

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

**APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE 25228

**APPLICATION OF PBEX OPERATIONS, LLC
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND APPROVAL
OF AN OVERLAPPING SPACING UNIT,
EDDY COUNTY AND LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE 25301

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FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND APPROVAL
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CASE 25303

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO VACATE AND RESCHEDULE HEARING

This matter comes before the Oil Conservation Division's Hearing Examiner upon PBEX's June 16, 2025 *Joint Motion to Vacate and Reschedule*. The Hearing Examiner being otherwise duly informed,

HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS:

1. On February 12, 2025 Mewbourne Oil Co. filed an Application for Compulsory Pooling which PBEX Operating, LLC objected to on March 7, 2025.
2. PBEX filed 2 competing applications on March 28, 2025 and at the parties' request, the Division filed a prehearing order consolidating the cases for a special docket on July 1, 2025.
3. In support of its *motion*, PBEX provided the affidavit of PBEX Landman Ruth Pelzel who states she is one of two landmen employed by PBEX and that she is "unavailable to present testimony on the July 1, 2025 hearing date" because of an "unforeseen

family emergency.”

4. Based on the age of the cases and the evidence presented, the motion is not well taken and hereby denied.

WHEREFORE, the consolidated hearing scheduled on July 1, 2025 shall commence as scheduled. PBEX's Landman may testify virtually and if that is not an option, then the hearing will be continued to a future date to admit the direct and cross examination of the Landman when she is available.

GREGORY CHAKALIAN
HEARING OFFICER