STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting February 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Oil Conservation Commission meeting was a hybrid meeting with both in person and virtual participation options. The meeting was held in the Pecos Hall Hearing Room at the Wendell Chino Building, First Floor, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gerasimos Razatos

Acting Chair, Oil Conservation Division

Daniel Rubin

Commission Counsel [appearing remote via Microsoft Teams meeting]

William Ampomah

Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Greg Bloom

Designee, New Mexico State Land Office Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sheila Apodaca, Law Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Razatos at 9:00 a.m.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Action: Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda.

Action:

Commissioner Bloom moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3. Pending cases:

Case Nos. 24123, 23614-17 (Applications of Goodnight Permian Midstream for Approval of Saltwater Disposal well, Lea County, NM); 23775 (Application of Goodnight Permian Midstream to Amend Order NO. R-22026/SWD-2403 to Increase the Approved Injection Rate in its Andre Dawson SWD #1, Lea County, New Mexico); and 24018-20 and 24025 (Applications of Empire New Mexico to Revoke the Injections Authority Granted Under No. R-22026, Lea County, New Mexico).

Action:

OCD's Motion to Compel Expert Witness Testimony of Robert Lindsay.

Parkin appeared on healf of Goodnight Midstream, Chris Moonder appeared.

Adam Rankin appeared on behalf of Goodnight Midstream; Chris Moander appeared on behalf of Oil Conservation Division; Ernest Padilla, Dana Hardy and Sharon Shaheen appeared on behalf of Empire New Mexico.

Commission Counsel advised the Commission and parties of his recommendation that the motion should be granted. The parties presented oral argument on the motion and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Bloom moved for an order granting the motion to compel. Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion was unanimously approved. Additional motions will be heard at a later date.

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Confirmation of the hearing schedule: motions and opening statements on February 20, 2025 and evidentiary hearing on February 24-28, 2025. It was also decided that a short summary of the written testimony will be presented prior to the witnesses' testimony.

Case No. 24912: Application of Apache Corporation for an Adjudicatory Hearing to Contest the Division's Conditions of Approval on Apache Corporation's Scope of Work for Additional Investigation. Lea County, New Mexico.

 Continuation of the hearing on January 16-17, 2025 for the Commission's deliberations.

Action:

Dalva Moellenberg and Samantha Catalano appeared on behalf of Apache Corporation; Jesse Tremaine appeared on behalf of the Oil Conservation Division.

10:06 a.m. Commissioner Bloom moved for a closed session for the Commission's deliberations; Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion; roll call was taken and the motion was unanimously approved. The Commission moved into a closed session meeting.

11:20 a.m. The public meeting was reconvened. Commission Acting Chair Razatos announced that only those matters listed in the agenda were discussed and no final actions were taken. The Commission did discuss a previous motion to grant the permit with the conditions of approval, which came with the Oil Conservation Division's closing arguments. Commissioner Bloom motioned for adoption the OCD's conditions of approval, with three amendments requested by the Commission. Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

11:37 a.m. Meeting was adjourned.

Gerasimos Razatos Acting Chair