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

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BUREAU FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST CROSS TIMBERS ENERGY, LLC, FOR WELLS OPERATED IN RIO ARRIBA AND LEA COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 16075** 

## **PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Cross Timbers Energy, LLC ("Cross Timbers"), provisionally provides this Pre-Hearing Statement as required by the rules of the Division.

## **APPEARANCES**

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#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Applicant Oil Conservation Division Compliance and Enforcement Bureau seeks a compliance order (1) determining operator Cross Timbers Energy, LLC ("Operator") is out of compliance with 19.15.5.9(A)(4), and 19.15.25.8 NMAC; (2) requiring the Operator to return to compliance with 19.15.5.9(A)(4) and 19.15.25.8 NMAC within 45 days and requiring producing wells shut-in until compliance is achieved; and (3) in the event of non-compliance, declaring the wells abandoned and authorizing the OCD to plug the violating wells in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program and restore and remediate the location, recover costs from the Operator's financial assurance as permitted by 19.15.8.13 NMAC, and seek indemnification as permitted by NMSA 1978, § 70-2-14(E).

Cross Timbers operates 556 wells in New Mexico. It is working diligently to evaluate and if necessary correct any matter of non-compliance that may be referenced in the Division's Application.

#### PROPOSED EVIDENCE

OPPONENT: CROSS TIMBERS ENERGY, LLC	EST. TIME	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
<u>WITNESSES</u> :		
Deanna Poindexter, Operations Engineer	15 min.	6
APPLICANT: OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BUREAU	EST. TIME	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
WITNESSES:		

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Cross Timbers will request a continuance while the matter is referred to direct negotiations with the Enforcement Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the following counsel of record by electronic mail on March 29, 2018:

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