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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 12981

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT I, FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING JIMMY ROBERTSON ENERGY CORPORATION TO PROPERLY PLUG AND ABANDON SIXTEEN (16) WELL(S), ASSESSING AN APPROPRIATE CIVIL PENATY IN EVENT OF OPERATOR'S FAILURE TO COMPLY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELL(S) AND ORDERING A FORFEITURE OF APPLICABLE PLUGGING BOND, IF ANY; LEA AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by the Oil Conservation Division as required by Rule 1208.B.

PARTIES

<u>APPLICANT</u>

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RESPONDENT

Jimmy Robertson Energy Corporation

Underwriters Indemnity Company

ATTORNEY

No appearance entered.

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

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Applicant will show that the above named operator is the operator of the wells identified in the Application.

The operator reported production for the month of December, 2001 for two of the identified wells, namely:

Hardin B #4	30-025-07354	990FNL/1650FWL	C-18-18S-38E
Rice #3	30-025-05444	990FNL/480FEL	A-13-18S-37E

The Division will request dismissal of the application as to the above two wells. The remaining wells identified in the application are inactive, have been inactive for a longer time than authorized by Rule 201, and have not been temporarily abandoned. Applicant will offer evidenced that the condition of the well(s) is such that plugging thereof is necessary for the prevention of waste, protection of correlative rights and protection of the environment, and that, in event of the operator's failure to plug same, the Division should be authorized to plug said well(s), to forfeit the bond furnished by operator on which respondent Underwriters Indemnity Company is surety, and to seek reimbursement from operator for any excess of plugging costs incurred by the Division over and above the amount realized from forfeiture of such bond. Also to be considered will be the propriety of the plugging procedure proposed by the Division staff.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESS	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Jane Prouty	5 min.	1
Dorothy Phillips	2 min.	1
Chris Williams (by telephone)	15 min.	4

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None anticipated.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of this Pre-Hearing Statement have been served on respondent(s) by mailing same to the same to each respondent at the address to which notice of this hearing was directed.

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