

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

**APPLICATION OF THE ESTATE OF
JOHN R. STEARNS TO REMOVE
NORHTERN PACIFIC OIL AND GAS, INC.
AS OPERATOR OF RECORD OF THE
NEW MEXICO BA STATE WELL NUMBER 1,
NEW MEXICO STATE BA WELL NUMBER 3,
AND NEW MEXICO BA STATE WELL NUMBER 4.
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 23721

AFFIDAVIT OF CHARITY STEARNS-LEE

1. My name is Charity Stearns-Lee and I am over 18 years of age, have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein and am competent to provide this Affidavit.

2. I am familiar with the facts and circumstances underlying the application filed by the Estate of John R. Stearns in this matter.

3. The Estate of John R. Stearns has applied for order removing Northern Pacific Oil and Gas, Inc. (OGRID No. 330352), as operator of record of the New Mexico BA State #001 (API #: 30-005-20944), New Mexico BA State #003 (API #: 30-005-21021), and New Mexico BA State #004 (API #: 30-005-21023), and designating John R. Stearns Estate as operator of record. The John R. Stearns Estate is the successor in interest of John R. Stearns who was a registered operator in good standing with the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD").

4. On August 31, 2023, the Estate of John R. Stearns submitted its Pre-Hearing Statement in this matter. The Pre-Hearing Statement is attached hereto.

5. Pursuant to Paragraph C of the Pre-Hearing Statement, I have been designated as a witness in this matter. I have reviewed and am familiar with the facts set forth in Section B of the Pre-Hearing Statement and adopt the facts set forth in Section B, Paragraphs 1 through 12 as my direct testimony in this matter.

6. I affirm that my testimony, as set forth in Section B, Paragraphs 1 through 12 of the Pre-Hearing Statement, is true and correct and is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico.

DATE: 8/31/2023

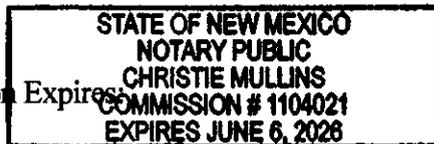

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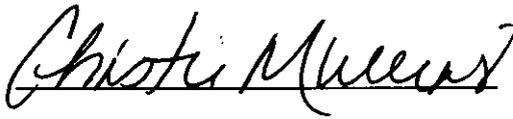
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF NM)
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COUNTY OF LEA)

The foregoing Affidavit was acknowledged before me this 31st day of August, 2023 by Charity Stearns-Lee.

My Commission Expires




Notary Public