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

APPLICATION OF GOODNIGHT MIDSTREAM PERMIAN, LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-7767 TO EXCLUDE THE SAN ANDRES FORMATION FROM THE EUNICE MONUMENT OIL POOL WITHIN THE EUNICE MONUMENT SOUTH UNIT AREA, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 24277** 

APPLICATION OF GOODNIGHT MIDSTREAM PERMIAN, LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-7765, AS AMENDED TO EXCLUDE THE SAN ANDRES FORMATION FROM THE UNITIZED INTERVAL OF THE EUNICE MONUMENT SOUTH UNIT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 24278** 

APPLICATIONS OF GOODNIGHT MIDSTREAM PERMIAN, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELLS LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NOS. 23614-23617

APPLICATIONS OF EMPIRE NEW MEXICO LLC TO REVOKE INJECTION AUTHORITY, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NOS. 24018-24027

APPLICATION OF GOODNIGHT MIDSTREAM PERMIAN LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-22026/SWD-2403 TO INCREASE THE APPROVED INJECTION RATE IN ITS ANDRE DAWSON SWD #1, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 23775** 

APPLICATION OF GOODNIGHT PERMIAN MIDSTREAM, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO; ORDER NO. R-22869-A.

**CASE NO. 24123** 

## ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

Peifer, Hanson, Mullins & Baker, P.A. (Matthew M. Beck) hereby enters its appearance for Rice Operating Company ("Rice Operating") and Permian Line Service, LLC ("Permian

Line"), and moves for their intervention in these matters under 19.15.4.11 NMAC.

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The Commission properly should find that Rice Operating and Permian Line have standing to intervene in these matters for the following reasons:

- 1. Empire New Mexico, LLC ("Empire") is an oil-and-gas production company that operates the Eunice Monument South Unit ("EMSU"). The EMSU is an oil-and-gas production area subject to a unitization order issued under the Statutory Unitization Act, NMSA 1978 §§ 70-7-1 through -21, which area includes the Grayburg formation and the San Andres formation underlying the EMSU.
- 2. Rice Operating and Permian Line are salt water disposal companies that are the designated operators of injection wells in and around the EMSU that are properly, legally, and necessarily injecting wastewater into the San Andres formation, authorized by Oil Conservation Division injection permits issued pursuant to 19.15.24 NMAC,
- 3. In Case Nos. 24433-24439 before the Oil Conservation Division, Empire filed Applications to revoke the injection authority under which Rice Operating and Permian Line properly and necessarily operate their SWD wells. Empire notified the Commission, the Oil Conservation Division, and the parties that it properly seeks to dismiss those Applications.
- 4. Empire also filed a Complaint against Rice Operating, Permian Line, and others in State of New Mexico Fifth Judicial District Court Case No. D-506-CV-2024-0377, however, related to its ownership of the EMSU and Rice Operating's and Permian Line's subsurface interests in its injection wells that are properly, legally, and necessarily injecting into the San Andres formation. Empire has asserted that it does not intend to dismiss this lawsuit.
- 5. Empire properly recognized that its applications against Rice Operating's and Permian Line's SWD permits differ from the permits challenged here. But because of Rice Operating's and Permian Line's interests in the San Andres formation and potential adverse implications to its disposal wells from an imprudent Commission decision here, Rice Operating and Permian Line seek to intervene to preserve their rights that may be adversely affected by any

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on counsel of record by electronic mail this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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