

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**APPLICATION OF SALT CREEK MIDSTREAM, LLC  
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-20913-D.**

**Case No. 23294**

**SECOND APPLICATION OF SALT CREEK MIDSTREAM, LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-20913-D.**

**Case No. 23464**

**SALT CREEK MIDSTREAM, LLC'S  
CONSOLIDATED PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Salt Creek Midstream, LLC ("Salt Creek") submits its Pre-Hearing Statement in accordance with Rule 19.15.4.13(B) NMAC.

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### **STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

The Commission issued Order No. R-201913-C on January 16, 2020, approving Salt Creek's application for authorization to inject treated acid gas ("TAG") into the Salt Creek AGI #1 well ("Well") located in Section 21, Township 26 South, Range 36 East in Lea County. The Order provided that the Well would be completed in the Bell Canyon and Cherry Canyon formations of the Delaware Mountain Group with an injection interval from 5,410 feet to 7,000 feet. The well was to be located approximately 594 feet from the West line and 2,370 feet from the South line of Section 21. The Order incorporated permit conditions agreed upon by the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), State Land Office ("SLO") and Salt Creek. On December 28, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. R-20913-D extending the deadline for Salt Creek to commence injection into the Well until December 28, 2022.

Salt Creek spudded the Well (API: 30-25-46746) on October 18, 2022 and commenced drilling. However, Salt Creek encountered technical complications that ultimately caused it to plug the well. As a result, on December 6, 2022, Salt Creek filed an application seeking to amend Order No. R-20913-D to extend the deadline to commence injection of TAG into the Well until six months from the date of the amended order. That application has been assigned Case No. 23294. On January 6, 2023, the Commission issued an order staying the injection deadline.

Salt Creek subsequently determined it is necessary to revise the well design to add two additional casing strings and to drill the Well at a location 277 feet from the west line and 2,350 feet from the south line of Section 21, approximately 120' from the original location. As a result, Salt Creek submitted its application in Case No. 23464, seeking approval of its Amended C-108 and an extension of the deadline to commence injection until 24-months from the date of the amended order. The target injection zone for the Well will remain in the Bell Canyon and Cherry Canyon formations at depths of approximately 5,580 feet to 7,040 feet.

The Well, as proposed in the Amended C-108, will not cause waste, impair correlative rights, or harm public health or the environment. Also, as recognized in Order No. R-20913-C, the Well will facilitate the sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> and TAG, which is in the public interest. Accordingly, Salt Creek's request to relocate and redesign the well is reasonable and consistent with the order and the requirements of the Oil and Gas Act.

### **PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

#### **A. Witnesses**

<u>WITNESS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
John Nicholson (Chief Operating Officer)	10 minutes	2
David White (Geologist)	45 minutes	2

Salt Creek reserves the right to call a rebuttal witness(es) if appropriate.

#### **B. Exhibits**

In accordance with Rule 19.15.4.13(B)(2) NMAC, copies of Salt Creek's hearing exhibits are being filed contemporaneously with this Pre-Hearing Statement.

### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Salt Creek requests that Case Nos. 23294 and 23464 be consolidated for hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on May 4, 2023, I served a copy of the foregoing document to the following counsel of record via electronic mail to:

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Testimony	
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