

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

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR
AN ORDER REQUIRING STEVENS OPERATING CORPORATION TO PLUG
SEVEN WELLS AND ORDERING A FORFEITURE OF APPLICABLE
FINANCIAL ASSURANCE IN EVENT OF OPERATOR'S NON-COMPLIANCE;
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 13675

APPLICANT'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

A. Parties and Attorneys:

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| Applicant | The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division |
| Attorney | David K. Brooks |

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| Respondents: | Stevens Operating Corporation (No appearance) |
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| | American Employers' Insurance Company (No appearance) |
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B. Statement of the Case:

The Division seeks an order requiring Stevens Operating Corporation to plug seven wells in Chaves County, and, in event of non-compliance, forfeiting a \$50,000 surety bond issued.

C. Witnesses for Applicant:

Van Barton, oil and gas inspector, District II

D. Time to Present Case: 15 minutes

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E. Procedural Matters: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David K. Brooks", written over a horizontal line.

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