

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF PRIDE ENERGY COMPANY MABLE
WILSON 1 WELL LOCATED IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP
27 NORTH, RANGE 59 EAST, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 1-A-2017

Pride Energy Company (Pride) is the bonded operator of the Mable Wilson 1 well located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T27N, R59E Roosevelt County, Montana. On August 21, 2015, the well was plugged. A letter was sent to Pride by board staff on August 25, 2016, requesting a plan and timeline of the restoration of the well.

On September 26, 2016, Pride submitted a sundry notice stating reclamation would be completed by October 16, 2016. No work was completed by that date. Every few months Pride requested additional time to complete restoration work, due to a sale of tanks on location that needed to take place.

On May 23, 2017, another letter was sent to Pride by board staff stating that if additional delays of restoration went past May 31, 2017, this matter would be referred to the Board.

Pride is in violation of ARM 36.22.1307, which requires “The owner of any well drilled in search of oil and gas or for injection purposes or the driller of a stratigraphic test or core hole, or seismographic shot hole shall, as soon as weather or ground conditions permit, upon the final abandonment and completion of the plugging of any well or after a seismographic shot hole has been utilized, restore the surface of the location to its previous grade and productive capability...”

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Pride Energy Company must complete substantial reclamation work on the Mable Wilson 1 well located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T27N, R59E Roosevelt County, Montana prior to the deadline of September 14, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Pride Energy Company is subject to a \$250 fine for each day after September 14, 2017, that the violation remains unresolved. The daily penalty will remain in effect and continue to accrue until compliance is confirmed by inspection.

Dated this 14th day of June, 2017

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

James W. Halvorson, Administrator