# STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2019
Porter Hall
Wendell Chino Building
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Adrienne Sandoval Chair, Oil Conservation Division

Thomas Engler Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Scott Dawson Designee, New Mexico State Land Commissioner

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Miguel Lozano, Counsel for the Commission Florene Davidson, Commission Clerk

Chair Sandoval called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda.

Action: Commissioner Engler moved to adopt the agenda. Chair Sandoval

seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of minutes of July 18, 2019 meeting.

Action: Commissioner Engler moved to approve the minutes. Chair Sandoval

seconded the motion. Commissioner Dawson abstained from voting on the minutes since he did not attend the July meeting. The motion passed with

a majority vote.

Item 4. <u>Rehearing of Case No. 16403</u>: Application of Hilcorp Energy Company to Amend the Well Density and Location Requirements and

Administrative Exceptions of the Special Rules for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico. Appearances were made by Michael Feldewert for Hilcorp Energy Company (Hilcorp); Adam Rankin for Enduring Resources (Enduring); Andrea Antillon for the State Land Office (SLO); Julia Guarino and Eric Schlenker-Goodrich for the San Juan Citizens Alliance (SJCA); and Gabe Wade for the Oil

Conservation Division (OCD).

Ms. Antillon announced that all parties had worked together previous to this hearing and agreed on an unopposed motion to be presented at this hearing. She said that some last-minute changes were made to the motion and asked for a short break in order for all parties to review and accept the changes.

There was no objection from any party, and the meeting was recessed. The meeting was called back to order after the break, and Ms. Antillon identified the minor changes to the motion which were agreed upon by all parties. She asked that the Commission accept the motion and proposed an order be finalized. The motion as amended was supported as follows: Mr. Feldewert for Hilcorp; Ms. Guarino for SJCA; Gabe Wade for the OCD; and Adam Rankin for Enduring.

After a motion by Commissioner Engler and a second to the motion by Commissioner Dawson to close the meeting pursuant to NMAC 1978, Section 10-15-1H to deliberate on this matter, a roll call vote was held.

Chair Sandoval – Yes Commissioner Engler – Yes Commissioner Dawson – Yes

The meeting was closed by a unanimous vote.

After a motion by Commissioner Dawson and a second to the motion by Commissioner Engler, the Commission voted unanimously to go back into open session. Chair Sandoval announced that the Unopposed Motion to Amend the Special Rules for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool was the only matter discussed during the closed session. Commissioner Engler moved to grant the motion with the amendments provided by the parties at this hearing, Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Hilcorp was requested to draft a proposed order to be submitted to the Commission Counsel ten days before the September hearing which date will be decided at this hearing. Mr. Feldewert submitted two additional exhibits showing proof of notice and publication of this hearing. Ms. Antillon stated that the SLO sent copies of the unopposed motion to all Tribal Chapters. The case was closed.

#### Item 5. Pending litigation

**Action:** 

Counsel Lozano updated the Commission on the two Larry Marker financial assurance cases and the Delaware Energy appeal of the final order in Case 15855.

#### Item 6. Other business

There was no other business.

## Item 7. Rescheduling of September and October Meeting Dates

**Action:** 

After a discussion, the Commission agreed upon new Commission hearing dates of September 25 and October 16. Commissioner Dawson made a motion to accept the new hearing dates, Commissioner Engler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Sandoval directed the Commission Clerk to post the new hearing dates on the OCD website and to add the rescheduling of the November and December meeting dates to the agenda for the September Commission meeting.

### Item 8. Next meeting: September 25, 2019

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## Item 9. Adjournment.

Chair Sandoval adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Adrienne Sandoval, Chair