

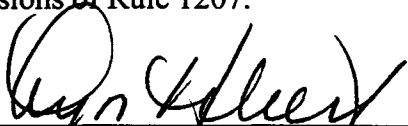
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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LONNIE J. BUCK TO PROPERLY PLUG TWO WELLS LEA COUNTY, NEW  
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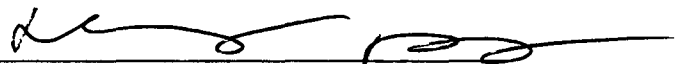
**CASE NO. 12528**

**AFFIDAVIT REGARDING NOTICE**

1. I am over the age of eighteen and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
2. I am the attorney of record for the Applicant.
3. Applicant has conducted a good faith, diligent effort to find the correct addresses of interest owners entitled to receive notice of the Application herein.
4. Notice of the Application was provided to the interest owners at their correct addresses by mailing them, by certified mail, a copy of the Application. Copies of the notice letter and certified return receipts are attached hereto.
5. Applicant has complied with the notice provisions of Rule 1207.

  
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Marilyn S. Hebert

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 2nd day of November 2000.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:  
2/18/2003

BEFORE EXAMINER STOGNER	
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
OCD	EXHIBIT NO. 3
CASE NO. 12528	

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902 South Rusk  
Gainesville, TX 76240

**4a. Article Number**

Z 559 573 249

**4b. Service Type**

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# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**GARY E. JOHNSON**

Governor

**Jennifer A. Salisbury**

Cabinet Secretary

October 11, 2000

**Lori Wrotenbery**

Director

**Oil Conservation Division**

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Lonnie J. Buck  
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Gainesville, Texas 76240

Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company  
c/o Daniels Insurance Co.  
Post Office Box 1258  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-1258

**Re: Case No. 12529**

Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring  
Lonnie J. Buck to plug two wells in Lea County, New Mexico

This letter is to advise you that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has filed the enclosed application for a hearing requiring Lonnie J. Buck to appear and show cause why certain wells should not be ordered plugged and abandoned.

This application has been set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 2, 2000. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as owner of an interest that may be affected by an order issued in this case, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

Parties appearing in cases are required by Division Rule 1208.B, enclosed, to file a Prehearing Statement three days in advance of the hearing.

Best regards,

Marilyn S. Hebert

Attorney

c: Chris Williams, District Supervisor  
Gary Wink, OCD Hobbs

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CASE NO. 12529

**APPLICATION FOR PLUGGING AND FORFEITURE OF BOND**

1. Lonnie J. Buck ("Operator") is the operator of the following two wells:
  - a. Monco No. 1 located in Unit L, 2310' FSL and 990' FWL in Section 25,  
Township 25 South, Range 36 East, in Lea County;
  - b. Monco No. 2 SWD located in Unit M, 670' FSL and 660' FWL In Section 25,  
Township 25 South, Range 36 East.
2. Operator has posted a single-well cash bond in the amount of \$5,000.00 for each of the two wells in compliance with NMSA 1978, § 70-2-14 and Rule 101 of the Rules of the Oil Conservation Division ("Division"), which bonds are conditioned upon compliance with the statutes of the State of New Mexico and the Rules of the Division with respect to the proper plugging and abandonment of the wells operated by Operator. Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company is the surety.
3. The subject wells have not produced hydrocarbon or carbon dioxide substance or have 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 or approved by the Division.
4. By virtue of the failure to use the wells for beneficial purposes or to have approved

current temporary abandonment permits, the wells are presumed to have been abandoned and are required to be plugged.

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

6. Demand has been made or attempted to be made upon the Operator either to place the subject wells 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 I of the Oil Conservation Division applies to the Director to enter an order:

A. Determining whether the wells should be plugged in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

B. Upon a determination that the wells should be plugged, directing Operator to plug the wells.

C. Further ordering that if Operator fails to plug and abandon the wells as ordered by the Director, that the Division be authorized: i. to plug the wells; ii. to declare forfeit on the bond, if any, and to take such action to foreclose on the bond; and iii. to recover from the Operator any costs of plugging the wells in excess of the amount of the bond, if any.

D. For such other and further relief as the Division deems just and proper, including the assessment of fines.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Marilyn S. Hebert, Attorney  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

2040 South Pacheco  
Santa Fe, NM 87505  
(505) 827-8156

(10) This paragraph has been moved and renumbered to 19 NMAC 15.N.1207.A.(7). [1-1-86...2-1-96; A, 7-15-99]

(11) This paragraph has been moved and renumbered to 19 NMAC 15.N.1207.A.(8). [1-1-86...2-1-96; A, 7-15-99]

**1207.B. Type and Content of Notice.** Any notice required by this rule shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the person to whom notice is to be given at least 20 days prior to the date of hearing of the application and shall include: a copy of the application; the date, time and place of the hearing; and the means by which protests may be made. [1-1-86...2-1-96; A, 7-15-99]

**1207.C.** At the hearing, the applicant shall make a record, either by testimony or affidavit signed by the applicant or its authorized representative, that: (a) the notice provisions of this rule have been complied with; (b) the applicant has conducted a good-faith diligent effort to find the correct address of all persons entitled to notice; and (c) pursuant to this rule, notice has been given at that correct address as required by this rule. In addition, the record shall contain the name and address of each person to whom notice was sent and, where proof of receipt is available, a copy of the proof. [1-1-86...2-1-96; A, 7-15-99]

**1207.D.** Evidence of failure to provide notice as required in this rule may, upon proper showing, be considered cause for reopening the case. [1-1-86...2-1-96; A, 7-15-99]

**1207.E.** In the case of an administrative application where the required notice was sent and a timely filed protest was made, the Division shall notify the applicant and the protesting party in writing that the case has been set for hearing and the date of the hearing. No further notice is required. [7-15-99]

## **1208 PLEADINGS: COPIES [9-15-55...2-1-96; A, 7-15-99]**

**1208.A.** For pleadings and correspondence filed in cases pending before a Division Examiner, two copies must be filed with the Division. For pleadings and correspondence filed in cases pending before the Commission, five copies must be filed with the Division. The Division will disseminate copies to the members of the Commission. The party filing the pleading or correspondence shall at the same time either hand deliver or transmit by facsimile or electronic mail to any party who has entered an appearance therein or the attorneys of record, a copy of the pleading or correspondence. An appearance of any interested party shall be made either by letter addressed to the Division or in person at any proceeding before the Commission or before a Division Examiner, with notice of such appearance to the parties of record. [9-15-55...2-1-96; A, 7-15-99]

**1208.B.** Parties to an adjudicatory proceeding must file a prehearing statement three days in advance of a scheduled hearing before the Division or the Commission. The statement must include: the names of the parties and their attorneys; a concise statement of the case; the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing. [7-15-99]

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Marjorie Buck

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