

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**APPLICATION OF OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
TO ADOPT 19.15.27 NMAC AND 19.15.28 NMAC, AND
TO AMEND 19.15.7 NMAC, 19.15.18 NMAC, AND
19.15.19 NMAC; STATEWIDE**

CASE NO. _____

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The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”), applies to the Oil Conservation Commission (“Commission”) to hold a public hearing to consider and adopt rules to regulate the waste of natural gas by venting and flaring in the production and gathering sectors of the oil and gas industry. The rules consist of two new and three amended rules.

The new rules are:

19.15.27 NMAC – Venting and Flaring of Natural Gas: OCD proposes to adopt a new rule to establish requirements for the operators of production facilities to report and reduce the venting and flaring of natural gas.

19.15.28 NMAC – Natural Gas Gathering Systems: OCD proposes to adopt a new rule to establish requirements for the operators of natural gas gathering systems, including gathering pipelines, to report and reduce the venting and flaring of natural gas.

The amended rules are:

19.15.7 NMAC – Forms and Reports: OCD proposes to amend an existing rule to rename a form, add new forms, and provide instructions for the use of those forms.

19.15.18 NMAC – Production Operating Practices: OCD proposes to amend an existing rule to remove a provision requiring the operators of production facilities to file an application to flare natural gas.

19.15.19 NMAC – Natural Gas Production Operating Practice: OCD proposes to amend an existing rule to remove two provisions regarding the venting of natural gas at production facilities.

3. OCD requests that the Commission set a special hearing on the proposed rules for January 5, 2021.

4. Pursuant to 19.15.3.8(C) NMAC, and in addition to the requirements of 19.15.3.11(B)(2) NMAC, OCD requests that the Commission:

- a. establish a deadline for pre-hearing motions;
- b. appoint a hearing examiner to hold a pre-hearing conference to decide procedural matters and non-dispositive pre-hearing motions before the hearing;
- c. schedule a meeting to hear and decide dispositive motions, if any, before the hearing;
- d. require persons to file pre-hearing statements no later than December 22, 2020; and
- e. authorize a party, after it presents each witness individually for direct examination, to present its witnesses as a panel for the purpose of cross-examination.

5. The rules and public notice are attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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