

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
April 21-25, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Oil Conservation Commission meeting was a hybrid meeting with both in person and virtual participation options. The meeting was held in the Pecos Hall Hearing Room at the Wendell Chino Building, First Floor, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gerasimos Razatos Acting Chair, Oil Conservation Division, appeared remote on MS Teams platform
William Ampomah Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Greg Bloom Designee, New Mexico State Land Office Commissioner
Baylen Lamkin Designee, New Mexico State Land Office Commissioner, solely for the
Evidentiary hearing of Goodnight Midstream/Empire New Mexico, Case Nos.
23614-17; 23775 24018-20; 24025; 24123

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rip Harwood Hearing Officer appointed in Case Nos. 23614-17; 23775; 24018-20; 24025;
24123
Zachary Shandler: Commission Counsel, appeared remote on MS Teams platform and in person
Sheila Apodaca Commission Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Razatos at 9:00 a.m.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Action: Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda.

Action: Commissioner Bloom moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025.

Action: Commissioner Bloom moved to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Item 4. Pending Litigation

There are no updates to report.

Item 5. Other business

Action: There was no other business to discuss.

Item 6. Next meeting

The next OCC meeting will be held on May 15, 2025.

Item 7. Pending cases:

1. **Case No. 24881: Application of Northwind Midstream Partners LLC for Approval of an Additional Redundant Acid Gas Injection Well and to Amend Order No. R-20913, As Amended, and SWD-2622 to Authorize an Increased Shared Maximum Daily Injection Rate, Lea County, New Mexico.**
 - **Matter to be heard: Presentation of Final Order.**

Action: Adam Rankin appeared on behalf of Northwind Midstream Partners. Jesse Tremaine appeared on behalf of Oil Conservation Division.

All commissioners have reviewed the proposed order and have no questions. The final order will be issued.

2. **Case No. 24912: Application of Apache Corporation for an Adjudicatory Hearing to Contest the Division's Conditions of Approval on Apache Corporation's Scope of Work for Additional Investigation, Lea County, New Mexico.**
 - **Matter to be heard: Motion to Amend Order No. R-2372**

Action: Dalva Moellenberg and Samantha Catalano appeared on behalf of Apache Corporation. Jesse Tremaine appeared on behalf of OCD. Evidentiary hearing was held in January and the OCC's Order was issued in February. Since the hearing Apache conducted additional groundwater monitoring and reported results to OCD. The parties were able to come to an agreement to make some slight adjustments to the monitoring wells, as summarized in the joint motion filed, which the parties are asking the Commission to approve. After questioning by Commissioners, a vote was taken and the Commission unanimously voted in favor of accepting the amendments.

3. **Consolidated Cases by Goodnight Midstream and Empire New Mexico, as follows:**

- **Case Nos. 24123, 23614-17:** Applications of Goodnight Permian Midstream, LLC for Approval of a Saltwater Disposal Well, Lea County, New Mexico;
- **Case No. 23775:** Application of Goodnight Midstream Permian, LLC to Amend Order No. R-22026/SWD-2403 to Increase the Approved Injection Rate in its Andre Dawson SWD #1, Lea County, New Mexico;
- **Case Nos. 24018-24020, 24025:** Application of Empire New Mexico to Revoke the Injection Authority Granted Under Order No. R-22026 for the Andre Dawson SWD #001, Lea County New Mexico.

Action: These consolidated matters were scheduled for the continuation of the evidentiary hearing.

Adam Rankin and Nathan Jurgenson appeared on behalf of Goodnight Midstream. Chris Moander appeared on behalf of the Oil Conservation Division. Dana Hardy, Sharon Shaheen, Ernest Padilla appeared on behalf of Empire New Mexico. Miguel Suazo

appeared on behalf of Pilot Water. Matt Beck appeared on behalf of Rice Operating Company and Permian Line Service.

April 21, 2025.

Goodnight Midstream's witness, James Davidson was qualified as an expert witness. Mr. Davidson offered testimony through written direct, rebuttal, and sur-rebuttal testimony, oral direct examination, cross examination by Empire, OCD, examination by Commissioner Ampomah and Commissioner Lamkin and Commission Counsel Shandler.

Goodnight Exhibits D-D1 admitted.

April 22, 2025

Goodnight Midstream's witness, William Knights was qualified as an expert witness. Mr. Davidson offered testimony through written direct and rebuttal, oral direct examination, cross examination by Empire, Rice, , examination by Commissioner Ampomah and Commissioner Lamkin.

Goodnight Exhibit B and its attachments admitted.

April 23, 2025

Goodnight Midstream's witness, William Knights continued to testify through redirect by Goodnight, re-cross by Empire and Rice, further examination by Commissioners Ampomah and Lamkin.

April 24, 2025

Discussion was held regarding the scheduling and timing for the remainder of the hearing.

Goodnight Exhibits A, A1-A9 admitted. Commission will take administrative notice of the prehearing statements in Case Nos. 21569, 21570, and 21721, and Orders R-7765, R-7767, R-7767-A.

Goodnight Midstream's witness, Dr. Larry Lake was qualified as an expert witness. Dr. Lake offered testimony through written direct and rebuttal, oral direct examination, cross examination by Empire, Rice, Commissioners Ampomah and Lamkin.

Goodnight Exhibits G1-G12 admitted.

April 25, 2025

Goodnight Midstream's witness, Dr. Larry Lake continued his testimony through redirect by Goodnight.

Empire moved to admit additional exhibits. Cross Exhibits 1-11 were admitted.

Discussion was held regarding the division of the remaining time scheduled for the remainder of the hearing. Empire will have 13.5 hours, Goodnight will have 7 hours, OCD,

Rice and Pilot will have a combined 1.5 hours. The remainder of time is reserved for questions by the Commission.

Goodnight's witness, Tom Tomastik, was qualified as an expert witness. Mr. Tomastik offered testimony through written direct and rebuttal testimony, oral direct examination, cross-examination by Empire, Pilot, Commissioners Lamkin and Ampomah, and redirect by Goodnight.

Goodnight Exhibits C1-C21 were admitted.

Goodnight's witness, David White, was qualified as an expert witness. Mr. White offered testimony through written direct and rebuttal testimony, oral direct examination, cross-examination by OCD and Commissioner Ampomah.

Goodnight Exhibits I, I1-I13 and attachment were admitted.

Item 8. Adjournment

Hearing was adjourned at 1:59 pm until May 19, 2025.


Gerasimos Razatos
Acting Chair