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8 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION**
11 **GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

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14 **ORDER TO PAY A CIVIL PENALTY**
15 **NO. 1623**
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18 **Operator: NewBridge Resources, LLC (10379)**
19 **Field Name: Belridge, North**
20 **County: Kern**
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1 **I. Introduction**

2 The State Oil and Gas Supervisor (**Supervisor**), acting through the Geologic Energy
3 Management Division (**CalGEM**), and under the authority of Division 3 of the Public Resources
4 Code (**PRC**; commencing with PRC section 3000) and title 14 of the California Code of
5 Regulations (**Regulations**), may impose a civil penalty on a person who violates any statutory
6 provision of the PRC, or any regulation that implements those statutory provisions. (PRC, §
7 3236.5.)

8 Based on CalGEM's records, NewBridge Resources, LLC (**Operator**) is the "operator" (as
9 defined in PRC, § 3009) and is responsible for the Well and associated Production Facility
10 identified on **Attachment A**, incorporated herein (the "**Well**"). As described in more detail
11 below, Operator has not maintained compliance with applicable requirements for operation
12 of the Well. Operator's failure to comply with the Regulations poses a potential threat to life,
13 health, property, and natural resources for which the Supervisor has determined imposition of
14 a civil penalty is appropriate. Therefore, pursuant to PRC sections 3013, 3106, 3225, 3236.5, and
15 3270 and Regulations section 1777, the Supervisor is ordering Operator to pay an
16 administrative civil penalty for the violation.

17 **Attachment B**, incorporated herein, contains a list of definitions and authorities that are
18 applicable to this Order.

19 **II. Alleged Acts and Omissions**

20 Based on CalGEM's records, at all times relevant to this Order, Operator was the
21 operator, as defined in PRC section 3009, of the Well. On or about September 24, 2025,
22 CalGEM conducted an inspection of the Well where the violation described below was
23 observed and documented in the Belridge, North Field. (**Attachment C**, incorporated herein.)

24 CalGEM records reflect Operator has not maintained compliance with applicable
25 requirements for operation of the Well. Operator's lack of adherence to the Regulations poses
26 a potential threat to life, health, property, and natural resources. The violations at issue are
27 identified below.

A. Failure to maintain production facilities in good condition and in a manner to prevent leakage or corrosion. (Regulations, § 1777, subd. (a).)

Operators are required to maintain production facilities in good condition and in a manner to prevent leakage or corrosion and to safeguard life, health, property, and natural resources and conduct operations in accordance with good oilfield practices. (Regulations, § 1777, subd. (a).) Production facilities include wellheads. (PRC, § 3010; Regulations, § 1760, subd. (r).)

During the inspection, CalGEM observed a liquid leak at the following wellhead in violation of Regulations, section 1777, subdivision(a) requiring the Operator to maintain the well in a good condition and in a manner to prevent leakage or corrosion:

API	Well Designation
0403004676	McPhail 37-H

As of the date of this Order, CalGEM has records indicating this violation has been remedied.

III. Civil Penalty

A. Civil Penalty

Based on the foregoing Alleged Acts and Omissions and pursuant to PRC section 3236.5, by this Order the Supervisor imposes on Operator an administrative civil penalty totaling seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for the one violation.

Violation Description	Number of Violations	Associated Civil Penalty per Violation	Civil Penalty Totals
Failure to Maintain Production Facilities in Good Condition and in a Manner to Prevent Leakage or Corrosion; Leaking Wellheads (Regulations, § 1777, subd. (a).)	1	\$750.00	\$750.00
		Total Civil Penalty:	\$750.00

For purposes of this Order, the Supervisor considered relevant circumstances when establishing the amount of the administrative civil penalty, including: characterizing the violations as

1 "minor" (as defined in PRC section 3236.5, subdivision (b)), the eight factors identified in PRC
2 section 3236.5, subdivision (a), and the following aggravating factors: the Well is
3 environmentally sensitive, as defined by Regulations section 1760, subdivision (f), and the Well
4 is a critical well, as defined by Regulations section 1720, subdivision (a).

5 **IV. Operator's Required Actions**

6 For the reasons stated herein, pursuant to PRC sections 3013, 3106, 3224, 3225, 3226, and
7 3236.5, and Regulations section 1777, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that within 30 days, Operator pay
8 an administrative civil penalty of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00);

9 To remit payment of the civil penalty online, please visit
10 <https://www.govone.com/PAYCAL/Home/SelectAgency> and select "California Department
11 of Conservation Geologic Energy Management Division," then follow the instructions on the
12 screen. When filling out the "order number" field, please type the order number followed by
13 the letter "O."

14 To remit payment of the civil penalty by mail, please send a check payable to
15 "Department of Conservation" to the following address:

16 Department of Conservation
17 CalGEM, Attn: Operational Management Unit
18 715 P Street, MS 1803
19 Sacramento, California 95814

20 Please include the Operator name, Order number, and phrase "Oil and Gas
21 Environmental Remediation Account" on the check itself.

22 **V. Operator's Appeal Rights**

23 Operator may appeal this Order by filing a timely written notice of appeal with the
24 Director as described in Article 6 (Appeals and Review) of Division 3 of the PRC, commencing
25 with PRC section 3350. (PRC, § 3225, subd. (d).) If this Order is mailed to you, the Director must
26 receive the appeal within fifteen (15) days from the date the Supervisor mails the Order. To file
27 an appeal, a written notice of appeal may be sent via U.S. mail to:

28 Department of Conservation
Director's Office of Appeals
715 P Street, MS 19-06 (Legal Office, Chief Counsel)

Sacramento, California 95814

Or via electronic mail to:

OfficeofAppeals@conservation.ca.gov

If Operator files a timely written notice of appeal, Operator will be informed of the appeal hearing date, time, and place. Following the hearing, Operator will receive a written decision that affirms, sets aside, or modifies the appealed order.

If Operator does not file a timely written notice of appeal, or if the Order is affirmed following an appeal, this Order will become a final order and CalGEM may contract for performance of the work, pursuant to PRC section 3226, if, within 30 days of this Order, Operator has not, in good faith, commenced the work ordered. Any costs incurred by CalGEM to obtain compliance with this Order (which may include penalties and interest) will constitute a lien against Operator's real or personal property per PRC section 3423. (PRC, § 3356.)

VI. Other Potential Actions to Enforce This Order

Failure to comply with Section IV (Operator's Required Actions) of this Order could subject Operator to further enforcement action. PRC section 3236 makes it a misdemeanor for any person who violates, fails, neglects, or refuses to comply with any of the provisions of the oil and gas conservation laws commencing at PRC section 3000. PRC sections 3236.2 and 3236.3 authorize the Supervisor to seek for civil penalties and injunctive relief for failure to comply with an order or for violations of any provision in Chapter 1 of Division 3 of the PRC or any regulation that implements those statutes. PRC section 3236.5 authorizes the Supervisor to impose a civil penalty on a person who violates any provision in Chapter 1 of Division 3 of the PRC or any regulation that implements those statutes, and the Supervisor may in the future impose further civil penalties based on the facts and omissions underlying this order. PRC section 3237 authorizes the Supervisor to order the plugging and abandonment of a well or the decommissioning of a production facility if an operator has failed to comply with an order of the Supervisor within the time provided by the order or has failed to challenge the order on a timely basis. PRC section 3359 makes it a misdemeanor to fail or neglect to comply with an

1 order of the Supervisor. Each day's further failure, refusal, or neglect is a separate and distinct
2 offense. (PRC, § 3359.) By issuance of this Order, the Supervisor does not waive the right to take
3 further enforcement actions.

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