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4	Chair (by videoconference)
5	Gregory Bloom, Commissioner (by videoconference)
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15	Mariel Nanasi, Esquire, Attorney for New Energy
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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 THE COMMISSIONER: Good morning to 3 everybody. Can you hear me in Pecos Hall? 4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, we hear 5 you. 6 THE COURT: Awesome. Thank you. 7 Appreciate it. 8 Today is May the 15th, 2025. It is 9 9 a.m. 10 Do we have a court reporter with us for 11 transcription? 12 Yes, I'm present. THE REPORTER: 13 THE COMMISSIONER: Awesome. Thank you. 14 Appreciate your efforts today. 15 As I mentioned, this is the May 15th 16 agenda. I apologize, I'm going to be remote as well, and so is Commissioner Bloom. Commissioner Ampomah is 17 in Pecos Hall. 18 19 Thank you, Commissioner Ampomah. We 20 appreciate it. 21 And Mr. Shandler is also with us. 22 So please bear with me as I'm working 23 remotely for this. We do need to do roll call. So as 24 I mentioned, I am Gerasimos Razatos; I am the acting 25 director for the Oil Conservation Division. I am also Page 4

1	the acting chair for the Oil Conservation Commission.
2	And I will actually, let's keep it on Teams first.
3	I will transfer it over to Commissioner Bloom.
4	MR. BLOOM: All right. Thank you,
5	Mr. Chair. Can you hear me okay?
6	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, we can.
7	MR. BLOOM: Oh, great. Thank you.
8	Hey, good morning everyone. I'm Greg
9	Bloom, and I am the designee of the Commissioner of
10	Public Lands. Thank you.
11	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.
12	And Commissioner Ampomah?
13	DR. AMPOMAH: I am Dr. William Ampomah,
14	professor at New Mexico Tech, and also designee of the
15	Energy Secretary.
16	THE COMMISSIONER: Excellent. Thank
17	you, Doctor. Appreciate it.
18	So we are all present for this meeting.
19	So our next agenda item is the approval
20	of the May 15, 2025, agenda. If we could get a motion
21	to approve. Or before we any questions,
22	Commissioners, on the May 15th agenda?
23	MR. BLOOM: No questions, and I would
24	move to adopt it.
25	THE COMMISSIONER: Okay.
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1 DR. AMPOMAH: And I so can. 2 THE COMMISSIONER: Excellent. Great. 3 So our May 15th agenda has been approved. We also now need to do the approval of 4 5 our meeting minutes, first for the meeting minutes for 6 April 7th through the 11th of 2025, and then the meeting minutes for April 21st through 25th of 2025. 7 8 Commissioners, any questions on the 9 meeting minutes? 10 MR. BLOOM: Mr. Chair, I think you 11 spent the, the bulk of both those weeks on the Empire 12 Midstream case. 13 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. 14 MR. BLOOM: So I think I would let you 15 and Dr. Ampomah move the motion and vote on that, and I'll sit that out. 16 17 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner. 18 19 Dr. Ampomah, did you have any questions 20 on the meeting minutes themselves? 21 DR. AMPOMAH: No, I did not. It all 22 looks good, so I will move for the adoption of the 23 minutes. 24 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. And then I 25 will second the adoption of the minutes. So the Page 6

1 April 7th through 11th and April 21st through 25th 2 meeting minutes have been accepted and approved. So Sheila, if you can jot that down for 3 us, please. 4 5 Okav. Next we go into our pending 6 cases. Our first case today is case number 25297. It's the application of XTO Permian Operating LLC for 7 8 exceptions to the well casing program requirement 9 under order number R-111-Q in Eddy County, New Mexico. This is a status conference. 10 11 Are all parties present for this? 12 MR. RANKIN: Good morning, Mr. Chair. 13 Commissioners Adam Rankin appearing on behalf of the 14 applicant. XTO Permian Operating LLC with the Santa 15 Fe office of Holland & Hart. Good morning. 16 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you, 17 Mr. Rankin. Good morning. Appreciate it. 18 And Mr. Tremaine, are you also 19 appearing? 20 MR. TREMAINE: Good morning, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. This is Jesse Tremaine for the Oil 21 22 Conservation Division. We have not yet entered appearance in this case. I believe I do intend to do 23 24 so, and we will at least comment or observe. T'm determining whether we're going to present any form of 25 Page 7

1 case. 2 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Excellent. 3 Is there anybody else that is in this particular case, 4 maybe, that's on the platform today? 5 Someone unmuted themselves. Oh, there 6 we go. 7 MR. DACUS: Sorry. One moment. Just 8 here. Will Dacus; I'm the wells manager for XTO 9 Energy. And then Tanner Olson; I'm 10 MR. OLSON: 11 the wells engineering supervisor for XTO Energy for 12 Delaware Basin. 13 THE COMMISSIONER: Excellent. Thank 14 you, gentlemen. Appreciate it. 15 Anybody else? Okay. No one else. 16 So, Mr. Rankin, this is a status 17 conference. So let's see, where we're at. 18 MR. RANKIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair, 19 Commissioners. At this point, we're just asking for 20 this case to be set before the Commission on the 21 merits so we can present the bases for the requested 22 exemptions. And so at the earliest convenience to the 23 Commission, we would ask that this case be set for 24 hearing so the matter can be heard and hopefully the 25 case can be taken under advisement and approved as

1 requested. 2 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Excellent. 3 I guess, Sheila, when is our next available opening that we have? How does the June 4 docket look? 5 6 MS. APODACA: We have one evidentiary 7 hearing on June 24th. 8 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. So it is an 9 evidentiary hearing. Correct? 10 MS. APODACA: Yes. 11 THE COMMISSIONER: And did they 12 indicate, by any chance, how long they thought it was 13 going to take? 14 MS. APODACA: They have not. We don't 15 have the pre-hearing statements yet. It's a de novo 16 appeal. 17 THE COMMISSIONER: And what does July look like? 18 19 MS. APODACA: July is -- is pretty 20 open. 21 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. So just because, Mr. Rankin, sometimes these things take a 22 23 little longer, maybe we could put you on the July docket? 24 25 MR. RANKIN: May I ask Ms. Apodaca what Page 9

1 the de novo case is for June 24th? 2 MS. APODACA: -- to look it up. I know 3 that it is the American Energy Resources who filed the 4 de novo. 5 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Tremaine, do you 6 know what that case is? 7 MR. TREMAINE: That's the case with the 8 multiple motions to strike counsel and the title 9 argument --10 THE COMMISSIONER: Oh, yes, yes. 11 MR. TREMAINE: -- between 12 Mr. Samaniego and the company whose name I cannot 13 recall. 14 THE COMMISSIONER: Oh, yes, yes, yes. 15 Correct. 16 MR. TREMAINE: So at the division 17 hearing below, I believe those legal arguments wrapped 18 in about 30 minutes. That being said, Mr. Samaniego 19 isn't here. I don't want to make any representations 20 as to his case. 21 THE COMMISSIONER: Correct. 22 Mr. Rankin, I understand for the sake of expediency we like to do things as fast as we 23 24 possibly can. That particular case may be a little 25 more difficult, so it may still behoove you to just Page 10

1 take the July docket. I think it may be faster. 2 MR. RANKIN: Understood. I appreciate 3 not wanting to overload the Commission's docket. Ι will just say for the benefit of the client that they 4 5 have these wells sitting, and they've been sitting for some time and unable to produce, and so we would like 6 7 to be able to move forward as quickly as possible, and 8 if that means presenting the matter in July, then 9 that's what we'll do. THE COMMISSIONER: Just due to the 10 11 contentious nature for the case in June, I think it 12 may actually be expedited if you just waited until 13 July. I really do believe that it -- I know it's an 14 extra month, and I apologize. I don't mean to be that 15 It's just the way that case could be. I think wav. 16 July would be your better bet, and then, at least 17 since the docket is open, you know, yours would take 18 priority. 19 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Chair, if something 20 changes between now and June 24th, for an advance of the final agenda for June 24th, if it's possible to 21 22 get this matter heard on that docket rather than the July docket, if something with the de novo case goes 23 24 away or resolves itself or it turns out it's going to

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be a shorter argument, we would really appreciate it,

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1 if at all possible, that we could be slotted onto the 2 June 24th docket, if that would work. 3 THE COMMISSIONER: I think that's reasonable. So just keep in touch with Sheila on that 4 5 one. 6 And, Sheila, just let's keep a 7 memorandum in case something does happen with that 8 case, then we can reach out to Mr. Rankin for this 9 particular case and move it up a month. Would you be able to do it that 10 11 quickly, Mr. Rankin, if we found out to be able to 12 move it up a month like that? 13 MR. RANKIN: I'm looking at the 14 gentlemen on the screen, and I believe the answer is 15 yes. 16 THE COMMISSIONER: They're nodding. Ι 17 see their heads nodding yes. 18 MR. RANKIN: Yes. So okay --19 THE COMMISSIONER: 20 MR. OLSON: This is Tanner. Yeah, 21 that's right. 22 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Great. Thank you, gentlemen. So let's do it like that. If we get 23 24 any changes with that particular case that's set for June 24th and it goes away or it gets shortened for 25 Page 12

1 whatever reason, we'll contact you and we'll bump you 2 up. Okay? 3 I very much appreciate it. MR. RANKIN: I know XTO does as well. Thank you very much. 4 5 THE COMMISSIONER: Excellent. Thank you. Appreciate it. Anything else on this particular 6 7 case? 8 MR. RANKIN: Nothing from me, 9 Mr. Chair. 10 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay, excellent. 11 Then we'll we can move on. Thank you. We can move on 12 to our next case. 13 Our next case is --14 MR. BLOOM: Mr. Chair? 15 THE COMMISSIONER: Did I mess up --16 MR. BLOOM: If you allow me, 17 Mr. Tremaine, I would find it helpful, potentially, if the OCD would look at this case. We're looking at 18 19 exceptions to wellbore design, if my memory serves me. I read through this a few days ago. I saw where, I 20 21 believe, it was XTO mentioned that BLM was good with the proposal, but if the OCD were to take a look at 22 23 this and opine, that might be helpful for the 24 Commission. 25 MR. TREMAINE: Thank you, Mr. Chair --Page 13

1 or Commissioner Bloom. I can clarify. I didn't mean 2 to be cryptic. The Division has engaged with XTO on 3 this, and just reviewed the plan already, has discussed this with XTO in advance, and actually those 4 5 conversations gave rise to the application to the Commission for the exceptions. What I'm working on 6 with our technical staff is whether there's going to 7 be any smaller issues on which we need to present an 8 9 affirmative case. It was the Division's perspective that, because of the order of events, that I won't 10 11 belabor now, the timing of when things happened, that 12 it was necessary to come back to the Commission. That 13 was one of our requests.

14 For the most part, the technical team 15 is okay with what's been proposed so far, and I'm 16 intentionally understating that to reserve our ability to present any case. So I don't believe that we are 17 18 going to be coming in and presenting any strong 19 opposition, probably cross-examination and 20 participation, but it is something that's already been reviewed, and I will work with our staff to make sure 21 22 that a representative of OCD is available to indicate 23 as such and describe their technical review for the 24 Commission.

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MR. BLOOM: Yes. Thank you,

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1	Mr. Tremaine. Something along those lines will be
2	helpful, and/or if the OCD would provide XTO with some
3	sort of document or anything else they could present
4	to us that shows that the OCD has no issue with the
5	proposals, would be helpful. Thank you.
6	THE COMMISSIONER: Excellent. Any
7	other questions?
8	Commissioner Ampomah, did you have any
9	questions for this particular case before we move on?
10	DR. AMPOMAH: No. Not thank you.
11	THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Excellent.
12	Okay. If nothing else, thank you,
13	gentlemen. Appreciate it.
14	Mr. Rankin, thank you as well.
15	Okay. So we'll move on to our next
16	case, which is case number 23580. It's the
17	application to amend the Commission's rules to address
18	perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and
19	their use in oil and gas extraction under 19.15.2,
20	19.15.7, 19.15.14, 19.15.16, 19.15.25 of the New
21	Mexico Administrative Code. This is WildEarth
22	Guardians and New Energy Economy's joint motion for
23	clarification.
24	Are all parties present? I can see you
25	all. I think you're present, but let's make sure
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1 everybody's present. 2 MR. DAVIS: Good morning, Commissioners. This is Tim Davis with WildEarth 3 Guardians. 4 5 MS. NANASI: Good morning, 6 Commissioners. Mariel Nanasi on behalf of New Energy 7 Economy. 8 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. 9 MR. TREMAINE: Good morning, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. This is Jesse Tremaine for the Oil 10 11 Conservation Division. 12 THE COMMISSIONER: Excellent. Thank 13 you. 14 Anybody else? 15 MR. RANKIN: Good morning, Mr. Chair, 16 Commissioners. May it please the Commission. Adam 17 Rankin with Holland & Hart appearing on behalf of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association. Good morning. 18 19 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you, 20 Mr. Rankin. 21 Anybody else? 22 MS. BENNETT: Good morning everyone. Deana Bennett with Modrall Sperling on behalf of EOG 23 24 Resources. 25 THE COMMISSIONER: Ms. Bennett, thank Page 16

1 you. 2 Anybody else? 3 Okay. Mr. Davis, we'll start with you. Thank you, Mr. Chair, 4 MR. DAVIS: Commissioners. Our motion asked the Commission to 5 deliberate about an issue that was raised and 6 addressed during the evidentiary hearing last November 7 8 but was not discussed during deliberations this March, 9 and that issue is the scope of the PFAS ban that this Commission will adopt. 10 11 To provide a brief roadmap, I'll first 12 explain the authority the Commission has to engage in 13 deliberations on this issue. I'll next explain that the Commission did not address the scope of the PFAS 14 15 ban during the prior deliberations, and instead 16 adopted OCD's pre-hearing redline rule which limited a 17 PFAS ban to completions and recompletions. And this 18 is a provision that the OCD proposed prior to agreeing during the hearing that a ban in all downhole 19 20 operations is more appropriate. 21 Next, I'll explain that the record in this matter supports a ban in all downhole operations, 22 23 and, finally, we'll ask the Commission to engage in deliberations on this specific issue. 24 25 First, the Commission's rules for Page 17

1 rulemaking proceedings provide that the Commission can 2 deliberate on the issue raised by this motion. The Commission's procedural rules state that the 3 Commission can deliberate and act in open session at 4 5 any Commission meeting provided that the deliberation and possible action is listed on the meeting agenda. 6 7 And those are the only restrictions on when the 8 Commission can deliberate. It just has to be noticed.

9 The Commission's rules don't place any limits on when the Commission can deliberate, how many 10 11 times the Commission can deliberate, and it just has 12 to be in an open session like we're in today. Because 13 the Commission did not discuss in its prior deliberations whether the PFAS ban would apply to all 14 15 downhole operations, we're just asking the Commission 16 to deliberate on that issue.

17 NMOGA, EOG, and Mr. Maxwell cite to the Pubco case in their response to our motion, and they 18 argue that the Commission cannot even hear the motion 19 20 that we're here about today. And that reliance is 21 misplaced. Pubco simply states that only an applicant 22 for rehearing can request review in the district court 23 of a decision that denies that rehearing. We're not 24 here today asking for rehearing. We're asking the 25 Commission to deliberate on the record that exists,

the record that was developed in November, because the
 Commission did not deliberate on the scope of the PFAS
 ban during the March deliberations.

As I previously stated, under the 4 5 regulations for rulemaking hearings applicable here, 6 this Commission can deliberate at, quote, any Commission meeting as long as the deliberations are 7 8 noticed. They also argue that a motion for rehearing is the "exclusive means" to seek the relief that we're 9 asking for in this motion today, and that's simply not 10 11 Nothing in the Oil and Gas Act or the true. 12 regulations supports that moving for rehearing is an 13 exclusive means, and that's why NMOGA, EOG, and Mr. Maxwell cite no authority for that position. 14

15 And I'd just like to reiterate that the 16 scope of the PFAS ban is really important here. Ιf 17 the PFAS ban only extends to completions and 18 recompletions, an operator can use as much PFAS as they want during, for instance, the drilling 19 20 operation, and that would defeat the purposes of this 21 rule, which is to protect the environment, the public 22 health, and freshwater resources.

So next I'd like to talk about how this
issue arose during the hearing and what happened.
During the prior deliberations in March, the

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Commission voted to adopt OCD's redline proposal for
 Section 19.15.14.9C, and that proposal from OCD, based
 on their pre-hearing position, limited the
 Commission's ban on PFAS substances to only completion
 and recompletions activities.

6 WildEarth Guardians and New Energy 7 Economy's proposed amendments to 19.15.14.9C NMAC 8 addressed two separate issues. One was banning 9 undisclosed chemicals, and that's something that this Commission rejected during deliberations. But when 10 11 that discussion was taking place, the Commission did 12 not discuss the other provision in the proposed rule 13 under that section. And that was the scope of the So both the undisclosed chemicals ban and 14 PFAS ban. 15 the ban in all downhole operations were encompassed in 16 19.15.14.9C of the proposed rule. And so when the 17 Commission voted to adopt OCD's pre-hearing provision, it only dealt with the discussion around undisclosed 18 chemicals. 19

You may recall that, during the hearing, this question of the scope of the ban in all downhole operations or just limited to completions and recompletions was the subject of significant discussion. And there's evidence in the record to support the ban on all downhole operations that the

1 proposed rule requested. I won't repeat that evidence 2 here, but it is outlined in our final brief, in this 3 motion, and our proposed statement of reasons. But as one example, I would just point to WildEarth 4 5 Guardians' Exhibit 37, which is The Gluge et al. 6 study, which says that since 1956 PFAS has been 7 proposed to be used or used globally in oil and gas 8 extraction methods other than fracking, including 9 chemical-driven gas production, chemical flooding, and the drilling that precedes fracking, and all other oil 10 11 and gas production techniques.

12 And so at the hearing, OCD witness 13 Brandon Powell agreed in response to questions from 14 Commissioner Ampomah that the OCD supports a ban of 15 PFAS in all downhole operations. Mr. Powell confirmed 16 this position in response to questions from OCD's counsel. Guardians and New Energy Economy discussed 17 the downhole operations issue in their brief and 18 requested a PFAS ban that covers all downhole 19 20 operations. OCD also agreed in its closing statement that the PFAS ban should extend to all downhole 21 22 operations. And if there are any questions about 23 where all of that is in the record, I'm happy to 24 provide it, but, again, it's in our brief, it's in our 25 motion, and it's in our proposed statement of reasons.

1	I would like to emphasize that we are
2	not seeking to reopen this hearing. We're asking the
3	Commission to deliberate and decide on the scope of
4	the PFAS ban based on the evidence presented and
5	admitted during the November hearing.
6	So in closing, I think it's important
7	this Commission consider the scope of a PFAS ban and
8	deliberate specifically on that issue. A regulation
9	that bans PFAS in some but not all downhole operations
10	is not sufficient to protect the environment, human
11	health, or freshwater resources. We ask you to
12	consider it, address the scope of the PFAS ban that
13	you will implement in further deliberations, and, as I
14	stated, the Commission has the legal authority to
15	engage in further deliberations concerning this issue
16	and it can make a decision on the evidence that is
17	already in the record.
18	Thank you for your time. Thanks for
19	hearing us this morning. That's all I've got.
20	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you,
21	Mr. Davis.
22	I'm just going to go across the screen
23	and the room.
24	Mr. Tremaine, anything you'd like to
25	add?
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1 MR. TREMAINE: So, Mr. Chair and 2 Commissioners, the Division did not take a position on the motion, and so I do think it would probably be 3 4 prudent to hear from the parties in opposition. 5 Next, the motion presented to the 6 Commission now is one that I view as having procedural 7 ambiguity. I would agree that it appears that the 8 Commission can notice and deliberate on what they 9 want, when they want. I don't see that as limited in 10 timeframe. It's subject to notice requirements. 11 However, my only comment would be that I encourage the 12 Commission, if it decides to reopen deliberations, 13 that that decision be based on a narrowly tailored and 14 specific reason. 15 If you feel that there is a necessary 16 correction because there is something that was 17 necessary for deliberations that was not deliberated upon, perhaps that is a basis for further 18 deliberation. I am cautious that such motions -- not 19 20 necessarily this motion, but such motions in other 21 rulemakings, could extend procedure unnecessarily. 22 Because of their procedural ambiguity, we're toeing a 23 line between the closing of evidence and reopening a 24 hearing, and I do have concerns that all parties in other contested matters could utilize this as a means 25

1 to extend deliberations and reopen evidence 2 indirectly. I'm not suggesting that that's what these petitioners are doing, because there was something 3 specific that I do not see addressed in the record. I 4 5 think that is true. 6 So my only comments, again, are I'm not 7 sure how this fits in with the procedural rules, and 8 if the Commission decides that further deliberation is 9 necessary, I think it needs to be based on a very narrow and specific finding that something was missing 10 11 and inadequate in the deliberation process. 12 Thank you. 13 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you, Mr. Tremaine. 14 15 Mr. Rankin. 16 MR. RANKIN: Good morning. May it 17 please the Commission. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. 18 I want to echo what Mr. Tremaine was 19 20 saying, but I'm going to put a finer point on it. I'm 21 going to point to specific requirements and 22 limitations imposed on the Commission during its 23 deliberations and rulemaking after the record has been 24 closed. WildEarth Guardians and New Energy 25 Page 24

Economy's efforts here to influence the Commission's 1 2 deliberations after the record has been closed, but before a final order and statement of reasons issues, 3 is improper. It's also procedurally improper and must 4 5 not be countenanced by the Commission because it's outside the scope of what is authorized under the 6 regulations and the procedural orders that govern the 7 8 rulemaking. The Commission has conducted a final vote 9 on the proposed rulemaking, and the record has been closed for all purposes other than for the Commission 10 11 to deliberate on the final form of the written rule 12 that it has orally approved and its statement of 13 reasons.

14 Now, petitioner's motion for 15 clarification is the equivalent of a last-ditch effort 16 here to sway the Commission in its deliberations, 17 during its deliberations, by interjecting additional arguments after the record has been closed and the 18 parties' final statements, arguments, and positions 19 20 have been submitted and considered by the Commission. The Commission's petition here, or motion, is no 21 22 different than an effort to interject additional 23 comments or new arguments during the Commission's 24 ongoing deliberations, which is exactly what happened 25 during the Commission's last session on this matter

when petitioner's counsel improperly commented during the course of the Commission's deliberations. Petitioner's motion is a continuation of that same effort to influence the Commission's deliberations, and it shouldn't be considered.

To consider it, to respond to it, would 6 Under the Commission's rulemaking 7 invite error. 8 regulations, the record can remain open at the close 9 of a hearing for written submittals and proposed statement of reasons. It's expressed under the 10 11 Commission's regulations. That's 19.15.3.12A to G, 12 and I'm happy to put that on the screen so we can all 13 look at it.

14 The regulation specifies that the 15 record shall remain open after a rulemaking hearing 16 only for the purposes and timeframe specified. That's 17 exactly what happened here. After the close of the rulemaking, the hearing officer issued an order 18 setting a deadline for post-hearing submittals on or 19 20 about February 14, 2025. That order specified that 21 any party may include a closing legal argument and/or 22 proposed findings and conclusions by February 19, 23 2025. That was the limit for which the record 24 remained opened and the deadline in which the parties 25 had to provide additional comments or arguments.

1 The parties to the rulemaking, 2 including petitioners, submitted their post-hearing submittals to that order on February 19th. After that 3 date, and for all other purposes, the record in this 4 5 rulemaking was closed. Closed to all other submissions by the parties, including arguments, 6 motions, positions, findings, conclusions, any 7 8 opportunity to alter or affect the outcome of the 9 rulemaking after that date was effectively terminated. Okay? 10

11 So efforts here to comment on, ask for 12 additional deliberations during the Commission's 13 deliberations is improper. The record has been closed and nothing further should be contemplated. 14 Both 15 efforts to influence the Commission's deliberations, 16 both during the course of deliberations, the last 17 session, and through this motion, are improper and should not be considered. 18

Now, in addition to being procedurally improper, the petitioner's motion also is premature. It's nothing more than a motion for rehearing in disguise, but prematurely. A motion for rehearing is what the parties of record who are adversely affected by a Commission order may file after the Commission issues an order adopting a rule. That's laid out in

the Commission's rules at 19.15.3.15A.

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2 Parties dissatisfied with a rule the Commission votes to adopt or believe that there is an 3 error or a mistake or what have you are not free to 4 5 raise their hands to file motions to clarify in 6 attempt to influence the course of deliberations after 7 the Commission has already voted but before issuing a 8 final written order and statement of reasons. That's 9 outside of the scope of the rules. They must wait for the order and the statement of reasons to issue, and 10 11 they can, within the 20-day rehearing period, then 12 file a motion for rehearing and make their arguments 13 at that time. To do so now, at this time, during the proceedings and final deliberations, is improper and 14 15 should be rejected. Not only is petitioner's motion 16 procedurally improper and premature, but their effort 17 to expand the scope of the rulemaking is not supported by the record. 18

Petitioners contend in their motion that the difference between banning PFAS and fracking is, quote -- let me rephrase that. The petitioners contend in their motion that, quote, the difference between banning PFAS and fracking versus all downhole operations is significant. We agree. The rulemaking record does not support significantly broadening the

1 scope of the rule to all downhole operations when the 2 evidence and testimony presented to the Commission was 3 related to completions, recompletions, hydraulic 4 fracturing operations, shooting, and chemical 5 treatment of wells. That was the scope of the 6 rulemaking.

7 There are many other types of potential 8 downhole operations for which no evidence was 9 presented during the course of the hearing. Whatever 10 other operations petitioners may want to capture in 11 this rulemaking were just not contemplated or 12 addressed in the evidence and the record. Petitioners 13 presented no experts on downhole operations to explore the type of operations that they now contend are 14 15 contemplated to be within the scope other than the 16 operations I just enumerated. For example, vogging, coring, running wireline tools. None of those 17 operations were addressed in the hearing before the 18 Commission, and, therefore, the Commission has no 19 information on which to base a decision about whether 20 21 those should be or not included within the scope of the rule. The only place downhole operations is used 22 23 in petitioner's final proposed rule is as part of the 24 definition for chemical disclosure list, and as part of the proposed provision addressing certifications 25

1 for APDs. Otherwise, the phrase downhole operation is 2 not used anywhere else in the context of petitioner's 3 final rule.

4 Now, the Commissioners have already 5 agreed to adopt OCC's approach, which strikes 6 petitioner's proposed definition of chemical disclosure list, so the term downhole operations is 7 8 not needed for that purpose. And the other place it 9 appears, as I mentioned, is in the certification for APDs here, and there's just no evidence, testimony, or 10 11 record on what the potential implications would be if 12 the scope were expanded as petitioners requested.

13 They cite to two witnesses in their motion and their reply brief in support of their 14 15 argument that the record supports expanding the scope, 16 but the testimony cited does nothing to establish a 17 technical rationale or basis in the record, especially compared to the detailed and technical testimony the 18 19 Commission actually received on the types of 20 operations that are clearly within the scope of the 21 rule. If they want to come back and amend the rule 22 later to include additional activities based on some 23 evidentiary record, they can do so, but only after 24 establishing an evidentiary record that justifies it. 25 Mr. Chair and Commissioners, our view

1 is that the record has been closed and that this 2 effort to influence -- modify the course of 3 deliberations is improper and shouldn't be countenanced. The motion should be denied. And if 4 5 the petitioners want to come back and seek a rehearing 6 or point out an issue that they believe is error or 7 should be corrected, they can do so at the proper 8 time. 9 Thank you. Thank you, 10 THE COMMISSIONER: 11 Mr. Rankin. 12 Ms. Bennett. 13 Thank you very much. MS. BENNETT: EOG Resources joined in NMOGA's 14 15 response to the motion, and EOG agrees with NMOGA's 16 arguments and concerns, which Mr. Rankin just 17 expressed, and request that the Commission deny the motion. 18 19 Thank you. 20 THE COMMISSIONER: Excellent. Thank 21 you. 22 Mr. Davis, I'll give you the 23 opportunity to be able to state your points after 24 hearing what was stated. 25 MR. DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'11 Page 31

1 be very brief.

2 We are here to just point out an 3 oversight that happened during deliberations. The only relief we're asking for here is further 4 5 deliberations on the issue that wasn't discussed 6 during deliberations. We're not providing any 7 additional arguments. We're requesting that the 8 Commission make a decision based on the record that was presented in November, and we filed this to avoid 9 further procedures, like filing for a rehearing. And 10 11 we've provided the Commission with the legal basis to 12 show that it can engage in deliberations at any 13 meeting as long as it's noticed and it's an open 14 meeting.

15 And I'll just point out that NMOGA 16 seems to want to make this about each individual 17 downhole operation that could be possible, but really what we're here about is protecting the environment, 18 19 the public health, and freshwater resources from PFAS, 20 and that is something that we talked about at length 21 during the hearing. There's ample evidence to show 22 its environmental and public health harms, and if it's 23 harmful to send it downhole in one operation, any new 24 pathway into the environment for PFAS is harmful. So you have ample basis, based on that. But if you look 25

1	into the record, there is other evidence. And again,
2	I'm not going to repeat it here, but it is outlined in
3	our briefing. You have ample grounds on which to ban
4	PFAS in all downhole operations.
5	Thank you.
6	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you,
7	Mr. Davis.
8	I do note Ms. Orth is on the platform
9	as well.
10	And, Mr. Shandler, before we open it up
11	to the Commissioners with questions that they may
12	have, any opinion that you all may have?
13	MR. SHANDLER: So this is Mr. Shandler.
14	So Mr. Chair, it comes down to three words, and that
15	is in the applications section, 19.15.14.9C, and it
16	comes down to the phrase "in downhole operations,"
17	which would be after the phrase "PFAS chemicals." The
18	evidentiary record is closed. The question is whether
19	the Commission wants to reopen their deliberations.
20	Two different things.
21	The question for the Commission: Do
22	you want to reopen your deliberations for the narrowly
23	tailored discussion of whether those three words
24	should be inserted into the rule. As you may recall
25	at the meeting, it was a tie. So the petitioners
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1 wanted those three words; the Oil & Gas Association 2 did not. We looked to the Division to break the tie. 3 The Division, in its redline, did not include those 4 three words, and so the tie was broken not to include 5 those three words.

6 Subsequent to that, the petitioners 7 have said, basically, that there was ample room to 8 interpret the Division's position differently. And as 9 they've stated in their brief, they believe that, even though the Division's redline didn't include those 10 11 three words, their closing brief said that they 12 supported those three words. And again, they repeat 13 that today.

14 So kind of the \$64,000 question is did 15 the Division really support those three words? And 16 for two months now, I've been waiting for the Division 17 to tell this Commission yes or no, whether the statements it made in its closing brief should be read 18 19 to mean that they didn't support those three words, 20 even though it wasn't in their redline, or for them to 21 stand up today and say that is a misrepresentation by 22 the petitioners.

I have not heard from the Division that that is a misrepresentation. So perhaps you want to hear more from the parties about that, but that's what

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1 I was waiting to hear. And if it was a 2 misrepresentation by the petitioners, then I would 3 advise you not to reopen your deliberations. If it is a correct representation by the petitioners, I do 4 5 think the agenda is worded enough that it's a logical outgrowth that you can grant the petitioner's motion, 6 7 you can then make a motion to reopen deliberations for 8 the narrow purpose of those three words, then close 9 your deliberations, and then proceed to your adoption of the final order with statements of reasons. 10 11 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you, 12 Mr. Shandler. I believe you're done. Correct? 13 MR. SHANDLER: Yes. 14 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. I appreciate 15 it. 16 Commissioner Bloom, I do see that your 17 hand is up. Is it directly to what Mr. Shandler said, or is it questions that you -- and there's a reason 18 19 why I'm asking. I did also pose the question to 20 Ms. Orth, and I wanted to make sure that we got hers in before we got your question, but if your question 21 22 is to what Mr. Shandler said, I'm happy to entertain 23 it now. 24 Thank you, Mr. Chair. MR. BLOOM: Yes. It's a question of Mr. Shandler. 25 Page 35

1 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. 2 MR. BLOOM: And if you'll permit me. Mr. Shandler, I would probably agree 3 that a lot of us would like to hear from OCD on this, 4 5 but by doing so, we'd be reopening the evidentiary record and introducing something new here. I guess 6 7 that's my first question, and I might have a 8 follow-up. 9 THE COMMISSIONER: So I must admit, Mr. Shandler, that's my question as well. 10 If we do 11 get information from the OCD stating that the 12 information was a misrepresentation, does that open us 13 up to -- is that a reopening or is that something that 14 you see that will allow us to be able to say yay or 15 nay on reopening this. I'm trying to figure out 16 procedurally how that works. 17 MR. SHANDLER: Yeah. So, Mr. Chair, 18 I'm not asking to reopen the evidentiary hearing. I 19 think there's enough in the evidentiary hearing, like 20 on page 37 of the petitioner's closing brief about Mr. Horowitz's testimony, Mr. Powell's testimony. I 21 22 think what I was looking for to see if OCD thought -when my judgment call was the closing brief was not 23 24 clear enough to break the tie, whether they were going to weigh in on that. But I can understand your point 25
1	if you feel like that would open the door to the
2	evidentiary hearing. I think both options are on the
3	table.
4	THE COMMISSIONER: So Commissioner
5	Bloom, I just wanted to make sure, did that answer
6	your question at least for a little bit?
7	MR. BLOOM: That does, and, I mean,
8	where I'm going is, we've all spent a considerable
9	amount of time on this. I think we would like an
10	order that stands up to any subsequent review or
11	challenges. So I wanted to be mindful about doing
12	something that looks like a de facto or real reopening
13	of the hearing. And I am grappling with how we deal
14	with this. And maybe just a follow-up from
15	Mr. Shandler would be you know, would the
16	Commission be okay are we still going to be on
17	solid ground if we reopen to deliberate on this point
18	that was raised in a motion for clarification, you
19	know, or would you counsel that we look at rehearing?
20	THE COMMISSIONER: Well, I think before
21	Mr. Shandler can answer that, I think the question is
22	going to be do we want to reopen this, yay or nay? I
23	think if we decide to reopen this, then I think your
24	question is going to be valid. The question, I think,
25	before the Commission right at the moment is do we

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1	want to reopen this and deliberate. Do we feel like
2	we need to deliberate more on this or do we stand on
3	our decision?
4	But before we proceed with that
5	particular question, Ms. Orth, was there anything that
6	you wanted to add as the hearing officer?
7	THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you,
8	Mr. Chair. Is my volume okay?
9	THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, it is.
10	THE HEARING OFFICER: All right. So I
11	am on the platform, not because the motion was to me,
12	the motion is to the Commission, and unless you reopen
13	the evidentiary record I don't have a role. I guess I
14	would offer two observations though. One is that I
15	agree with everything that Mr. Shandler said as he was
16	describing what the path to this meeting is or was.
17	At the same time, the motion did not
18	request a reopening of the evidentiary record, and I
19	don't think it would be necessary. We have
20	historically drawn a distinction between the evidence
21	that is introduced and admitted into a record and the
22	final position that is taken by parties, usually
23	expressed by their counsel in closing argument.
24	Right? That's not necessarily evidence; that's their
25	final position, which is not, again, historically

1 considered evidence. We say, you know, we don't take 2 evidence from lawyers, for example. The other thing is, I've spent the last 3 day and a half at the Roundhouse with the Water 4 5 Quality Control Commission in which they did exactly 6 what Mr. Davis is asking this Commission to do. On further reflection, about a month after they 7 8 deliberated on the produced water to reuse rule, they went back and revisited it before they made a final 9 decision and made some fairly significant different 10 11 decisions there. So again, I agree with Mr. Shandler, 12 and I would add only that I think there's a difference 13 between reopening the evidentiary record and understanding what a party's final legal position is. 14 15 That's all. 16 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you, Ms. Orth. 17 So, Commissioners, I guess we are at that point where we need to decide how we want to 18 19 proceed. 20 Commissioner Ampomah, I'll start with 21 you. Any questions that you may have also legally to 22 Mr. Shandler? 23 MR. BLOOM: And, Mr. Chair, I saw Mr. Tremaine raise his hand. I don't know if you 24 caught that. 25

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1 THE COMMISSIONER: Oh, did Mr. Tremaine 2 raise his hand? I apologize. I did not see that. Thank you for catching that, Commissioner Bloom. 3 4 Mr. Tremaine. 5 MR. TREMAINE: Thank you. So to clarify a couple things. The redline version -- and 6 I'll chalk this up to -- I'll call this a learning 7 8 experience. We did not submit a final redline and 9 instead relied on a record from the hearing and the parties' redlines. So the redline that's being 10 11 referred to is the one that the Division submitted 12 prior to the hearing. I have not commented on OCD'S 13 position on this in reference the record out of 14 paranoia that I was opening the evidentiary record. 15 So OCD's final position was that -- and we do believe 16 that it is reflected and supported in the record --17 was that downhole operations was appropriate, and I think that all of the parties found that to be 18 acceptable at the hearing. So when push comes to 19 20 shove, yes, that was OCD'S position that that was 21 acceptable. 22 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. So that 23 definitely opens up and changes some things here. 24 Mr. Rankin. 25 MR. RANKIN: Thank you. I just want to Page 40

1 make clear that it was not acceptable to NMOGA. This 2 issue came up, and it's clear in the record, I think the second to last day of the hearing, and 3 Mr. Tremaine can clarify this as well, but up until 4 5 that point, we had understood that the rule was 6 limited to the operations I outlined in my argument, 7 and it was only at the second to last day of the 8 hearing when Mr. Davis approached the parties about 9 this that we understood that petitioners had intended 10 to have the scope extend beyond those operations to 11 include every conceivable downhole operation. And 12 Mr. Tremaine, I think, can speak to that as well. 13 Because throughout the parties' discussions leading up to the rulemaking, that was never our understanding. 14 15 And so at the time of this announcement or effort to 16 confer during the rulemaking, we did not agree. 17 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Mr. Davis, I 18 see you on the --19 I just only want to make MR. DAVIS: 20 one quick point, which is that our redline proposed 21 rule has always included a ban on PFAS in all downhole 22 operations as stated in my opening statement and we provided testimony on this issue during the hearing. 23 24 So our position on this issue has never changed. 25 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Thank you.

1 Ms. Bennett, did you have anything you 2 wanted to add? MS. BENNETT: 3 Thank you. I concur in what Mr. Rankin stated, including the untimeliness, 4 5 the lack of information or notice about the broad implications of the change that has been discussed 6 7 today. 8 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Thank you, 9 Ms. Bennett. So, Mr. Shandler, with what the OCD 10 11 just stated, what advice do you have for this 12 Commission now? 13 MR. SHANDLER: So, Mr. Chair, I guess I take the philosophy it is what it is. So I think the 14 15 Commission has within its authority to grant the 16 motion and reopen the deliberations for the narrowly 17 tailored three-sentence -- three-word, excuse me, I think the Commission also -- it is what it 18 change. 19 It's possible this rule could be appealed. is. It's 20 possible this creates an additional appealable issue. 21 That is the risk the petitioner has taken by coming 22 back here. I think you should do what you think is 23 the right thing to do, and we'll handle it from there. 24 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. So let me then open it up to questions from the Commissioners. 25

Commissioner Dr. Ampomah, please. 1 2 DR. AMPOMAH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So 3 I do know that during the discussions that we had, you know, multiple times, the definition of the downhole 4 5 operations came up and we strike it down. So vou know, and the reason was that, you know, OCD said 6 there's a common industry term defining it may cause 7 8 unintended limitations to the scope and the 9 potentially affected the rules. 10 Now, if we are going to use the term 11 downhole, or let's say even we are going to open it up 12 to discuss the term downhole operations, we decided 13 not to include that, you know, as part of the definitions. So to me, I don't know how that is going 14 15 to more or less impact the entire discussions that we 16 had as part of the hearing. 17 So, Mr. Shandler, my question to you 18 is, you know, we strike down the definition of downhole operations, we decided not to use it at all 19 20 in the rulemaking. I believe that is why, whenever we 21 were going through the deliberation, whenever we see 22 downhole operations, we said, no, we said we are not going to use it, so we took it out. So how does that 23 24 change the dynamics here? 25 MR. SHANDLER: So, Mr. Chair, that does

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1 seem to be an important factor, that if you feel like the Commission did deliberate this type of term and 2 3 did break the tie that way, then I would advise you to deny the motion. 4 5 THE COMMISSIONER: Okav. 6 Dr. Ampomah, did you have more 7 questions? 8 DR. AMPOMAH: No, I do not. 9 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Commissioner Bloom? 10 11 MR. BLOOM: No. Not a question right 12 If we're going to discuss deliberating or not, now. 13 I'm ready to do that. 14 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. So I guess 15 then, Commissioners, the question is, do we want to 16 take the petitioner's request, or do we leave it as is 17 and say the decision was made and we move on? 18 So, Commissioner Bloom, did you have 19 questions on that? Statements? 20 MR. BLOOM: Yes, Mr. Chair. Again, my 21 goal at this point is to create a defensible order, a 22 strong order, but, you know, this does come in, it 23 does raise some issues. I believe we should 24 deliberate whether this rule should apply to all downhole operations. Without getting into a 25 Page 44

1 deliberation itself, the fact that we struck that 2 definition of downhole was based on the idea that this is a commonly used term and didn't need to be defined 3 or limited. So I don't believe that that means we 4 5 can't include that, but I don't want to get into, I guess, a deliberation here before we actually decide 6 7 if we're going to do that or not. 8 So I think as Mr. Shandler indicated, 9 perhaps not ideal, we can deal with the consequences of this later, but I do believe that this merits us 10 11 deliberating, Mr. Chair and Dr. Ampomah. 12 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. So your vote 13 is to have the deliberation. Is that what I'm 14 understanding? 15 MR. BLOOM: Based on what I've heard so 16 far, I don't know what else you might add, Mr. Chair, 17 or where Dr. Ampomah would ultimately land. So --18 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. But your vote 19 is to deliberate. Is that what I'm hearing? 20 MR. BLOOM: Well, if we're -- I don't know -- I would want to hear what other issues people 21 22 raise here, and then we could vote. 23 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. 24 Dr. Ampomah. 25 DR. AMPOMAH: Yeah. So I do have a Page 45

question for my co-Commissioners, and it's the same 1 2 question that I asked counsel. So we strike down the downhole operations. In our deliberation, and if you 3 go back and check all the transcript, you see that 4 5 anywhere we see downhole operations, we strike it So if we are to reconsider this, don't you 6 down. 7 believe that is going to impact most of the decisions 8 that we made during the deliberation? 9 THE COMMISSIONER: Commissioner Bloom, I'll start with you. 10 11 Thank you, Mr. Chair. MR. BLOOM: 12 Dr. Ampomah -- Commissioner Ampomah, 13 that is a good question, and I would look forward to having that conversation and deliberating on that and 14 15 how it might work itself through the rules. So aqain, 16 I'll state my support for having these deliberations. 17 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you, Commissioner Bloom. 18 19 Dr. Commissioner Ampomah, I do believe 20 that it does cause definite implications. There are 21 definite implications, as you're indicating and you're 22 intoning in your question. I think the deliberation 23 would definitely open it up and it would kind of change things to the way that we have already decided 24 25 as a Commission, and so my stance is that we don't

1 change anything. The decision was made with the way 2 that it was made. The three Commissioners did come up 3 to that conclusion, and we worked on it the way we 4 did. So that's my stand.

5 How about yourself, Commissioner? 6 DR. AMPOMAH: Thank you for that. And 7 I do have another question for my co-Commissioners. 8 So if you look at the OCCP first rulemaking order that 9 our counsel put together, so on 19.15.14.9, on item C, so an applicant for a permit to drill, deepen, or plug 10 11 back shall certify that they will not introduce any 12 additives that contains PFAS chemicals in the 13 completion or recompletions of the well. So to me --14 I'm asking my co-Commissioners, don't you believe this 15 is comprehensive enough? You know, because if you're 16 going to drill a well, or let's say deepen the well or 17 plug back, you need to show that you are not using PFAS. So I believe that during our deliberation we 18 19 captured this, you know, all the concerns, you know, 20 in this item. So I believe it was not deliberate on the part of the Commission to, let's say, to ignore 21 the downhole operations, and we're very specific in 22 23 our ruling. So I will still stand by we definitely 24 probably do not need to open this up.

THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. With the

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1 statement that was made Commissioner Ampomah, 2 Commissioner Bloom? MR. BLOOM: Yes, Mr. Chair. 3 4 Dr. Ampomah, you raise a good question 5 there, and I think we, as a Commission, didn't answer 6 all these questions and issues, and that by reopening deliberations we can have that conversation and take 7 8 some time, you know, between now and when we do this 9 perhaps in June or July, and look at those issues and see how this would permeate itself through the rule. 10 11 I think this is a good time to do this. It might save 12 us from rehearing or a new petition from the 13 petitioners where we would spend, you know, another week or portion of weeks hearing all new evidence on 14 15 this. I think that there are some weighty matters to 16 discuss here. 17 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Bloom. 18 I have to just take my stance again. 19 Ι 20 think the decision was made, I think it was whole, and 21 we did look at it completely and that we were looking 22 at everything, and so I have to agree with 23 Commissioner Ampomah on this one as well. So any other questions, Commissioner 24 25 Ampomah? Page 48

1	DR. AMPOMAH: Commissioner Bloom, so
2	let's say if we agree to go to deliberation on this,
3	you know, in that case, are we looking at the downhole
4	operations or what are we going to look at, especially
5	when we strike it down?
6	MR. BLOOM: Yes. Dr. Ampomah, I think
7	we would be looking at sort of the gamut of downhole
8	activities that occur that the proponents mentioned in
9	their motion for clarification. I don't know if I
10	have that handy, but I think we're talking about
11	aspects of well treatment, maintenance, drilling, and
12	enhanced oil recovery.
13	You know, I think we all remember from
14	the hearing that, you know, a lot of the threat from
15	these chemicals isn't just what happens downhole. In
16	fact, that may be where they're safest, in some sense.
17	It's having these chemicals brought into New Mexico.
18	Right? These chemicals that are toxic at the, you
19	know, teaspoon per Olympic swimming pool or hundred
20	Olympic swimming pool level. Right? These chemicals
21	come into the state, they're mixed, they're
22	transported you know, we've seen the, you know,
23	spill data. I think some of that was presented.
24	Surface spills. You know, what this kind of means in
25	its entirety for us. So you know, I think there's a

little more here to discuss, and I don't know if you
would agree with me on that, Dr. Ampomah.

DR. AMPOMAH: You know, on that one it 3 sounds to me you are extending the scope of the 4 5 discussion. Because the way I see it is that once we open it up for downhole operations, then we are going 6 to be forced to define what the downhole operations 7 is, and that, more or less, you know, negates most of 8 9 the discussions that we had, you know, as part of the deliberations. You know, in as much as I do 10 11 appreciate your position on this, I believe, you know, 12 strongly that we considered all of this in our 13 deliberations and it was not intentional, you know --14 at least on my part, it was not in intentional to 15 probably forget about what was discussed during the 16 hearing. So I will still vote with the Chair on this 17 not to reopen this.

18 THE COMMISSIONER: So let's just make 19 an official vote, then, here and now. So the question 20 is, are we going to hear this as the petitioners have 21 requested? All in favor say aye.

22 MR. BLOOM: I would vote aye to reopen 23 and deliberate on this point.

24THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. All against?25DR. AMPOMAH: I will vote against.

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1	THE COMMISSIONER: I am against as
2	well. So we won't be opening this.
3	Mr. Shandler, at this point, then, how
4	do we proceed?
5	MR. SHANDLER: Okay. So, Mr. Chair, so
6	for the record, the joint motion for clarification has
7	been denied. Then I would advise the Commission to go
8	to the next bullet point, the adoption of the final
9	order. I provided a statement of reasons. I've only
10	received comments from Commissioner Bloom, so I could
11	walk through his proposed changes if that's what you
12	want to do as the next step.
13	THE COMMISSIONER: Commissioners?
14	MR. BLOOM: Mr. Chair, that would be
15	fine by me. I think I had two major questions. You
16	know, I don't know if we refer to petitioner in the
17	plural or petitioners singular or plural, with a
18	plural S or for the possessive. And then I think I
19	wanted to add one more bullet down towards the bottom
20	of the order just strengthening a little bit, I think,
21	on some of the public health aspects. But I am glad
22	to speak to any of that. And then maybe another
23	couple typos I have, but I believe that's it.
24	THE COMMISSIONER: Okay.
25	Commissioner Ampomah?
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1	DR. AMPOMAH: Yeah. Counsel, so I had
2	one question that I discussed with you. So if you
3	look at the rule that was passed by the legislature,
4	there was a definition of unintentional use of PFAS.
5	So we discussed that, and then I wanted to know how
6	that impacts what we have here.
7	MR. SHANDLER: So Mr. Chair, I did look
8	at the two laws that were passed, and my advice to you
9	is they do not impact this rule.
10	DR. AMPOMAH: Thank you.
11	THE COMMISSIONER: So, Commissioner
12	Ampomah, did you want to review the notes that
13	Commissioner Bloom put? Yes or no?
14	DR. AMPOMAH: Yeah. So this is the
15	first time we've seen it, so if we can walk through
16	that briefly, that would be wonderful.
17	MR. SHANDLER: Yes. Mr. Chair
18	MR. BLOOM: I'm wondering if you can do
19	this through screen share, Mr. Chair.
20	THE COMMISSIONER: I would actually ask
21	Mr. Shandler, do you have the ability to screen share?
22	MR. SHANDLER: I do not have the
23	ability to screen share. I don't know if Sheila does.
24	MR. BLOOM: I believe I do, Mr. Chair.
25	THE COMMISSIONER: Okay.
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1	MR. BLOOM: I could pull up my few
2	handful of edits and a couple questions and one added
3	bullet point.
4	THE COMMISSIONER: Great. Thank you,
5	Commissioner Bloom.
6	MR. BLOOM: All right. Let me see
7	here. Try this. Okay. I think I'm getting there.
8	All right.
9	All right. Here we go. Let me go up
10	to the top. I trust you can all see my screen.
11	THE COMMISSIONER: We can on the
12	platform. Can Pecos Hall see it?
13	DR. AMPOMAH: Yeah. Can you make it a
14	little bit bigger?
15	MR. BLOOM: Let me see. Yes. Let me
16	try and do that for you.
17	Is that any better?
18	DR. AMPOMAH: Yeah. Let's scroll down
19	and see. Yes.
20	MR. BLOOM: Okay. Good. All right.
21	It's pretty blown out now, but let me try and navigate
22	here.
23	Okay. Two is just, I think, almost
24	like a typographic fix here. I would just add studies
25	of, so that this reads that "The Division's witness,
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1 Dr. Erik Martin, stated that studies of PFAS chemicals 2 have shown that there are toxicological effects on 3 humans," versus saying that "The Division's witness, Dr. Erik Martin, stated that PFAS chemicals have shown 4 5 there are toxicological effects." MR. SHANDLER: So, Mr. Chair, that's a 6 7 typo. I can correct that. 8 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. 9 MR. BLOOM: And then I think another 10 one that I flagged, Mr. Shandler, was just 11 petitioners. They're joint petitioners. I don't know 12 if that should be plural, possessive, or whatnot. I 13 don't know how you want to handle that. It might not 14 matter. 15 MR. SHANDLER: So, Mr. Chair, I just 16 stuck with petitioner possessive, not a plural. 17 MR. BLOOM: I think that's fine. I'll 18 drop that. Groundwater is often one word. 19 20 MR. SHANDLER: I made that correction. 21 MR. BLOOM: Okay. Thank you. I don't think I have too much more. Just getting down to 22 page 15. Okay. So this is under the section related 23 to frac-focused disclosures and why we want to do 24 this. The Commissions are -- the reasons why are, 25

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1 number one, the petitioner's proposed changed chemical 2 disclosure list was not adopted. Number two, 3 operators already disclosed constituents in their fracking completion fluids. Number three, we have 4 5 it's important to provide information to the public. 6 And I would want to add this number four here, that public access to chemical disclosure increases trust 7 8 in regulators, and that's from the petitioner's 9 post-hearing closing brief, page 41, citing to Brown, OCC transcript 11/12/24, page 257, lines 21 through 10 11 24, on page 258, lines one through five. 12 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Shandler, did 13 you have any statements on that? 14 MR. SHANDLER: Mr. Chair, I double 15 checked the citation is accurate, and I can add this. 16 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. 17 Commissioner Ampomah, are you okay with that? 18 19 Yeah, Mr. Chair. I do DR. AMPOMAH: 20 not have any concerns with that. Thank you. 21 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Neither do I. 22 So Mr. Shandler, if you'll make that change. 23 24 MR. BLOOM: I believe that may be it. Let me just go down a little further. I'm down at the 25 Page 55

1 end here already. 2 I believe that is all I had. 3 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Mr. Shandler, 4 are those the same edits that you had as well, plus a 5 few other typographical? MR. SHANDLER: Yes, Mr. Chair. 6 I can 7 include all these typographical corrections and get 8 you a copy for you to sign later today. 9 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. So at this 10 point, do we just need to all three agree to adopting 11 Is that our next procedure? this? 12 So, Commissioner Bloom, DR. AMPOMAH: 13 if you can bring it up one more time. MR. BLOOM: Of course. 14 15 DR. AMPOMAH: I want us to look at 16 page 11. 17 MR. BLOOM: I may have closed that window. One second. 18 19 DR. AMPOMAH: Okay. 20 MR. BLOOM: Let go back and open it. 21 I'll go down to page 11 and then I'll zoom in, 22 Commissioner. 23 DR. AMPOMAH: Yeah. Page 11. 24 MR. BLOOM: Okay. Page 11. 25 DR. AMPOMAH: Yes. Page 56

1 MR. BLOOM: Am I in the right spot, 2 Dr. Ampomah? 3 DR. AMPOMAH: No. It's not moving. MR. BLOOM: Okay. Let me scroll down. 4 5 Tell me when to stop. DR. AMPOMAH: Yeah. You're still on 6 7 page 5. 8 THE COMMISSIONER: It's not moving on 9 our end, Commissioner Bloom. You may want to unshare and maybe reshare. 10 11 MR. BLOOM: Let me try that. Yep. 12 I'll try that again. That's the wrong document. One 13 second. Okay. 14 DR. AMPOMAH: Yeah. If you can go down 15 a little bit. You're going too fast. 16 MR. BLOOM: Okay. One moment. 17 DR. AMPOMAH: So just -- that last 18 point, number four. 19 MR. BLOOM: Yeah. 20 DR. AMPOMAH: Yeah. So, Counsel, if 21 you look at number three, you're saying that 22 petitioner's proposed change to include undisclosed 23 chemicals was not adopted because this term was not 24 adopted in the definitions section. So the number 25 four, I will say that we have to follow the same suit.

1 Because not necessarily is it because of OCD's --2 whether they did redline or not, but the Commission 3 did not actually adopt the definition of the downhole 4 operations. 5 MR. SHANDLER: So, Mr. Chair, number four is now a stale point, and I will then rewrite 6 four to model after three. Okay? 7 Almost verbatim. 8 Will you be comfortable with that, then? And then I 9 can do that and you can still have the Chair sign it? 10 DR. AMPOMAH: Yes, sir. 11 MR. SHANDLER: Okay. 12 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Any other 13 questions, Commissioner Ampomah? DR. AMPOMAH: No, Mr. Chair. 14 15 THE COMMISSIONER: Okav. 16 Commissioner Bloom, anything on these 17 edits that we're discussing now? 18 MR. BLOOM: No, Mr. Chair. 19 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. So, 20 Mr. Shandler, do we now move to accept these edits? 21 MR. SHANDLER: Please. 22 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. So can we get a motion to accept the edits as we have just now 23 discussed? 24 25 MR. BLOOM: Yes, Mr. Chair. I move to Page 58

1 accept the final order in this case with the edits 2 that we have just discussed. THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Excellent. 3 4 Can we get a second? 5 DR. AMPOMAH: I second. 6 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. So these 7 orders, the way that it has been presented and we just 8 discussed with the changes, have been approved. And, 9 Mr. Shandler, if you'll make the changes for signature 10 and send it. Oh, we need to an all yay or nay. 11 Right? 12 MR. SHANDLER: Sure. 13 THE COMMISSIONER: I am slowly 14 learning. I apologize, Mr. Shandler. I am slow on 15 the uptake, but I do catch myself, so my apologies. 16 So all in favor for these changes as it 17 was motioned? 18 MR. BLOOM: Aye. 19 DR. AMPOMAH: Aye. 20 THE COMMISSIONER: Ave. 21 Okay. There are no nays. It was 22 unanimous. So now they have been accepted. 23 So, Mr. Shandler, if you'll make the 24 changes and submit them for signature, we would 25 appreciate it.

1 Okay. Anything else on this particular 2 topic. MR. DAVIS: Mr. Chair? 3 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr. Davis. 4 5 MR. DAVIS: I'd like to thank the 6 Commission for considering our motion and our proposed 7 rule. Thank you. 8 THE COMMISSIONER: And thank you for 9 bringing it in front of us, Mr. Davis. We appreciate it. 10 11 Okay. This case is now done. We'll 12 move on to our next point. 13 Mr. Shandler, was there any pending 14 litigation? 15 MR. SHANDLER: No, Mr. Chair. 16 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Excellent. 17 Was there any other business that we needed to discuss? Okay. Excellent. There's no 18 other business. 19 20 Our next meeting is going to be next 21 week, May the 19th, 2025, and if there's nothing else, 22 this meeting is adjourned. Thank you everybody for 23 your assistance. We will see you next week. Have a 24 good weekend. 25 11 Page 60



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