STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2008 FAR 21 AM 8 38

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER, FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST C W TRAINER PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978, SECTION 70-2-14(B) ORDERING C W TRAINER TO PLUG AND ABANDON ALL WELLS ITS OPERATES IN NEW MEXICO BY A DATE CERTAIN AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELLS AND FORFEIT THE APPLICABLE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE; LEA AND CHAVES COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

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APPLICANT'S ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

The Oil Conservation Division submits this entry of appearance and pre-hearing statement pursuant to OCD Rule 1211 [19.15.14.1211 NMAC].

APPEARANCES

<u>APPLICANT</u> Oil Conservation Division

APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

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RESPONDENTS' ATTORNEY

Neither Respondent has entered an appearance at this time.

<u>RESPONDENTS</u> C.W. Trainer P.O. Box 754 Midland, TX 79702-0754

U.S. Specialty Insurance Company 13403 Northwest Freeway Houston, TX 77040

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Applicant seeks a compliance order against CW Trainer (Trainer) pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-14(B) ordering Trainer to plug and abandon all the wells it operates in New Mexico by a date certain and allowing the Oil Conservation Division

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& NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-14(B) provides that if an operator fails to comply with OCD rules, after notice and hearing the OCD may order any well plugged and abandoned by the operator or surety or both, and may forfeit the financial assurance if the order is not complied with.

Trainer is in violation of 19.15.13.1115 NMAC (failure to file monthly production reports), 19.15.3.101.B NMAC (failure to file financial assurances), 19.15.4.201 NMAC (failure to plug or temporarily abandon inactive wells), 19.15.4.202 NMAC (failure to remediate well sites within one year of plugging the wellbore), and 19.15.9.116.D NMAC (failure to clean up releases).

The OCD's attempts to obtain compliance from Trainer through 19.15.1.40 NMAC, a plugging order and an agreed compliance order have been unsuccessful.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESS:

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ESTIMATED TIME:

Daniel Sanchez, OCD Compliance Manager Jane Prouty, Automation and Records 30 minutes 10 minutes

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None.

Respectfully submitted this *A* and day of March 2008 by

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was mailed to C. W. Trainer and U.S. Specialty Insurance Company at the addresses listed above this day of March 2008.

Gail MacQuesten

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