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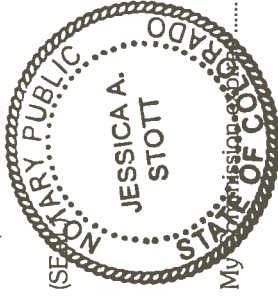
STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF GARFIELD (ss)

I, Dale Spruell, do solemnly swear that I am General Manager of THE CITIZEN TELEGRAM; that the same is a weekly newspaper printed, in whole or in part, and published in the County of Garfield, State of Colorado and has a general circulation therein; that said newspaper has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said County of Garfield for a period of more than fifty-two consecutive weeks next prior to the first publication of the annexed legal notice or advertisement; that said newspaper has been admitted to the United States mails as second-class matter under the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1879, or any amendments thereof, and that said newspaper is a weekly newspaper duly qualified for publishing legal notices and advertisements within the meaning of the laws of the State of Colorado.

That the annexed legal notice or advertisement was published in the regular and entire issue of every number of said weekly newspaper for the period of 1 consecutive insertions; and that the first publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated May 1 A.D., 2003, and the last publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated May 1 A.D., 2003.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 1 day of May A.D., 2003.
Dale Spruell
Publisher Community Newspapers of Colorado, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the County of Garfield, State of Colorado, this 1st day of May A.D., 2003.



MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
10/12/2005

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF A }
BOND CLAIM FOR THE } CAUSE NO. 1
PITTINGER NO. 1 WELL }
GARFIELD COUNTY, } DOCKET NO
COLORADO } 0306-GA-03

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM
IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Patricia C. Beaver, the Pittenger No. 1 Well located in the SE 1/4 of Section 13, Township 6N, Range 94 West, 8th P.M., was drilled by Carler & Carter. The well was drilled to a total depth of 5250 feet with surface casing set at 837 feet. No production casing was installed in the well.

On August 15, 1988, the well was taken over by the landowner, Nicolas P. Pittenger. Mr. Pittenger provided a Two Thousand Five Hundred dollar (\$2,500) plugging bond to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC"). On May 24, 1988, Mr. Pittenger passed away.

On May 14, 2001, Mrs. Ruth Pittenger, the widow of Mr. Nicholas Pittenger, sent a letter to COGCC staff indicating that Union Carbide had purchased the surface where the Pittenger No. 1 Well was located, but that the Pittenger had retained the mineral rights. Mrs. Pittenger also requested that the plugging bond be released. On June 8, 2001, COGCC staff requested that the plugging bond be increased to Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) in accordance with Rule 706.

On July 12, 2001, Mrs. Pittenger sent a letter to COGCC staff stating that she did not have the funds to plug and abandon the well and that the insurance company would not increase the bond amount. She asked COGCC staff to claim the plugging bond and properly plug and abandon the well.

The Commission should authorize the COGCC staff to claim Pittenger's Two Thousand Five Hundred dollar (\$2,500) plugging bond and plug, abandon and reclaim the Pittenger No. 1 Well. The COGCC's Environmental Response Fund should be used to supplement the funds to plug, abandon and reclaim the well.

On March 10, 2003, COGCC staff issued an Administrative Order by Consent ("AOC") to Mrs. Ruth Pittenger to claim the Two Thousand Five Hundred dollar (\$2,500) plugging bond. On March 24, 2003 Mrs. Pittenger agreed to and accepted the AOC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the above, has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2003
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Center,
Holiday Inn Express
2121 E. Main St.
Cortez, CO 81321

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations for this hearing as a result of a disability, please contact Audra Serlet at (303) 684-2100, extension 114, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate and necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and carry out the purposes of the statute.

In accordance with Rule 509, any interested party desiring to protest or to intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or a notice to intervene no later than May 19, 2003, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or notice to intervene to the person filing the application. An original and nine (9) copies shall be filed with the Commission.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By: Patricia C. Beaver
Secretary

Dated at Suite 801
1120 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado, 80203
April 25, 2003

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