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

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, THROUGH THE DISTRICT I SUPERVISOR FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST REUBIN COLLINS d/b/a RCJ ENTERPRISES, LLC FINDING THAT THE OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF 19.15.4.201 NMAC AS TO ELEVEN WELLS, REQUIRING OPERATOR TO BRING SAID WELLS INTO COMPLIANCE WITH 19.15.4.201 NMAC BY A DATE CERTAIN AND, IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE, DECLARING THE WELLS ABANDONED AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG THE WELLS LOCATED IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 13886

#### **PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by the applicant, the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to OCD Rule 1211 [19.15.14.1211 NMAC].

### APPEARANCES

<u>APPLICANT</u> Oil Conservation Division

#### APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

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<u>OPPONENTS</u> Reubin Collins, d/b/a RCJ Enterprises, LLC <u>OPPONENTS' ATTORNEY</u> No appearance has been entered

## **APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

#### **APPLICANT**

Reubin Collins, d/b/a, RCJ Enterprises, LLC ("Reubin Collins") is the operator of record for the:

- Buffalo Unit # 007, B-34-18S-33E, 30-025-21604 (Last Inj/Production: June 1996)
- Buffalo Unit # 008, H-34-18S-33E, 30-025-21846 (Last Inj/Production: Aug. 2002)
- Buffalo Unit # 010, A-34-18S-33E, 30-025-21957 (Last Inj/Production: Aug. 2002)
- Buffalo Unit # 011, L-35-18S-33E, 30-025-22598 (Last Inj/Production: Aug. 2002)
- Cockburn Federal #004, K-34-17S-33E, 30-025-01391 (Last Inj/Production: Dec. 2002)

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- Cockburn Federal #006, J-34-17S-33E, 30-025-01392
- Cockburn Federal #007, I-33-17S-33E, 30-025-01362
- Cockburn Federal #010, J-33-17S-33E, 30-025-21242
- Wallen Bass #002, N-21-20S-34E, 30-025-26458
- Wallen Bass #003, P-21-20S-34E, 30-025-25904
- Wallen Bass #004, O-21-20S-34E, 30-025-26288

wells, located in Lea County, New Mexico. The wells have been inactive for a minimum of two years, and have not been plugged or put on temporary abandonment status.

The Division filed this application pursuant to 19.15.3.101.H NMAC, seeking an order requiring Reubin Collins to bring the well into compliance with OCD Rule 201 by plugging the wells, placing them on temporary abandonment status, or returning them to a Division-approved beneficial use by a date certain, and authorizing the Division to plug the wells in the event of noncompliance.

# **OPPONENTS**

Reubin Collins has not entered an appearance in this case.

# APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

### APPLICANT'S WITNESSES:

Will Call:	
Chris Williams, OCD District I Supervisor	Estimated Time: 15 min.
Dorothy Phillips, OCD Financial Assurance Administrator	By affidavit
Jane Prouty, OCD Production and Permitting Supervisor	By affidavit
May Call:	
Daniel Sanchez, OCD Enforcement and Compliance Manager	10 minutes
David Bradshaw, OCD Santa Fe Office	10 minutes

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Correct name on Application from Reubin Collins d/b/a RCJ Enterprises, LLC to Reubin Collins d/b/a RCJ Enterprises.

(Last Inj/Production: Dec. 2002) (Last Inj/Production: July 2001) (Last Inj/Production: Nov. 1999)

(Last Inj/Production: Jan. 2004)

- (Last Inj/Production: Feb. 2004)
- (Last Inj/Production: Feb. 2004)

Respectfully submitted, This <u>Sth</u> day of March 2007 by

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Attorney for the Oil Conservation Division

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the Applicant's Pre-Hearing Statement was served by first class mail, pre-paid, upon the following this  $\underline{\mathcal{S}^{HH}}$  day of March 2007:

Reubin Collins, d/b/a/, RCJ Enterprises, LLC P.O. Box 6055 Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-6055

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