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

APPLICATION OF NORTHWIND MIDSTREAM PARTNERS LLC FOR APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL REDUNDANT ACID GAS INJECTION WELL AND TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-20913, AS AMENDED, AND SWD-2622 TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASED SHARED MAXIMUM DAILY INJECTION RATE, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 24881

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") submits this Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to 19.15.4.13(B) NMAC.

I. IDENTIFICATION OF PARTY AND COUNSEL

OCD intervened in this matter and is represented by undersigned counsel.

II. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Northwind Midstream Partners LLC ("Northwind") seeks approval of an additional redundant acid gas injection well ("AGI"), the Titan AGI #4, and an increased shared maximum daily injection rate. The proposal would expand injection of treated acid gas ("TAG") previously approved by the Commission for predecessor operator Salt Creek in Order R-20913, as amended.

OCD does not object to the approval of the redundant Titan AGI #4 well or increased injection rate, subject to the inclusion of the permit conditions identified in OCD Exhibit 2 and the incorporation by reference of the contents of Form C-108 Application submitted by Northwind in this case.

III. PROPOSED EVIDENCE

OCD intends to call Million Gebremichael, Petroleum Specialist Advanced, as an expert in petroleum engineering and underground injection. His testimony is expected to require approximately twenty (20) minutes. Mr. Gebremichael is a member of the OCD's UIC Group and has experience in the review of applications for compliance with OCD's rules and the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights, public health, and the environment. Mr. Gebremichael has more than 12 years of experience in the fields of reservoir engineering, petroleum geology, and regulatory oversight. In support of his testimony, Mr. Gebremichael will present the following exhibits:

Exhibit 1: Northwind AGI Wells Chronology – Demonstrative Aid

Exhibit 2: OCD Proposed Conditions of Operation

Exhibit 3: Resume of Million Gebremichael

IV. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

OCD has not identified any procedural matters to be resolved prior to the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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