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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR REPEAL OF EXISTING RULES CASE NO. 14180

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST JACKIE BREWER, d/b/a SANDLOTT ENERGY CASE NO. 14074

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BEFORE: MARK E. FESMIRE, CHAIRMAN
JAMI BAILEY, COMMISSIONER
WILLIAM C. OLSON, COMMISSIONER

November 7, 2008

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, MARK E. FESMIRE, Chairman, on Friday, November 7, 2008, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Room 102, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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1 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: At this time, we will call the
2 Friday, November 7th, 2008, special meeting of the New Mexico
3 Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to order.

4 Let the record reflect that Commissioners Bailey,
5 Olson, and Fesmire are all present and, therefore, there is a
6 quorum present, and the Commission is capable of transacting
7 business.

8 This is, again, a special meeting that was called to
9 address two issues: The continuation of Case No. 14180 and Case
10 No. 14074.

11 At this time, we will take up the first order of
12 business on the docket, Case No. 14180. It is the Application
13 of the Oil Conservation Commission for Repeal of Existing Rules
14 19.15.1 through 19.15.15 NMAC; adoption of new Rules 19.15.2
15 through 19.15.16 NMAC; 19.15.18 through 19.15.26 NMAC; 19.15.29
16 and 19.15.30 NMAC; 19.15.34 through 19.15.37 NMAC; and,
17 19.15.39 NMAC and amending 19.15.17 and 19.15.36 NMAC, to make
18 conforming changes Statewide.

19 At this time, are there -- we'll take an entry of
20 appearance for any attorney present for that case. Seeing
21 none, we will continue. Have the Commissioners had the chance
22 to examine the order and attachments presented by counsel in
23 this case?

24 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Yes, I have, and I commend the
25 OCD for undertaking this massive work.

1 against Jackie Brewer, d/b/a Sandlott Energy. Would the
2 attorneys present please enter their appearances?

3 MR. SWAZO: Sonny Swazo on behalf of the Oil
4 Conservation Division.

5 MR. LARSON: Larry Larson of the Santa Fe office of
6 Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor and Martin for Jackie Brewer, d/b/a
7 Sandlott Energy.

8 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Mr. Swazo, I understand you have
9 an announcement for the Commission.

10 MR. SWAZO: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. We have
11 entered into a stipulated order and settlement agreement in
12 this case. The terms of the settlement order are that
13 Mr. Brewer -- is that the operator remediate the pollution at
14 the ten well sites that are the subject of this compliance
15 action by May 7th, 2009.

16 We have entered into an agreement whereby operator
17 will pay a \$12,000 penalty by November, I believe, 21st of
18 2008. He's also agreed to the imposition of \$48,000, which
19 \$12,000 is part of this civil penalty. We have agreed, the OCD
20 has agreed, to waive the \$36,000 portion of the \$48,000 civil
21 penalty on the condition that the operator has these sites
22 remediated by May 7th, 2008.

23 One thing that I would like to ask the Commission to
24 do in this case is I'd like to have this case put on the
25 Commission's -- on the first docket after the May 7th deadline

1 to see exactly where we stand in this case and to make sure
2 that the operator has properly remediated these sites.

3 Oh, yes, in the agreement, the operator has agreed to
4 allow the OCD to plug and abandon these wells the forfeit the
5 applicable financial assurance if he does not meet the
6 remediation deadline of May 7th, 2009.

7 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Mr. Swazo, that's Stipulation 18
8 in the order? Is that -- is it my understanding that the
9 Division and Mr. Brewer have agreed that no further action will
10 be necessary to forfeit the \$50,000 if he does not comply with
11 the requirements in the order?

12 MR. SWAZO: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Mr. Larson, is that your
14 understanding?

15 MR. LARSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Mr. Swazo, continue. I'm sorry I
17 interrupted you.

18 MR. SWAZO: I think that's it. I think I got
19 everything.

20 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Okay. Mr. Larson, did you have
21 anything to add?

22 MR. LARSON: I agree with Mr. Swazo's
23 characterization of the terms of the order.

24 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: And I notice that the agreed --
25 that the settlement agreement has been signed by both Mr.

1 Brewer and Mr. Swazo, and that you're asking the Commission
2 today to ratify that agreement the make it part of the
3 Commission record.

4 MR. LARSON: That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Have the Commissioners had a
6 chance to review the stipulated order and settlement agreement
7 in Case 14074?

8 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Yes, I have, and I agree that
9 this is a reasonable solution.

10 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Commissioner Olson, have you had a
11 chance to review it?

12 COMMISSIONER OLSON: Yes, I have, and I'll just say
13 that I'm glad that the parties were able to reach some
14 agreement in this matter and to resolve this without the
15 Commission having to take action on it.

16 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Counsel Bada, is there anything
17 that you need to add before the Commission today?

18 MS. BADA: No. Just a motion to adopt the stipulated
19 order.

20 MR. SWAZO: Mr. Chair, if I may interrupt for a
21 minute. I may have said 2008. I'd like to clarify the record.
22 It is May 7th, 2009.

23 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Mr. Swazo, does the order include
24 anything about placing it on the first docket after the May 7th
25 deadline?

1 MR. SWAZO: No, it does not.

2 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: So that will take an independent
3 action by the Chair; is that correct?

4 MR. SWAZO: That's fine.

5 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: At this time, the Chair would
6 entertain a motion to adopt the stipulated order and settlement
7 agreement as presented by counsel.

8 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: I so move.

9 COMMISSIONER OLSON: I just have a question. Do we,
10 since this is an agreement between the parties, isn't the case
11 moot, then?

12 MS. BADA: Not if they're submitting a stipulated
13 order. If they just had a settlement agreement to dismiss the
14 case, then it would be --

15 COMMISSIONER OLSON: So we have to also approve the
16 stipulated order?

17 MS. BADA: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER OLSON: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: I so move.

20 COMMISSIONER OLSON: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: All those in favor signify by
22 saying "aye."

23 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER OLSON: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Aye.

1 The record should reflect that the Commissioners
2 voted unanimously to adopt the stipulated order and settlement
3 agreement. It will be signed and transmitted to the secretary.

4 The record should reflect that the stipulated order
5 and settlement agreement has been signed by all three
6 Commissioners and transmitted to the secretary.

7 Is there any further action before the Commission
8 today?

9 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: No.

10 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Commissioner Olson?

11 COMMISSIONER OLSON: No.

12 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: At this time, the Chair would
13 entertain a motion to adjourn.

14 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: I move we adjourn.

15 COMMISSIONER OLSON: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: All those in favor signify by
17 saying "aye."

18 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER OLSON: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Aye.

21 The meeting is adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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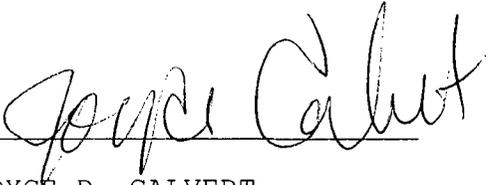
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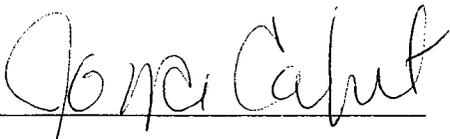
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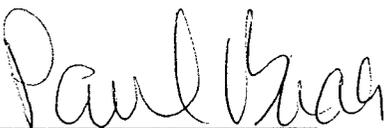
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