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

IN THE MATTER OF MONTANA ENERGY COMPANY, LLC FOR FAILURE TO PAY ITS \$2,500 OUTSTANDING FINE.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 14-A-2024

Montana Energy Company, LLC (MEC) is the operator of the CSTSU D116 located in Section 16, T11N-R32E, Rosebud County, Montana.

MEC had compliance issues at the CSTSU D116 well that subjected MEC to a daily fine of \$100 until the violations were resolved. MEC remedied the compliance issues after 45 days and the daily fine accrued to \$4,500. MEC requested an abatement of the fine. The Board deliberated and reduced the fine to \$2,500. The fine was immediately payable.

As of October 9, 2024, MEC has not paid the fine.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that MEC must pay the outstanding fine of \$2,500 prior to the October 31, 2024, hearing application deadline or MEC must appear at the December 5, 2024, public hearing and show cause, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be imposed for failure to pay the fine.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2024

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Benjamin Jones, Administrator