

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

**APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF A NON-STANDARD
HORIZONTAL WELL SPACING UNIT
AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case No.: 24141

PRE-HEARING ORDER

This Pre-Hearing Order follows a status conference held on February 1, 2024, before an Oil Conservation Division Hearing Examiner, in which the hearing date was agreed to by all parties.

1. A contested hearing (hearing) will commence on May 2, 2024 at 8:15 a.m., and will continue as necessary through completion.

2. The hearing will be recorded and transcribed by a court reporter.

3. The hearing will be conducted in a hybrid fashion, both in-person at the Energy, Minerals, Natural Resources Department, Wendell Chino Building, Pecos Hall, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, 1st Floor, Santa Fe, NM 87505 and via the WebEx virtual meeting platform (sign-in information will be sent to the parties closer to the date of the hearing). The Examiner may modify the format of the hearing consistent with the available resources and public distancing directives in place at the time of the hearing. If Pecos Hall is unavailable, the hearing will be conducted solely via the WebEx virtual meeting platform.

4. The parties shall file, with the pre-hearing statement as required by 19.15.4.13.B NMAC, the following additional information, all of which is due by 5 p.m. no later than seven (7) calendar days before the hearing:

- a. a list of material facts not in dispute;
- b. a list of disputed facts and issues;
- c. identification of the witnesses and their qualifications; and
- d. a full narrative of the direct testimony and exhibits for each witness.

5. Any evidentiary objections to the filed direct testimony or any exhibit shall be filed by 5 p.m. no later than two (2) calendar days before the hearing and will be addressed at the commencement of the hearing.

6. All witnesses filing direct testimony shall attend the hearing and will be subject to cross examination by counsel for the parties and the Division Examiners.

7. Any requests for continuance or status conference shall be filed in writing through the Division fee portal, no later than 48 hours prior to the time hearing is set to begin, pursuant to 19.15.4.13(C) NMAC.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

GREGORY CHAKALIAN
HEARING EXAMINER

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