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

IN THE MATTER OF T.W.O. (TAYLOR WELL OPERATING) INACTIVE WELLS IN LIBERTY AND TOOLE COUNTIES, MONTANA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 10-A-2024

T.W.O. (Taylor Well Operating) (T.W.O.) is the bonded operator of 13 producing wells in Liberty and Toole Counties, Montana.

On January 9, 2023, a certified letter was mailed to T.W.O. requesting a plan and schedule of abandonment for the inactive wells or justification with supporting documentation for leaving the inactive wells unplugged. This request was made in accordance with ARM 36.22.1307. T.W.O. responded that is has had issues obtaining well plugging services. Staff provided T.W.O. additional time.

On January 2, 2024, a follow up letter was sent. T.W.O. responded that it is working on transferring some wells to a local colony.

On February 6, 2024, a follow up email was sent to T.W.O. requesting an outline of the plan for the wells. No response was received.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that T.W.O. must submit its plans and timeline for its inactive wells by September 5, 2024, hearing application deadline or show cause at the October 10, 2024, public hearing, as to why it should not immediately plug and abandon its inactive wells in Liberty and Toole Counties, Montana.

Dated this 14 th day of August, 2024
Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation
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Benjamin Jones, Administrator