compliance with OCD or resolve liability with any other regulatory authority or agency.
12. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, OCD reserves the right to sanction Operator for any alleged violation not addressed in this Order.
13. Should Operator fail to meet any deadline in this SFO, OCD may immediately plug and abandon, restore, and/or remediate any of the wells. Operator agrees that it will forfeit any financial assurance associated with any well which is plugged and abandoned by OCD.

14. This SFO shall not be construed as a resolution or to absolve Operator from any costs or liabilities associated with the plugging and abandonment, restoration, or remediation of a well by OCD. Operator is liable for any and all costs associated with the plugging and abandonment, restoration, and/or remediation on Operator's wells incurred by OCD.

15. Operator may request an extension of any deadline in this SFO from OCD. OCD, at its sole discretion, may grant such extension if good cause is shown.

16. This Order will remain in full force and effect as to all successors-in-interest of Operator, including, but not limited to, any entity or entities that procure or acquire from Operator individual wells or sites referenced in the NOV that resulted in this Order or that are found in Exhibit A to this Order. Operator shall provide a copy of this Order, including Exhibit A, to any entity to which Operator intends to transfer assets covered by this Order or any entity that is otherwise a successor-in-interest of Operator.

17. This SFO becomes effective on the date of final execution by the OCD Director.

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

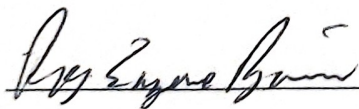


Albert C.S. Chang, Director

4/16/2026

Date

OPERATOR, BILL L MILLER



Signature

4-15-26

Date

## EXHIBIT B

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**ORDER DISMISSING CASE AND VACATING HEARING**

**NOW**, having considered the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's Motion Dismiss and Vacate Hearing in the above-referenced case, it is hereby **ORDERED** that this case is dismissed and the hearing vacated.

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**PRESIDING HEARING OFFICER**