

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
February 15, 2018  
Porter Hall  
Wendell Chino Building  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Heather Riley | Chair, Oil Conservation Division                            |
| Robert Balch  | Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department |
| Ed Martin     | Designee, New Mexico State Land Commissioner                |

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bill Brancard, Counsel for the Commission  
Florene Davidson, Secretary for the Commission

**Item 1. Roll Call.**

Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

**Item 2. Approval of Agenda.**

**Action:** Commissioner Balch moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 3. Approval of minutes of January 18, 2018 meeting.**

**Action:** Commissioner Martin moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Balch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At the request of the De Novo applicants, the following cases were continued to the March 1, 2018 Commission Meeting:

**Item 4. Case No. 15655 (De Novo): Application of Black Mountain Operating LLC for a Non-Standard Oil Spacing and Proration Unit, Compulsory Pooling, and an Unorthodox Well Location, Lea County, New Mexico.**

**Item 5. Case No. 15659 (De Novo): Application of GMT Exploration Company LLC for a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.**

**Item 6. Case No. 15656 (De Novo): Application of Black Mountain Operating, LLC for a Non-Standard Oil Spacing and Proration Unit, Compulsory Pooling, and an Unorthodox Well Location, Lea County, New Mexico.**

- Item 7.      Case No. 15660 (De Novo): Application of GMT Exploration Company LLC for a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.**

At the request of the De Novo applicant, the following cases for XTO Energy Inc. for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico, were dismissed and dismissal orders were entered:

- Item 8.      Case No. 15836 (De Novo)**  
**Item 9.      Case No. 15837 (De Novo)**  
**Item 10.     Case No. 15838 (De Novo)**  
**Item 11.     Case No. 15839 (De Novo)**  
**Item 12.     Case No. 15840 (De Novo)**  
**Item 13.     Case No. 15841 (De Novo)**  
**Item 14.     Case No. 15842 (De Novo)**  
**Item 15.     Case No. 15843 (De Novo)**

- Item 16.     Other business**

**Action:** Counsel Brancard presented a legislative update to the Commission on a bill passed by the legislature to increase the amount of plugging bonds. A discussion was held on the timing of a hearing to amend the financial assurance rule.

- Item 17.     Next meeting: March 1, 2018**

- Item 18.     Adjournment.**

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

  
Heather Riley, Chair