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

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER, FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST C & D MANAGEMENT COMPANY D/B/A FREEDOM VENTURES COMPANY, FINDING THAT THE OPERATOR KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY VIOLATED 19.15.13.1115 NMAC AND KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY VIOLATED 19.15.4.201 NMAC; ASSESSING PENALTIES; REQUIRING OPERATOR TO BRING SAID WELLS INTO COMPLIANCE WITH 19.15.13.1115 NMAC AND 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 AND FORFEIT THE APPLICABLE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 14055 De Novo ORDER NO. R-12913

## PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-hearing Statement is submitted by C & D Management Company d/b/a Freedom Ventures Company by and through its undersigned counsel, Ernest L. Padilla, Padilla Law Firm, P.A., as required by the Oil Conservation Commission.

#### APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

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# STATEMENT OF CASE

# APPLICANT:

#### **OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY:**

- C & D Management will present testimony and tender evidence with respect to the compliance issues brought in this matter by the Oil Conservation Division as follows:
- 1. That it has complied or has attempted to comply with the Commission's prior order. With respect to plugging requirements, C & D Management had proceeded with plugging wells that it was required to plug. The Oil Conservation Division superseded those efforts by commencing its own plugging operations. Furthermore, the OCD plugged wells that were capable of production.
- 2. With respect to filing production reports, C & D Management realized in February 2009 that some of its reported production may have been inaccurate and voluntarily asked that the reports be withdrawn until corrected reports could be filed. It has now filed correct and accurate reports through May 2009.

## PROPOSED EVIDENCE

#### **APPLICANT**

WITNESSES EST. TIME EXHIBITS

Those listed in its Prehearing Statement.

OPPOSITION

Thomas Kizer 45 min. (1) Summary Sheet of Plugging Activity

(2) Copies of Plugging Reports or of

Remedial work on wells

(3) Exhibits offered by OCD

# **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

(Please identify any procedural matters which need to be resolved prior to hearing.)

None

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I caused a copy of this Pre-Hearing Statement to be served upon

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and by hand-delivery this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.