

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
19.15.2, 19.15.5, 19.15.8, 19.15.9, AND 19.15.25 NMAC**

**WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER, et al.**

**PETITIONERS.**

**CASE NO. 24683**

**ORDER ON POST-HEARING SUBMITTALS**

This matter comes before the Hearing Officer on a Proposed Post-hearing Procedural Order filed by Applicants to govern filing post-hearing briefs ahead of the Commission deliberations. The proposed order contemplates that the Commission will begin deliberations January 14, 2026, consistent with the Commissioners' discussion during the hearing.

Having considered the proposed order, most parties' concurrence, Mr. Maxwell's proposed revision, and the calendar, together with the Commission's request of the Hearing Officer to compile a document ahead of deliberations in which all proposals are collected and shown in redline, the Hearing Officer orders a bifurcated submission as follows:

1. Final proposed drafts of the rule amendments shall be submitted by 5 p.m. January 2, 2026. Final proposed amendments shall be set out in redline, showing proposed deletions by strikeout, and proposed insertion by underline. Short references to the witness testimony and/or exhibits in which that section's proposal is supported are welcome. No page limit applies to this submission. The Hearing Officer will submit her compilation to the Commission to use in their deliberations by January 8, 2026.

2. Closing argument addressing the law and evidence and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law suitable for inclusion in a proposed statement of reasons supporting the Commission's final decision are due by 5 p.m. on January 8, 2026. These submissions are not required; if a party chooses to file, the entire submission has a page limit of 75 pages.

Respectfully submitted,

original signed by  
Felicia L. Orth, Hearing Officer