

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

**IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE COMMISSION'S RULE ON NATURAL GAS
GATHERING SYSTEMS, 19.15.28 NMAC**

CASE NO. 22225

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION'S
PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

The Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") submits this Pre-Hearing Statement in accordance with 19.15.3.11(B) NMAC.

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

OCD proposes to amend two sections of *19.15.28 NMAC – Natural Gas Gathering Systems* ("Part 28"): (1) 19.15.28.8(F)(3) NMAC, to correct the lost natural gas calculation; and (2) 19.15.28.10(B) NMAC, to correct an internal citation and to change "produced" to "gathered", which is the appropriate term for natural gas gathering systems.

II. TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

OCD's witness will be Mr. Jim Bolander, a registered professional engineer and the president of JLB Engineering, LLC. After receiving his B.S. in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University, Mr. Bolander worked in a range of engineering positions in the oil and gas industry, including stints as vice president of operations, chief operations engineer, vice-president for health, safety and environment, and senior vice president for resource development. He also testified on behalf of OCD in the hearing for the original Part 28. His qualifications are described in Exhibit 1. Mr. Bolander will explain the purpose of the proposed amendments to Part 28 as more fully described in the powerpoint presentation in Exhibit 2. OCD estimates that Mr. Bolander will testify for 15 minutes.

OCD reserves the right to call rebuttal witnesses and offer rebuttal exhibits.

III. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

As of the time of this filing, OCD is not aware of any procedural matters to be resolved prior to the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



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