

[DISTRICT LETTERHEAD]

NOTICE

**[LESSEE ADDRESS
BLOCK]** : **Private Acquired Oil & Gas Lease**
: **[SERIAL/CASE NUMBER]**
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BLM FILE [SERIAL/CASE NUMBER] CLOSED

Our records indicate you are the lessee/operator of a lease on which the United States acquired surface and/or mineral rights to [ACRES] on [DATE], and assigned case number [SERIAL/CASE NUMBER]. When the United States acquired the rights they became a lessor to the lessee, and existing lease terms and conditions still applied to the Federal surface and/or minerals. In our letter dated [DATE] we requested your assistance in confirming or updating our records for all wells on the lease and affirming the status of the existing oil and gas lease that incorporates Federal surface and/or minerals. You did not provide the requested information within the 60 day period. Without adequate information confirming compliance with terms and conditions of the lease, we are hereby stating and acknowledging that the current lease is no longer valid for the parcel of Federal surface and minerals, and we are essentially severing that parcel from the lease. We may make those Federal resources available to other potential producers through our lease process. Accordingly, [SERIAL/CASE NUMBER] is closed in our records.

Minerals previously included in [SERIAL/CASE NUMBER] may be made available for future leasing to other interested operators in accordance with BLM leasing policy. Without a Federal lease, there is no authorization to produce Federal minerals and all wells located on the terminated lease [SERIAL/CASE NUMBER] are considered abandoned. Abandoned wells must be plugged in accordance with [APPLICABLE STATE REGULATION]. In addition, you may be prohibited from leasing Federal minerals until all wells on this lease are properly abandoned and plugged.

If you have any questions or concerns, or believe you are receiving this notice in error, please contact [DISTRICT CONTACT].

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**CC: State Regulatory Agency
Surface Management Agency**