

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

**APPLICATIONS OF READ & STEVENS, INC. FOR CREATION
OF A SPECIAL WOLFBONE POOL IN SECTIONS 4, 5, 8 AND 9
IN TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO.: 24528

**APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. FOR THE CREATION
OF A SPECIAL POOL, A WOLFBONE POOL, PURSUANT TO
ORDER NO. R-23089 AND TO REOPEN CASE NOS.
23448 – 23455, 23594 – 23601, AND 23508 – 23523,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO.: 24541

PRE-HEARING ORDER

This Pre-Hearing Order follows a motion to reopen cases related to R-23089 and the parties being advised by the Oil Conservation Division (Division) that an application proposing a special Wolfcamp pool is the preferred way forward, and having received two competing applications, it is determined that a contested hearing is necessary to resolve the issues:

THE HEARING EXAMINER FINDS AND ORDERS:

1. Case Nos. 24528 and 24521 are hereby consolidated for the purposes of a contested hearing which will commence on **August 13, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.** and may continue thereafter as resources allow.
2. If the parties resolve their differences and withdraw all objections to a hearing by affidavit, the hearing will proceed without protest on August 13, 2024.
3. The hearing will be recorded and transcribed verbatim by a court reporter.
4. The hearing shall be conducted in hybrid fashion, in-person at Pecos Hall, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, 1st Floor, Santa Fe, NM and via MS Teams virtual meeting platform (sign in information will be sent to the parties closer to the date of the hearing). It is strongly preferred that Counsel appear in-person while witnesses may be offered in-person or virtually. The Hearing Examiner may modify the format of the hearing consistent with the available resources at the time of the hearing.

5. Pre-hearing statements shall be filed no later than August 6, 2024 and in addition to 19.15.4.13.B(1)

NMAC include the following:

- a) All evidentiary exhibits, documents, affidavits, and the full-written testimony of any witness a party offers at the hearing.

Exhibits must be sequentially marked on every page. Failure to timely file a complete pre-hearing statement may cause the Hearing Examiner to continue the hearing and/or impose sanctions up to and including the exclusion of late-filed evidence.

6. Evidentiary objections must be filed no later than 48 hours before the hearing. Rulings on the objections will be addressed as a preliminary matter when the case is called.
7. All witnesses filing direct testimony shall attend the hearing and may be subject to cross examination by Counsel and the Division's Examiners.
8. Requests for a continuance shall be filed in writing through the OCD fee portal at least 1 week prior to the contested hearing for approval by the Hearing Examiner.

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HEARING EXAMINER