STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEP**RECEIVED** OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT III FOR Oil Conservation Division AN ORDER REQUIRING THE EI VADO NO. 1 AND NO. 2 WELLS LOCATED IN UNITS N AND I OF SEC. 11, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 01 EAST, RIO ARRIBA 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. 1258

APPLICATION FOR PLUGGING

1. A. L. Dawsey, (hereinafter called "Operator") is the operator of the El Vado No. 1 and 2 wells located in Units N and I of Section 11, Township 27 North, Range 01 East, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

2. The subject wells 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 III of the Oil Conservation Division applies to the Director to enter an order:

1. Determining whether or not El Vado No. 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 A. L. Dawsey 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,

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