

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE)
NEBRASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION)
COMMISSION, ON ITS OWN MOTION, FOR AN)
ORDER REQUESTING WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY))
TO SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY THERE BE, WHY THE) CASE NO. 23-04
COMMISSION SHOULD NOT CAUSE CERTAIN WELLS)
TO BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED AND THE LANDS) ORDER NO. R-946
RESTORED TO AGRICULTURAL USE, USING THE)
REQUIRED BOND AMOUNT AND OTHER FUNDS)

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This cause came on for hearing at 10:00 a.m., September 26, 2023, at Sidney, Nebraska, before the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 26th day of September, 2023, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, the recommendation of the Commission staff, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

1. That notice of the filing of the application and the time and place of hearing was given in all respects as required by law and the rules of the Commission, and the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and of all persons interested therein and is authorized by law to enter this Order.
2. That the subject matter of the Application is shown on Exhibit 1; a listing of the wells operated by Western Operating Company in the State of Nebraska.
3. That said Operator and the Commission have reached a voluntary agreement and that these listed wells have no economic value.
4. That the Commission took Judicial Notice of its records as to the Notice of Hearing, Certificate, Affidavit of Publication, and Return Receipt of Delivery.

5. That no written objection to the application was filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, on its own motion, for an order directing Western Operating Company to appear before the Commission to show cause, if any there be, why the Commission should not cause the locations and the lands operated to be restored to agricultural use, is hereby approved.
2. That the Commission shall call this bond.
3. That the Commission shall retain jurisdiction in this matter.
4. That the effective date of this Order shall be September 26, 2023.

DONE, at Sidney, Nebraska on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEBRASKA
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Digitally signed: *John Rundel*

John Rundel, Commissioner

Digitally signed: *Dallen Juelfs*

Dallen Juelfs, Commissioner

Digitally signed: *Paul Strommen*

Paul Strommen, Commissioner