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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT II FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING THE COPELAN STATE #1 WELL, LOCATED IN UNIT C AND THE COPELAN STATE #2 WELL, LOCATED IN UNIT A, OF SEC. 31, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, TO BE PROPERLY PLUGGED, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELLS AND ORDERING A FORFEITURE OF THE PLUGGING BOND, IF ANY.

CASE NO. 11228

APPLICATION FOR PLUGGING

1. Rapid Company Inc. (hereinafter called "Operator") is the operator of the Copelan #1 well located in Unit C and the Copelan State #2 Well, located in Unit A, of Sec. 31, Township 10 South, Range 27 East, Chaves County, New Mexico.

2. The subjects well have not produced hydrocarbon substance or have otherwise been inactive for more than one year or are no longer usable for beneficial purposes and no permit for temporary abandonment has been requested by the Operator and approved by the Division.

3. By virtue of the failure to use the wells for beneficial purposes or to have an approved current temporary abandonment permit, the subject wells are presumed to have been abandoned and are required to be plugged.

4. By authority of Section 70-2-12 N.M.S.A. 1978, the Rules and Regulations of the Division require wells which are inactive for more than one year or are no longer usable for beneficial purposes to be properly plugged.

5. Demand has been made upon the Operator to either place the subject wells to beneficial use, obtain approval for temporary abandonment or properly plug and abandon the same and the Operator has failed to do so.

WHEREFORE, the Supervisor of District II of the Oil Conservation Division applies to the Director to enter an order:

1. Determining whether or not Copelan #1 and #2 wells should be plugged in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

2. Upon determination that said wells should be plugged directing Rapid Company Inc. as Operator to plug said wells.

3. Further ordering that if operator fails to plug and abandon said wells as ordered by the Director, that the Division be authorized:

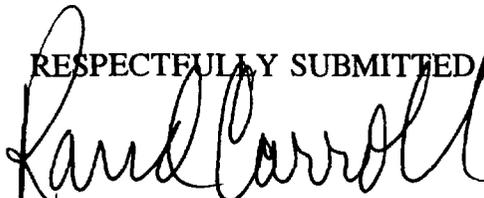
a. to plug said wells;

b. to recover from the Operator any costs of plugging in excess

of the amount of the bond, if any.

4. For such other and further relief as the Division seems just and proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rand Carroll". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

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