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March 4, 2008

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## Re: C & D Management Company d/b/a Freedom Ventures Company OGRID No. 231382

Amoco No. 001;	L-13-17S-27E;	30-015-24738
Hastie No. 016;	4-18-17S-28E;	30-015-22371
Hastie No. 017;	3-18-17S-28E;	30-015-22852
Hastie No. 018;	N-18-17S-28E;	30-015-22848
Hastie No. 019;	2-18-17S-28E;	30-015-23186
Hastie No. 020;	1-18-17S-28E;	30-015-23516
Hastie No. 021;	C-18-17S-28E;	30-015-23821
Michael State No. 001;	H-25-17S-27E;	30-015-24877
Muncy Federal No. 001;	F-13-17S-27E;	30-015-23083
Muncy Federal No. 002;	E-13-17S-27E;	30-015-25012
Saunders No. 012;	O-13-17S-27E;	30-015-22348
Schneider No. 001;	J-24-17S-27E;	30-015-22907
Scott Federal No. 001;	P-12-17S-27E;	30-015-25437
Shearn Becky Federal No. 001;	B-14-17S-27E;	30-015-34440
Shearn Freedom Federal No. 002;	A-14-17S-27E;	30-015-34454
Shearn Samantha Federal No. 001	;G-14-17S-27E;	30-015-31059
Shearn Shilo Federal No. 001;	B-14-17S-27E;	30-015-31061

Dear Mr. Kizer:

I am responding to your letter of February 29, 2008, to Richard Inge, regarding-C-115 monthly production reports for C & D Management Company d/b/a Freedom Ventures Company ("C & D").

Case 14055 De Novo C&D Management Company Mr. Thomas Rizer C & D Management Company d/b/a Freedom Ventures Company March 4, 2008

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On December 11, 2007, the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") filed an application for a compliance order against C & D, alleging violations of OCD Rule 19.15.4.201 NMAC ("Rule 201") and OCD Rule 19.15.13.1115 NMAC ("Rule 1115"). OCD Rule 201 requires an operator to plug and abandon or temporarily abandon a well in accordance with OCD rules within 90 days after a period of one year of continuous inactivity. An operator can also come into compliance with OCD Rule 201 by returning the well to beneficial use. OCD Rule 1115 requires operators to file monthly production reports.

According to OCD records, the above identified wells had no reported production or injection for a continuous period exceeding one year plus 90 days, and were neither plugged and abandoned in accord with OCD Rule 19.15.4.202 NMAC nor on approved temporary abandonment status in accord with OCD Rule 19.15.4.203 NMAC. As of today, the wells continue to be in violation of OCD Rule 201 and OCD Rule 1115. Enclosed is a printout of OCD's inactive well list for C & D.

OCD's application, Case No. 14055, was heard on January 10, 2008. Notice of the hearing was served upon C & D's corporate officers—Chris and Darla Jeffries—and was published in The Artesia Daily Press. Both C & D corporate officers acknowledged receiving the hearing notice.

At hearing OCD asked for an Order:

- 1) finding C & D in violation of OCD Rule 201 and OCD Rule 1115;
- 2) requiring C & D to come into compliance with OCD Rule 201 and OCD Rule 1115 by a date certain;
- 3) authorizing OCD to plug the wells and forfeit the applicable financial assurance if C & D does not comply with the Order;
- 4) requiring C & D to pay \$3,000 that is due under Agreed Compliance Order No. 171; and
- 5) assessing civil penalties against C & D for knowing and willful violations of OCD Rule 201 and OCD Rule 1115.



We are currently awaiting the issuance of the Order.

You have asked what is required for C & D to come into compliance. First of all, because the case has already gone to hearing, and at hearing we asked for civil penalties to be assessed against C & D for its violations of OCD rules, I do not believe that C & D's coming into compliance with OCD rules would necessarily dispose of the matter because the civil penalties are not contingent upon whether C & D files its C-115 monthly production reports or brings its wells into compliance with OCD Rule 201. If civil penalties are assessed against C & D, C & D would be required to pay them. If you would like to address the issue of civil penalties or  $\checkmark$ otherwise present evidence in Case No. 14055, then promptly contact Florene Davidson at (505) 476-3458 to see about having the case re-opened.



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To come into compliance with OCD Rule 1115, C & D must file all due C-115 monthly production reports for the wells it operates. (C & D must stay current with its reporting by filing its C-115 monthly production reports on a regular monthly basis.) To come into compliance with OCD Rule 201, C & D must return its wells to beneficial use, plug and abandon the wells, or place the wells on OCD-approved temporary abandonment status.

C' & D must also come into compliance with the financial assurance requirements of OCD Rule 19.15.3.101 NMAC ("Rule 101"). (Enclosed is a printout of the OCD's Inactive Well Additional Financial Assurance Report for C & D.) To come into compliance with Rule 101, C & D needs to post the appropriate additional financial assurance for its non-complaint well(s). Please contact Dorothy Phillips at (505) 476-3461 to discuss this matter further.

Finally, C & D must pay the \$3,000 civil penalty that is due under Agreed Compliance Order No. 171.

If you have any questions please contact me at (505) 476-3463 or sonny.swazo@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Sonny Swazo

Assistant General Counsel, OCD '

Ec: Daniel Sanchez, Enforcement & Compliance Manager

Tim Gum, Artesia District Office Supervisor

Richard Inge, Artesia District Office Compliance Officer

# 231382 C&D MANAGEMENT COMPANY DBA FREEDOM VENTURES Total Well Count: 17 Printed On: Monday, March 03 2008

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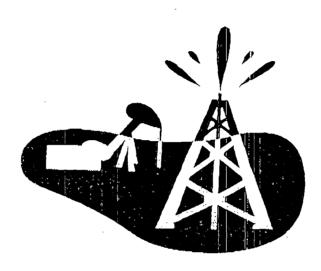
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