

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

**APPLICATION OF AVANT OPERATING, LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND APPROVAL  
OF NONSTANDARD SPACING UNIT,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 24544**

**PRE-HEARING ORDER**

This Pre-Hearing Order follows a status conference held on June 27, 2024, all Parties in attendance. Based on the Parties' representations that negotiations are at an impasse and a contested hearing is necessary to resolve the issues:

**THE HEARING EXAMINER FINDS AND ORDERS:**

1. The contested hearing will commence on **August 20, 2024**, at **8:30 a.m.** and may continue on August 21, 2024.
2. If objections to a hearing by affidavit are subsequently withdrawn, the case will proceed by affidavit on August 20, 2024.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 4 business days prior to the hearing and in addition to the requirements of 19.15.4.13.B(1) NMAC, shall include the following:
  - a) All evidentiary exhibits, documents, affidavits, and 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 one week prior to the contested hearing for approval by the Hearing Examiner.

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**GREGORY CHAKALIAN**  
**HEARING EXAMINER**