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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONVENE AN EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW OPTIONS FOR USE OF PRODUCED WATER.

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry in the course of drilling wells produces incidental by-products defined as produced water; and

WHEREAS, significant amounts of produced water are re-injected into the ground in this process; and

WHEREAS, this produced water may have other applications authorized by Section 70-2-12 NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, the oil conservation division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department has regulatory authority over produced water; and

WHEREAS, the alternative application of produced water has not been allowed by the oil conservation division in previous years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources be requested to convene a task force to review the issue of produced water; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include the director of the oil conservation division, the state director of the bureau of land management and members of the oil and

1 gas industry and produced water disposal industry; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of energy,
3 minerals and natural resources report the findings of the
4 task force and its recommendations for legislation to the
5 appropriate interim committee by December 1, 2007; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural
8 resources, the director of the oil conservation division and
9 the state director of the bureau of land management. _____

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