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

NMOCD - ACOI- 127

IN THE MATTER OF TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.,

Respondent.

### AGREED COMPLIANCE ORDER

Pursuant to the New Mexico Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 70-2-1 through 70-2-38, as amended ("Act"), the Director of the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") and Tipton Oil & Gas Acquisitions, Inc. ("Operator") enter into this Agreed Compliance Order ("Order") under which Operator agrees to bring wells identified herein into compliance with the Act and OCD Rule 201 [19.15.4.201 NMAC] in accordance with the following agreed schedule and procedures, and agrees to pay penalties as set out below if it fails to meet the schedule set out in this Order.

#### **FINDINGS**

- 1. The OCD is the state division charged with administration and enforcement of the Act, and rules and orders adopted pursuant to the Act.
- 2. Operator is a corporation doing business in the state of New Mexico.
- 3. Operator is the operator of record under OGRID 211128 for the wells identified in Exhibit "A," attached.
- 4. OCD Rule 201 [19.15.4.201 NMAC] states, in relevant part:
  - "A. The operator of any of the following wells, whether cased or uncased, shall be responsible for the plugging thereof: wells drilled for oil or gas; or service wells including but not limited to seismic, core, exploration or injection wells.
  - B. A well shall be either properly plugged and abandoned or placed in approved temporary abandonment in accordance with these rules within 90 days after:
  - (3) a period of one year in which a well has been continuously inactive."

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- 5. The wells identified in Exhibit "A" are currently out of compliance with Rule 201 or will fall out of compliance with Rule 201 in the next several months if no action is taken on the wells.
- 6. NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-31(A) authorizes the assessment of civil penalties of up to one thousand dollars per day per violation against any person who knowingly or willfully violates any provision of the Oil and Gas Act or any rule or order adopted pursuant to the Act.
- 7. NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-3(A) defines "person" in relevant part as

"any individual, estate, trust, receiver, cooperative association, club, corporation, company, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate or other entity..."

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- 1. The OCD has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter in this proceeding.
- 2. The wells identified in Exhibit "A" are either out of compliance with Rule 201 or will fall out of compliance with Rule 201 in the next several months if they are not returned to production or other beneficial use, plugged and abandoned, or placed on approved temporary abandonment status.
- 3. As operator of the wells identified in Exhibit "A," Operator is responsible for bringing those wells into compliance with Rule 201.
- 4. Operator is a "person" as defined by OCD Rule 7.P(2) and may be subject to civil penalties for knowing and willful violations of the Oil and Gas Act or rules or orders adopted pursuant to the Act.

#### **ORDER**

- 1. Operator agrees to bring at least 15 of the wells identified in Exhibit "A" into compliance with OCD Rule 201 by October 31, 2006 by
  - restoring the well to production or other OCD-approved beneficial use and filing a C-115 documenting such production or use;
  - (b) causing the wellbore to be plugged in accordance with OCD Rule 202.B(2) and filing a C-103 describing the completed work; or
  - (c) placing the well on approved temporary abandonment status pursuant to OCD Rule 203.
- 2. Operator shall file a compliance report by October 31, 2006 using the OCD's web-based on-line application, identifying each well returned to compliance, stating the date it was returned to compliance, and describing how the well was

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- 3. When the OCD receives a timely compliance report indicating that Operator has returned at least 15 of the wells identified in Exhibit A to compliance by October 31, 2006 and verifies the accuracy of that report, the OCD shall issue an amendment to this Order extending its terms for an additional six-month period, and requiring Operator to return an additional 3 wells to compliance during that six month period. OCD shall provide a copy of that amendment to Operator at Operator's address of record provided pursuant to OCD Rule 100.C.
- 4. If Operator continues to return wells to compliance at a rate of at least 3 wells each six-month period, OCD shall continue to issue amendments to this Order extending its term for an additional six-month period. The total length of this Agreed Compliance Order, including the initial six-month period and any amendments, shall not exceed two years. At the end of two years, Operator and the OCD may negotiate a new agreed compliance order.
- 5. If, in any six-month period, Operator returns more than the required number of wells to compliance, the wells in excess of the number required will count towards the Operator's requirements for the next six-month period.
- 6. If Operator fails to bring at least 15 wells into compliance by October 31, 2006 or fails to bring at least 3 wells into compliance in any six month period covered by an amendment to this Order, Operator agrees to pay a penalty of \$1000 times the number of wells it failed to bring into compliance under its schedule during the applicable six month period. In the event the Operator encounters unanticipated circumstances that prevent it from meeting the compliance goal set out in this Order or amendment to this Order, Operator may file an administrative application with the OCD to request a waiver or reduction of the penalty, and serve the OCD's Enforcement and Compliance Manager with a copy of the application. If the Enforcement and Compliance Manager concurs with the Operator's request, the application may be granted administratively. If the Enforcement and Compliance Manager does not concur with the Operator's request, the application shall be set for hearing. Once Operator pays the penalty or files an administrative application to request a waiver or reduction of the penalty, the OCD may, in its discretion, issue an amendment to this Order extending its terms for an additional six-month period.

Example A: Operator X enters into an agreed compliance order under which it agrees to bring 5 wells into compliance in a six-month period. At the end of the six-month period, Operator X has brought only 3 wells into compliance. Operator X pays the \$2000 penalty. The OCD exercises its discretion to issue an amendment extending the term of the agreed compliance order for an additional six-month period, again requiring Operator X to bring at least 5 wells into compliance. During this additional six-month period, Operator brings only one

well into compliance. Operator X pays a \$4000 penalty. Although Operator X pays the \$4000 penalty, the OCD exercises its discretion and declines to issue an amendment to extend the terms of the agreed compliance order for an additional six-month period.

Example B: Operator Y enters into an agreed compliance order under which it agrees to bring 10 wells into compliance in a six-month period. Although Y has made arrangements for plugging the 10 wells, due to adverse weather conditions and mechanical difficulties with the available plugging rig, Y is able to plug only 3 wells. Y files an administrative application for hearing seeking to waive the\$7000 penalty, and serves the Enforcement and Compliance Manager with a copy of the application. The Enforcement and Compliance Manager does not concur with the application's request to waive the full amount of the penalty, so the application is set for hearing. The OCD exercises its discretion and issues an amendment to extend the terms of the agreed compliance order for an additional six-month period.

- 7. Thirty days after the expiration of the term of this Order and any amendments to this Order, any wells on Exhibit "A" not in compliance with OCD Rule 201 will appear on the inactive well list kept pursuant to OCD Rule 40.F.
- 8. By signing this Order, Operator expressly:
  - (a) acknowledges the correctness of the Findings and Conclusions set forth in this Order;
  - (b) agrees to return to compliance 15 of the wells identified in Exhibit "A" by October 31, 2006, and agrees to comply with the compliance deadlines set by any amendments to this Order;
  - agrees to submit a compliance report as required in Ordering Paragraph 2 and the deadline set by any amendments to this Order;
  - (d) agrees to pay penalties as set out in Ordering Paragraph 6 if it fails to return the required number of wells to compliance under the deadlines set by this Order or any amendments to this Order;
  - (e) waives any right, pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act or otherwise, to a hearing either prior to or subsequent to the entry of this Order or to an appeal from this Order; and
  - (f) agrees that the Order and amendments to the Order may be enforced by OCD or Oil Conservation Commission Order, by suit or otherwise to the same extent and with the same effect as a final Order of the OCD or Oil Conservation Commission entered after notice and hearing in accordance with all terms and provisions of the Oil and Gas Act.
- 9. This Order applies only to those wells identified in Exhibit "A." Other wells operated by Operator out of compliance with Rule 201 may be subject to immediate enforcement action under the Oil and Gas Act.

The Oil Conservation Division reserves the right to file an application for hearing 10. to obtain authority to plug any well identified in Exhibit "A" and forfeit the applicable financial assurance if the well poses an immediate environmental threat.

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 20th day of april, 2006

By: Damis Fesmire, P.E.

Director, Oil Conservation Division

## **ACCEPTANCE**

Tipton Oil & Gas Acquisitions, Inc. hereby accepts the foregoing Order, and agrees to all of the terms and provisions set forth in that Order.

Tipton Oil & Gas Acquisitions, Inc.

By: Stay Tipton

Title: Trasurer Date: 4-21-00

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# **EXHIBIT A**

## Total Well Count:271 Inactive Well Count:63 Since:4/22/2005 Printed On: Monday, April 17 2006

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District	API	Well	ULSTR	Unit	OGRID	Operator	Type	Type	Production		
2	30-005-60817	BARKNEHT #001	I-12-08S-28E	I	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	09/2004		
1	30-005-21099	CATO FEDERAL #001	H-35-07S-30E	Н	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	F	Ο	02/2005		
1	30-025-26079	DESOTO STATE #002	I-34-14S-32E	I	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	0	10/2003		
2	30-005-60078	DOUBLE L QUEEN UNIT #001K	1-1 -15S-29E	Α	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	I	02/2005		
2	30-005-60117	DOUBLE L QUEEN UNIT #001R	H-12-15S-29E	Н	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	O	02/2004		
2	30-005-60084	DOUBLE L QUEEN UNIT #001Y	H-1 -15S-29E	Н	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	F	0	03/1998		
2	30-005-20348	DOUBLE L QUEEN UNIT #002I	J-31-14S-30E	J	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	F	0	02/2003		
2	30-005-60161	DOUBLE L QUEEN UNIT #003	C-25-14S-29E	С	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS INC.	S	I	06/1997		
2	30-005-20346	DOUBLE L QUEEN UNIT #003L	1-6 -15S-30E	Α	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS INC.	F	0	02/2003		
2	30-005-20338	DOUBLE L QUEEN UNIT #003Q	3-6 -15S-30E	С	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS INC.	F	0	01/2002		
2	30-005-60153	DOUBLE L QUEEN UNIT #003Y	P-1 -15S-29E	P	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS	F	0	06/1997		

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2		DOUBLE L QUEEN UNIT #004	E-25-14S-29E	E	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	Ο	02/2003
2	30-005-20339	DOUBLE L QUEEN UNIT #004Q	F-6 -15S-30E	F	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	F	Ο	02/2003
2	30-005-60097	DOUBLE L QUEEN UNIT #006	B-36-14S-29E	В	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	0	08/1998
2	30-005-20395	DOUBLE L QUEEN UNIT #009Q	F-18-15S-30E	F	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	F	O	02/2003
2	30-005-60610	ELIZABETH #001	1-7 -08S-29E	D	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	O	02/2002
2	30-005-60747	ELIZABETH #004	F-7 -08S-29E	F	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	06/2004
2	30-005-62861	ELIZABETH C #005	1-7 -08S-29E	D	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	03/2003
1	30-025-27058	FEDERAL 7 #001	D-7 -21S-38E	D	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	F	0	10/2004
2	30-005-60327	GRAVES #001	F-11-08S-28E	F	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	O	09/2002
1	30-025-25418	HUDSON FEDERAL #001	O-15-17S-32E	0	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	F	0	03/2004
2	30-005-60580	) KUCHEMANN #002	V 2-30-08S-29E	Е	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	I	03/2005
2	30-005-60526	MARLISUE QUEEN UNIT #001	F-24-14S-29E	F	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	0	03/2005

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2	30-005-60510	MARLISUE QUEEN UNIT #001Z	K-24-14S-29E	K	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	O	03/2005
2	30-005-62099	MARLISUE QUEEN UNIT #002	K-24-14S-29E	K	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	0	01/2005
2	30-005-60585	MARLISUE QUEEN UNIT #003	G-24-14S-29E	G	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	0	03/2005
2	30-005-62100	MARLISUE QUEEN UNIT #003Z	K-24-14S-29E	K	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	O	03/2005
2	30-005-60646	MARLISUE QUEEN UNIT #004	C-24-14S-29E	С	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	0	03/2005
2	30-005-62324	MARLISUE QUEEN UNIT #004Z	K-24-14S-29E	K	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	O	03/2005
2	30-005-62101	MARLISUE QUEEN UNIT #006	F-24-14S-29E	F	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	I	01/2005
2	30-005-62102	MARLISUE QUEEN UNIT #007	G-24-14S-29E	G	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	I	01/2005
2	30-005-62531	MARLISUE QUEEN UNIT #008	F-24-14S-29E	F	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	I	01/2005
2	30-005-60921	MCDERMOTT #001	K-12-08S-28E	K	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	09/2004
2	30-015-04793	NORTHEAST SQUARE LAKE PREMIER UNIT #002	J-3 -16S-31E	J	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	F	0	04/1991
2	30-005-60565	O'BRIEN FEE 19 #002	O-19-08S-29E	0	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	O	12/2004

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2		O'BRIEN FEE 19 #008	P-19-08S-29E	P	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	10/2004
2	30-005-60815	O'BRIEN LIGHTCAP 7 #001	3-7 -08S-29E	L	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	09/2004
2	30-005-60816	O'BRIEN LIGHTCAP 7 #002	K-7 -08S-29E	K	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	Ο	09/2004
2	30-005-60623	SEANNA #002	H-12-08S-28E	Н	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	07/2004
1	30-025-22946	SUNRAY 682 LTD #003	H-36-09S-33E	Н	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	0	11/1997
2	30-005-60601	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #003	J-25-08S-28E	J	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	03/2000
2	30-005-60572	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #005		L	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	03/2000
2	30-005-60596	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #006		K	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	I	03/2005
2	30-005-60492	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #008		M	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	09/2003
2	30-005-60571	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #010	N-25-08S-28E	N	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	09/2000
2	30-005-60578	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #012		P	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	12/2000
2	30-005-60597	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #014	N-30-08S-29E	N	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	03/2000
2	30-005-62565	TWIN LAKES	O-30-08S-29E	O	211128	TIPTON OIL &	P	I	03/2005
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		SAN ANDRES UNIT #015				GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.			
2		TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #017	C-36-08S-28E	С	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	I	02/2005
2	30-005-60560	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #019	A-36-08S-28E	A	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	I	01/2005
2	30-005-60802	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #042	I-31-08S-29E	I	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	O	12/2000
2	30-005-60291	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #046	O-36-08S-28E	0	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	S	I	04/2005
2	30-005-60810	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #051	P-31-08S-29E	P	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	0	02/2000
2	30-005-60297	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #055	3-1 -09S-28E	С	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	I	03/2005
2	30-005-60844	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #102	F-7 -09S-29E	F	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	Ο	09/2004
2	30-005-61104	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #107	K-7 -09S-29E	K	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	I	04/2005
2	30-005-61333	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #112	N-7 -09S-29E	N	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	O	01/2004
2	30-005-61655	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #115		P	211128		P	0	01/2004
2	30-005-61736	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #118		В	211128		P	I	03/2005
2	30-005-63192	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES			211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS	P	0	12/2004
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2	30-005-63193	TWIN LAKES SAN ANDRES UNIT #333	J-6 -09S-29E		211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	Ο	12/2000
2	30-005-60622	UNION HAPPY #002	J-1 -08S-28E	J	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	O	04/2005
2	30-005-62629	WHITNEY #003	J-34-10S-27E	J	211128	TIPTON OIL & GAS ACQUISITIONS, INC.	P	O	08/2004

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