

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

**APPLICATIONS OF CIVITAS PERMIAN OPERATING, LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NOS. 24710, 24711**

**APPLICATION OF CHEVRON U.S.A. INC.  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 25025**

**APPLICATION OF CHEVRON U.S.A. INC.  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, AND, TO  
THE EXTENT NECESSARY, APPROVAL OF  
AN OVERLAPPING SPACING UNIT  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 25026**

**PRE-HEARING ORDER**

This Pre-Hearing Order follows a status conference held on December 19, 2024, all Parties in attendance. Based on the Parties' representations that a contested hearing is necessary to resolve disputed issues:

**THE HEARING EXAMINER FINDS AND ORDERS:**

1. Case Nos. 24710, 24711, 25025 and 25026 are hereby consolidated for the purposes of a contested hearing which will commence on **March 18**, at **9:00 a.m.** and may continue on March 19, 2025.
2. If objections to a hearing by affidavit are subsequently withdrawn, the cases will proceed by affidavit on April 10, 2025.
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 **9:00 a.m.**, 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.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 18th day of December, 2024.



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