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

IN THE MATTER OF BLUEBIRD ENERGY, LLC FAILURE TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN ITS FLYING MONKEY 1H WELLSITE IN ROSEBUD COUNTY, MONTANA.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 15-A-2025** 

Bluebird Energy, LLC (Bluebird) is the bonded operator of the Flying Monkey 1H well, API # 25-087-21748, located in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 14, T10N - R34E, Rosebud County, Montana.

An inspection performed on October 7, 2024, found that the pit associated with the Flying Monkey 1H well was in violation of the following rules:

- ARM 36.22.1223 (1) open storage vessels, earthen pits, or ponds that contain oil must be fenced, screened, and netted.
- ARM 36.22.1227 (2) (f) be fenced, screened, and netted in accordance with ARM 36.22.1223.

On March 10, 2025, a certified letter was sent to Bluebird detailing the above listed field compliance issues at the Flying Monkey 1H well location along with compliance issues with two other wells. An October 8, 2025, deadline was given to address the compliance issues, or this matter would be brought up at the Board Business meeting.

An inspection performed prior to this meeting indicated that the issues remained at the Flying Monkey 1H well location. Bluebird is working to resolve the issue with the other two wells.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Bluebird must appear and show cause at the December 11, 2025, public hearing, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be assessed for failure to remedy the pit violations at the Flying Monkey 1H well.

Dated this 8 <sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025
Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation
Benjamin Jones, Administrator