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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Good morning. This is a meeting of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission. My name is David Catanach. I'm the chairman of the commission. The time is about 9:04 a.m. and today's date is March 10, 2016. This meeting is being conducted in Porter Hall in the Wendell Chino state building.

I'd like to take role at this time. Will the commissioners please introduce themselves for the record.

COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Patrick Padilla designated the Commissioner of Public Lands.

COMMISSIONER BALCH: Dr. Robert Balch, designated the Energy Bureau Secretary.

CHAIRMAN CATANACH: And also present today is Bill Brancard who is the general counsel for the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, and commission attorney.

Commissioners, in your packet you should have an agenda for this meeting today. Have you reviewed the agenda and do I hear a motion to adopt the agenda?

COMMISSIONER BALCH: I will make a motion to adopt the agenda.

COMMISSIONER PADILLA: I would second that.

1 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: All in favor?

2 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: The motion to adopt  
5 today's agenda is passed.

6 Commissioners, also in your packet are the  
7 draft minutes from the February 11, 2016 commission  
8 meeting. Commissioners, have you -- do you have any  
9 changes to the minutes, and if not is there a motion to  
10 adopt the minutes?

11 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: I would so move.

12 COMMISSIONER BALCH: And I would second.

13 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: All in favor.

14 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: The motion to adopt the  
17 minutes from the February 11, 2016 commission meeting is  
18 passed.

19 The next order of business is the approval  
20 and adoption of an Order in Case No. 15366. This case was  
21 on the docket for the February 11th commission, and a  
22 motion by Matador Production Company to dismiss the de  
23 novo application filed by Amtex Energy Company was heard  
24 on that date. Mr. Brancard, working in conjunction with  
25 the attorneys in this case, has finalized an Order in that

1 case, and I believe he submitted that for review of the  
2 Order prior to this hearing, and I believe that there's  
3 some additional changes that were made after that.

4 MR. BRANCARD: Mr. Chairman, I got comments  
5 back from two of the commissioners, yourself and  
6 Commissioner Balch, and I just changed a few of the words  
7 that you-all saw problems with.

8 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Commissioners I presume  
9 you have reviewed the Order. Do we have any additional  
10 discussion with regards to that order?

11 COMMISSIONER BALCH: I have just one simple  
12 change, and I think...

13 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: I just had a couple of  
14 minor changes on page 1, I believe, and they were just  
15 minor, and I believe those were made, Mr. Brancard.

16 MR. BRANCARD: Right.

17 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: So with no further  
18 discussion, do I hear a notion to adopt and approve this  
19 Order?

20 COMMISSIONER BALCH: I will make a motion  
21 to adopt the Order.

22 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: I would second.

23 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: All in favor?

24 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Aye.



1 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Motion to adopt and  
2 approve Order No. 14097-A is hereby passed.

3 Just for information only, there was  
4 another case on the docket today, Case No. 15278, which I  
5 believe was the application of High Roller -- was a de  
6 novo application, High Roller Wells, LLC.

7 Prior to the hearing we had a request from  
8 Mewbourne Oil Company to continue the case to the  
9 commission docket scheduled for May 19th. All parties  
10 involved in that case agreed to the continuance, and as a  
11 result we issued Order No. R14091-A on March 2nd, 2016,  
12 and this Order simply continued this case to the May 19th  
13 docket.

14 So I believe that's all the direct business  
15 we have.

16 At this time we will call Case No. 15443,  
17 which is the application of the New Mexico Oil  
18 Conservation Division to amend certain provisions of Title  
19 19, Chapter 15, Part 36 of the New Mexico Administrative  
20 Code concerning surface waste management facilities;  
21 Part 35 of the New Mexico Administrative Code concerning  
22 waste disposal; and Part 2 of the New Mexico  
23 Administrative Code concerning the definition of oil field  
24 waste.

25 At this time I will call for appearances in

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO )

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3 COUNTY OF TAOS )

4 I, MARY THERESE MACFARLANE, DO HEREBY  
5 CERTIFY that I am a duly licensed Certified Court Reporter  
6 for the State of New Mexico;

7 that I reported stenographically to the  
8 best of my ability the proceedings had in the  
9 above-mentioned cause;

10 and that the foregoing transcript comprised  
11 of pages numbered 5 through 275, is a full, true and  
12 correct transcript of my stenographic notes so taken.

13 Dated at Taos, New Mexico this 29th day of  
14 April, 2016.

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