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

APPLICATION OF GOODNIGHT MIDSTREAM PERMIAN, LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-22506 (SWD-2392) FOR A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO COMMENCE INJECTION OPERATIONS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 24491** 

## **MOTION TO REFER CASE TO COMMISSION**

Goodnight Midstream Permian, LLC ("Goodnight Midstream") (OGRID No. 372311), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this motion pursuant to 19.15.4.20.B NMAC to refer this case to the Commission. In support, Goodnight Midstream states the following:

- 1. This case involves an administrative application filed by Goodnight Midstream to extend the time to commence injection operations through its proposed Rocket SWD #1.
- Authority to inject was approved under Division Order No. R-22506 in Case No.
   21527, which went to hearing before the Division on December 3, 2020.
- 3. Under the provisions of the UIC Class II Permit SWD-2392, the authorization to inject granted the Rocket SWD #1 is valid for one year after the date of issuance, or until March 2, 2024. Goodnight Midstream submitted a timely request for a one-year extension in accordance with the terms of SWD-2392.
- 4. The administrative extension request was protested by Empire New Mexico LLC ("Empire"). In response, Goodnight Midstream filed an application for hearing to consider its extension request.
- 5. Empire has also separately filed an application to revoke the injection authority for the Rocket SWD #1 under Case No. 24021.

- 6. The Division Director referred Case No. 24021 to the Commission to be considered with a set of other disputed cases between Goodnight Midstream and Empire involving produced water disposal within and around Empire's Eunice Monument South Unit ("EMSU").
- 7. The application in this case relates to Goodnight Midstream Division Case Nos. 23614-23617, 23775; 24277 and 24278; and Commission Case No. 24123 (de novo); and Empire New Mexico, LLC's Division Case Nos. 24018-24020 and 24025, which all involve a dispute over produced water disposal in the San Andres formation within the EMSU. Applicant therefore requests that this application be referred to the Commission for consideration with the foregoing referenced cases under 19.15.4.20.B. NMAC.
- 8. Moreover, authority to inject into the Rocket SWD #1 is already pending before the Commission in Case No. 24021.
- 9. Division Rule 19.15.4.20 NMAC authorizes the Division Director to direct the Commission to hear certain matters. Referring this case to the Commission to be considered with other similar cases will promote administrative economy by avoiding the need for multiple hearings on similar issues between the Division and Commission.
- 10. Counsel for the Oil Conservation Division and Empire do not oppose this motion. WHEREFORE, Goodnight Midstream Permian, LLC requests that this case be referred to the Oil Conservation Commission for an initial status conference on June 20, 2024.

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