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

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER, FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST B C & D OPERATING, INC. REQUIRING IT TO RETURN FOUR WELLS TO COMPLIANCE WITH 19.15.4.201 NMAC BY A DATE CERTAIN, AND IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELLS AND FORFEIT THE APPLICABLE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE; LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 13874

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

In accordance with Division Rule 1227.D [19.15.14.1227.D NMAC] and Rule 1210 (19.15.14.1210 NMAC) I hereby certify that notice of the March 1, 2007 hearing in the above-captioned case was mailed to the following by certified mail, return receipt requested, at least 20 days prior to the hearing date, with a copy of the application:

BC & D Operating Inc. P.O. Box 1680 Hobbs, NM 88241

BC & D Operating, Inc. 3001 Knox St., Suite 407 Dallas, TX 75205 Attn: Gay Arrington or Mark Ariail

BC & D Operating, Inc. 2225 N. West County Rd. Hobbs, NM 88241

Gary Don Reagan, Agent BC & D Operating, Inc. 1819 N. Turner, Suite G Hobbs, NM 88240

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A copy of the notice, with attachments, is Exhibit A to this affidavit. Copies of the certified mail receipts are attached as Exhibit B to this affidavit. Copies of signed return

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receipt cards and the unclaimed or returned envelopes are attached as Exhibit C to this affidavit.

Gail MacQuesten

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 24th day of February 2007.

Notary Public Dorots Ph. 11.15

My Commission Expires:



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") has filed the above-captioned application seeking an order requiring B C & D Operating Inc. ("Operator") to return the following wells to compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC by a date certain, and in the event of non-compliance, authorizing the Division to plug said wells and forfeit the applicable financial assurance:

Blankenship #001, API #30-025-07766, E-12-20S-38E Blankenship A #001, API #30-025-07769, L-12-20S-38E Peoples Security #001, API #30-025-07281, L-23-16S-38E G W Shahan #002, API #30-025-11873, B-33-25S-37E

A copy of the application is enclosed.

A hearing on this application will take place before a Division hearing examiner on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 8:15 a.m., in Porter Hall, First Floor, 1220 South St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe, New Mexico. At that hearing you will have an opportunity to show cause why an order should not be entered as requested in the application. If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you should file a pre-hearing statement at least four business days in advance of the hearing, as required by 19.15.14.1211.B NMAC. A copy of that rule is enclosed. I have also enclosed a copy of 19.15.14.1212, which addresses representation at administrative hearings before the Division.

B C & D posted a \$50,000 cash bond through the United New Mexico Bank in Albuquerque, New Mexico to secure its obligation to plug and abandon its wells located in New Mexico. The Division will draw on that financial assurance if an order is entered as requested in the attached application and the Division plugs the wells.

Inquiries concerning this application may be directed to the undersigned in the Santa Fe office of the Division at (505) 476-3451.

Very truly yours,

Gail MacQuesten

Assistant General Counsel

ec: Chris Williams, District I Supervisor

Daniel Sanchez, Enforcement and Compliance Manager

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 18 10 10 22

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER, FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST B C & D OPERATING, INC. REQUIRING IT TO RETURN FOUR WELLS TO COMPLIANCE WITH 19.15.4.201 NMAC BY A DATE CERTAIN, AND IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELLS AND FORFEIT THE APPLICABLE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE; LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 13874

APPLICATION FOR COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST B C & D OPERATING, INC.

- 1. BC & D Operating, Inc. ("Operator") is a corporation operating wells in New Mexico under OGRID 25670.
- 2. Operator has posted a \$50,000 cash blanket bond, No. OCD 413, through the United New Mexico Bank, Albuquerque, New Mexico to secure its obligation to properly plug and abandon its wells in the State of New Mexico.
- 3. Operator is the operator of record for the following wells (hereinafter, "wells") located in Lea County, New Mexico:
 - Blankenship #001, API #30-025-07766, E-12-20S-38E
 - Blankenship A #001, API #30-025-07769, L-12-20S-38E
 - Peoples Security #001, API #30-025-07281, L-23-16S-38E
 - G W Shahan #002, API #30-025-11873, B-33-25S-37E
- 4. The records of the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") show that the wells are currently inactive, and there has been no reported production or other use for the wells for a continuous period in excess of one year plus 90 days.
- 5. The wells are neither properly plugged and abandoned nor on approved temporary abandonment status.
- 6. OCD Rule 19.15.4.201 NMAC requires that a well shall be either properly plugged and abandoned or placed on approved temporary abandonment within 90 days after a period of one year in which a well has been continuously inactive.

7. NMSA 1978, § 70-2-14(B) provides that if any of the requirements of an OCD rule is not complied with, the OCD, after notice and hearing, may order any well plugged and abandoned by the operator or surety or both in accordance with division rules, and if the order is not complied with in the time period set out in the order, the financial assurance shall be forfeited.

WHEREFORE, the Enforcement and Compliance Manager hereby applies to the Director to enter an order:

- A. Requiring BC & D Operating, Inc. to return the above referenced four wells to compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC by a date certain;
- B. Authorizing the Oil Conservation Division to plug the above-referenced four wells and forfeit the applicable financial assurance if BC & D Operating, Inc. fails to return the wells to compliance by the deadline set in the order; and
- C. For such other and further relief as the Director deems just and proper under the circumstances.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, January 18, 2007 by

Gail MacQuesten

Assistant General Counsel

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department of the State of

New Mexico

1220 S. St. Francis Drive

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Attorney for The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

Case No. _______. Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for a compliance order against BC & D Operating, Inc. The Applicant seeks a compliance order requiring BC & D Operating, Inc. to return four inactive wells in Lea County, New Mexico, to compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC by a date certain, and authorizing the Division to plug the wells and forfeit the applicable financial assurance if the operator fails to meet the deadline set in the order. The affected wells are: Blankenship #001, API #30-025-07766, Unit Letter E, Section 12, Township 20 South, Range 38 East; Blankenship A #001, API #30-025-07769, Unit Letter L, Section 12. Township 20 South, Range 38 East; Peoples Security #001, API #30-025-07281, Unit Letter L, Section 23, Township 16 South, Range 38 East; and G W Shahan #002, API #30-025-11873, Unit Letter B, Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 37 East;.

19.15.14.1211 PLEADINGS, COPIES, PRE-HEARING STATEMENTS, EXHIBITS AND MOTIONS FOR CONTINUANCE:

- Pleadings. Applicants shall file two sets of pleadings and correspondence in cases pending before a division examiner with the division clerk and six sets of pleadings and correspondence in cases pending before the commission with the commission clerk. For cases pending before the commission, the commission clerk shall disseminate copies of pleadings and correspondence to the commission members. The party filing the pleading or correspondence shall at the same time serve a copy of the pleading or correspondence upon each party who has entered an appearance in the case on or prior to the business day immediately preceding the date when the party files the pleading or correspondence with the division or the commission clerk, as applicable. Parties shall accomplish service by hand delivery or transmission by facsimile or electronic mail to any party who has entered an appearance or, if the party is represented, the party's attorney of record. Service upon a party who has not filed a pleading containing a facsimile number or e-mail address may be made by ordinary first class mail. Parties shall be deemed to have made an appearance when they have either sent a letter regarding the case to the division or commission clerk or made an in person appearance at any hearing before the commission or before a division examiner. A written appearance, however, shall not be complete until the appearing party has provided notice to other parties of record. Any initial pleading or written entry of appearance a party other than the applicant files shall include the party's address or the address of the party's attorney and an e-mail and facsimile number if available.
 - **B.** Pre-hearing statements.
- (1) Any party to an adjudicatory proceeding who intends to present evidence at the hearing shall file a pre-hearing statement, and serve copies on other parties or, for parties that are represented, their attorneys in the manner Subsection A of 19.15.14.1211 NMAC provides, at least four business days in advance of a scheduled hearing before the division or the commission, but in no event later than 5:00 pm mountain time, on the Thursday preceding the scheduled hearing date. The statement shall include:
 - (a) the names of the party and the party's attorney;
 - **(b)** a concise statement of the case;
- (c) the names of witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing, and in the case of expert witnesses, their fields of expertise;
 - (d) the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and
- (e) identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.
- (2) Any party other than the applicant shall include in its pre-hearing statement a statement of the extent to which the party supports or opposes the issuance of the order the applicant seeks and the reasons for such support or opposition. In cases to be heard by the commission, each party shall include copies of all exhibits that it proposes to offer in evidence at the hearing with the pre-hearing statement. The commission may exclude witnesses the party did not identify in the pre-hearing statement, or exhibits the party did not file and serve with the pre-hearing statement, unless the party offers such evidence solely for rebuttal or makes a satisfactory showing of good cause for failure to disclose the witness or exhibit.

- (3) A pre-hearing statement filed by a corporation or other entity not represented by an attorney shall identify the person who will conduct the party's presentation at the hearing and include a sworn and notarized statement attesting that the corporation's or entity's governing body or chief executive officer authorizes the person to present the corporation or entity in the matter.
- (4) For cases pending before the commission, the commission clerk shall disseminate copies of pre-hearing statements and exhibits to the commission members.
- C. Motions for continuance. Parties shall file and serve motions for continuance no later than 48 hours prior to time the hearing is set to begin, unless the reasons for requesting a continuance arise after the deadline, in which case the party shall file the motion as expeditiously as possible after becoming aware of the need for a continuance.

[19.15.14.1211 NMAC - Rp, 19.15.14.1208 NMAC, 09/30/05]

19.15.14.1212 CONDUCT OF ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS:

- A. Testimony. Hearings before the commission or a division examiner shall be conducted without rigid formality. The division or commission shall take or have someone take a transcript of testimony and preserve the transcript as a part of the division's permanent records. Any person testifying shall do so under oath. The division examiner or commission shall designate whether or not an interested party's un-sworn comments and observations are relevant and, if relevant, include the comments and observations in the record.
- **B.** Pre-filed testimony. The division director may order the parties to file prepared written testimony in advance of the hearing for cases pending before the commission. The witness shall be present at the hearing and shall adopt, under oath, the prepared written testimony, subject to cross-examination and motions to strike unless the witness' presence at hearing is waived upon notice to other parties and without their objection. The parties shall number pages of the prepared written testimony, which shall contain line numbers on the left-hand side.
- C. Appearances pro se or through an attorney. Parties may appear and participate in hearings either pro se (on their own behalf) or through an attorney. Corporations, partnerships, governmental entities, political subdivisions, unincorporated associations and other collective entities may appear only through an attorney or through a duly authorized officer or member. Participation in adjudicatory hearings shall be limited to parties, as defined in 19.15.14.1208 NMAC, except that a representative of a federal, state or tribal governmental agency or political subdivision may make a statement on the agency's or political subdivision's behalf. The commission or division examiner shall have the discretion to allow any other person present at the hearing to make a relevant statement, but not to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses. Any person making a statement at an adjudicatory hearing shall be subject to cross-examination by the parties or their attorneys.

[19.15.14.1212 NMAC - Rp, 19.15.14.1210 NMAC, 09/30/05]

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