

**Affidavit of Publication**

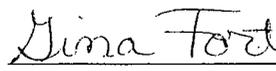
STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
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 COUNTY OF LEA )

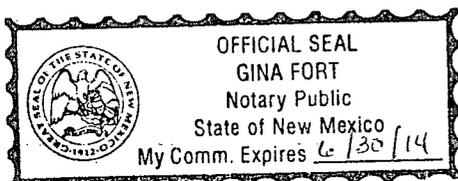
Joyce Clemens being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is Advertising Director of THE LOVINGTON LEADER, a thrice a week newspaper of general paid circulation published in the English language at Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico; that said newspaper has been so published in such county continuously and uninterruptedly for a period in excess of Twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks next prior to the first publication of the notice hereto attached as hereinafter shown; and that said newspaper is in all things duly qualified to publish legal notices within the meaning of Chapter 167 of the 1937 Session Laws of the State of New Mexico.

That the notice which is hereto attached, entitled Legal Notice was published in a regular and entire issue of THE LOVINGTON LEADER and not in any supplement thereof, for one (1) day(s), beginning with the issue of April 14, 2012 and ending with the issue of April 14, 2012.

And that the cost of publishing said notice is the sum of \$ 65.98 which sum has been (Paid) as Court Costs.

  
 Joyce Clemens, Advertising Manager  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May 2012.

  
 Gina Fort  
 Notary Public, Lea County, New Mexico  
 My Commission Expires June 30, 2014



<p>LEGAL NOTICE                  STATE OF                  NEW MEXICO                  ENERGY, MINERALS                  AND NATURAL                  RESOURCES                  DEPARTMENT                  OIL CONSERVATION                  DIVISION                  SANTA FE                  NEW MEXICO</p>	<p>Florene Davidson at 505-476-3458 or through the New Mexico Relay Network 1-800-659-1779 by April 30, 2012. Public documents including the agenda and minutes can be provided in various accessible forms. Please contact Florene Davidson if a summary or other type of accessible form is needed.</p>	<p>duced water into the Strawn formation, SWD Strawn Pool (Pool Code 96188) through the Consolidated State Well No. 3 (API 30-025-29711) located 660 feet from the North line and 2128 feet from the West line of Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This well is located approximately 8 miles southeast of Lovington, New Mexico.</p>
<p>The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of the Division of the following public hearing to be held at 8:15 A.M. on May 10, 2012, in the Oil Conservation Division Hearing Room at 1220 South St. Francis, Santa Fe, New Mexico, before an examiner duly appointed for the hearing. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact:</p>	<p>STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest or claim in the following cases and notice to the public.</p>	<p>Given under the Seal of the State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 12th day of April 2012.</p>
<p>(NOTE: All land descriptions herein refer to the New Mexico Principal Meridian whether or not so stated.)</p> <p><b>CASE NO. 14834:</b>                  Application of Cobalt Operating, LLC for authorization to inject produced water, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks authorization to inject pro-</p>	<p>STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</p> <p>Jami Bailey, Division Director</p> <p>Published in the Lovington Leader April 14, 2012.</p>	<p>STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</p> <p>Jami Bailey, Division Director</p> <p>Published in the Lovington Leader April 14, 2012.</p>

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico  
 Exhibit No. 3  
 Submitted by:  
**COBALT OPERATING, LLC.**  
 Hearing Date: May 10, 2012