

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

BEFORE THE

COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

SECURITIES COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of U. S. Petroleum, LLC; )  
MEA Services; and their Officers, )  
Directors, Agents and Employees, )  
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)  
Respondents. )

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER,  
NOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTY, AND  
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO  
REQUEST A HEARING**

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**THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO  
U. S. PETROLEUM, LLC; MEA SERVICES; AND THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,  
AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES:**

The North Dakota Securities Commissioner has a reasonable basis to believe that the Respondents have engaged in, are engaging in, or are about to engage in, acts, practices or transactions, as more fully described below, which are prohibited under Chapter 10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.). It is necessary and appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors to restrain these acts, practices, or transactions of the Respondents.

1. The Respondents have offered for sale and/or sold investment(s) to at least one resident of North Dakota in violation of §10-04-04 N.D.C.C. The subject investment(s) are securities as defined in §10-04-02(15) N.D.C.C.
2. The subject investment(s) have not been registered with the Securities Commissioner under §10-04-07; §10-04-07.1; §10-04-08; or §10-04-08.1 N.D.C.C.; are not exempt securities under §10-04-05 N.D.C.C; and have not been offered for sale or sold in exempt transactions under §10-04-06 N.D.C.C.

3. The Respondents have not registered as agents or dealers in violation of §10-04-10(2) N.D.C.C.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED**, pursuant to §10-04-16 N.D.C.C., that the Respondent shall immediately **CEASE AND DESIST**:

1. From offering for sale or selling in North Dakota the subject investment, or any other investment interest however denominated, unless and until such investment interests have been registered with the Securities Commissioner.
2. From offering for sale or selling investments in North Dakota unless and until they have registered with the Securities Commissioner as dealers or agents.

This order does not prohibit the offer or sale of securities through exempt securities transactions under §10-04-06 N.D.C.C., the sale of federal covered securities which are properly filed in accordance with §10-04-08.4 N.D.C.C. and sold in compliance therewith, nor does it prohibit registered dealers and agents from offering or selling exempt securities under §10-04-05 N.D.C.C.

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that any willful violation of this order is a Class B Felony pursuant to §10-04-18(1) N.D.C.C. Pursuant to §12.1-32-01 N.D.C.C., a Class B Felony is punishable by a \$10,000 fine and 10 years' imprisonment.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that, pursuant to §12.1-09-03 N.D.C.C., a person is guilty of a criminal offense if he intentionally "alters, destroys, mutilates, conceals, or removes a record, document, or thing with intent to impair its verity or

availability” in an official proceeding. As such, intentional destruction of any documents related to this matter may result in criminal prosecution.

### NOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTIES

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above-cited violations are sufficient grounds for the imposition of civil penalties pursuant to §10-04-16(1) N.D.C.C. The Securities Commissioner does not herein assess a civil penalty, but the Commissioner expressly reserves the authority to assess civil penalties, not to exceed \$10,000 per violation, regarding the violations outlined above, any other violations subsequently discovered, or any future securities violations or violations of this order.

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST HEARING

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that pursuant to §10-04-12 N.D.C.C. you may request a hearing before the Securities Commissioner if such a request is made in writing WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THIS ORDER. The respondents have the right to be represented by legal counsel at the hearing.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002.



  
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Karen J. Tyler, Securities Commissioner  
Office of the Securities Commissioner  
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State Capitol – Fifth Floor  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE  
BY MAIL**

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I, Jacqui Ferderer, being first duly sworn, state that I am a citizen of the United States over the age of twenty-one years and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled proceeding.


On, November 19, 2002, I deposited in the Central Mailing Bureau of the United States Post Office Department in the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota, true and correct copies of the following document:

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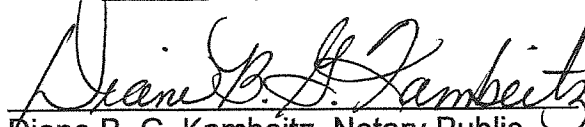
A copy of the above document was securely enclosed in an envelope with postage prepaid, sent via Certified U. S. mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the following:

Hunter Durham  
Durham & Zornes  
130 Public Square, P. O. Box 100  
Columbia, KY 42728-0100

To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the address given above is the last known address of the party intended to be served.

  
Jacqui Ferderer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of November, 2002.

  
Diane B. G. Kambeitz, Notary Public  
Burleigh County, North Dakota  
My commission expires 4/25/2006

