

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

IN THE MATTER OF PRIDE ENERGY COMPANY'S BN 23-1 (API # 25-083-21609), BN 10X-23 (API # 25-083-21644), BN 23-1X (API # 25-083-21794), AND E. SUNDSTED 1 (API # 25-091-21576) WELLS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 11-A-2019

On June 26, 2019, staff received a letter from a landowner requesting that the location of the E. Sundsted 1 well be cleaned up. The well has not had production since 1996. A subsequent review determined that all wells operated by Pride Energy Company had not produced in over two years. The inactive wells are listed below:

- BN 23-1, API # 25-083-21609, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, T23N-R54E, Richland County, Montana
- BN 10X-23, API # 25-083-21644, located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, T23N-R54E, Richland County, Montana
- BN 23-1X, API # 25-083-21794, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, T23N-R54E, Richland County, Montana
- E. Sundsted 1, API # 25-091-21576, located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6, T33N-R57E, Sheridan County, Montana

On August 5, 2019, a certified letter was sent to Pride 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. The deadline for response was October 9, 2019. This letter also detailed field compliance issues that need to be addressed. No response was received to this letter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Pride must show cause at the December 5, 2019, public hearing, for why they should not have to provide a plan and timeline for the plugging of its wells.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

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James W. Halvorson, Administrator