

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

**APPLICATION OF VENDERA RESOURCES III, LP,  
VENDERA MANAGEMENT III, LLC, AND HIGHMARK  
OPERATING, LLC TO APPROVE A FORM C-145 NAMING  
HIGHMARK ENERGY OPERATING, LLC AS THE SUCCESSOR  
OPERATOR OF THE CENTRAL VACUUM UNIT  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

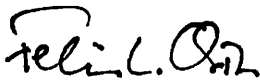
**OCD CASE NO. 21704**

**PRE-HEARING ORDER**

This Pre-Hearing Order follows a status conference held on March 4, 2021, and agreement by the parties to a briefing schedule on opponent Chevron's Motion to Dismiss.

1. Applicant shall file its response to the motion by midnight, March 15, 2021.
2. Chevron shall file its reply to Applicant's response by midnight, March 24, 20121.
3. This matter will appear on the April 8, 2021 docket for oral argument on the motion, if deemed necessary by the Hearing Examiner; an order on the motion may be issued without oral argument.
4. A courtesy copy of all documents filed with the Division Hearings staff shall also be sent to the Hearing Examiner via e-mail.

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**FELICIA L. ORTH  
HEARING EXAMINER**

Date: 3/4/21