

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

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL AND GAS  
ASSOCIATION FOR AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF TITLE 19, CHAPTER 15 OF THE NEW MEXICO  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CONCERNING PITS, CLOSED-LOOP  
SYSTEMS, BELOW GRADE TANKS AND SUMPS, AND OTHER  
ALTERNATIVE METHODS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING  
MATTERS, STATEWIDE.**

**CASE NO. 14784**

**and**

**APPLICATION OF THE INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM  
ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE AMENDMENT  
OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 19, CHAPTER 15  
OF THE NEW MEXICO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
CONCERNING PITS, CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEMS, BELOW  
GRADE TANKS AND SUMPS, AND AMENDING OTHER  
SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO THE FOREGOING MATTERS,  
STATEWIDE.**

**CASE NO. 14785  
Order No. R-13506-A**

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**

This scheduling matter comes before the Oil Conservation Commission ("Commission") *sua sponte*.

**FINDINGS**

1. On January 19, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. R-13506 which, among other things, set April 16-20, 2012, as the dates for hearing the above referenced Applications.
2. On February 14, 2012, the First Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, in Case No. D-101-CV-2012-00106, entered a Writ of Prohibition in which the Court, among other things, ordered the Commission to "[i]mmediately cease all proceedings related to amendment of the New Mexico Administrative Code Title 19, Chapter 15, Part 17 until all appeals of said Title, Chapter and Part of the New Mexico Administrative Code have been resolved."
3. Pursuant to the Writ of Prohibition, the Commission did not give public notice of the April 16-20, 2012 hearing.

4. On March 30, 2012, after a hearing on the matter, the Court entered an Order Quashing Writ of Prohibition and Dismissing Case, in which the Court, among other things, quashed the Writ of Prohibition, finding that "a court may not intervene in administrative rule-making proceedings before the adoption of a final rule or regulation" and that "the original writ issued in this matter was improvidently granted."

**NOW THEREFORE it is ORDERED that**

A. The hearing on the Applications currently set for April 16-20, 2012, is continued until **May 14-18, 2012**. Notice of these dates, as well as the time and place, will be appropriately published.

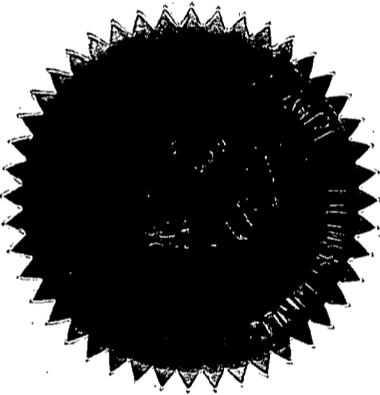
B. The portions of Order No. R-13506 regarding the severance, scheduling, notice and hearing of the Rule 39 amendments proposed by the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico remain unchanged and are not affected by this Order.

DONE in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 16th day of April, 2012.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



JAMI BAILEY, Chair



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