

## Horizontal Well Rule

- Ask the Commission to Adopt AMENDMENTS to the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) Rules 19.15.14 NMAC and 19.15.16 NMAC regarding horizontal well drilling in New Mexico.
- Certify the New Rules so adopted for publication to the New Mexico Register as required by statute.

## INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Horizontal Wells – have become one of the most valuable and emerging technologies in the oil and gas industry
- ▶ Current OCD Rules do not adequately address horizontal well drilling
- ▶ Operators in New Mexico are desirous to develop their minerals with horizontal wells
- ▶ OCD may approve or deny the request for non-standard spacing unit.
- ▶ OCD has used these procedures for several years.

*Case: 14744*

*OCD Exhibit 2*

- In 2008, it became necessary to develop a horizontal well rule.
- The NMOGA Regulatory Practices Committee (RPC) took the task of developing the horizontal well rule in 2008.
- The RPC produced a tentative draft in June of this year.
- In June of this year, the OCD was charged with developing a horizontal well rule.
- The OCD formed a horizontal well rule workgroup.

## Members of the Workgroup Include Personnel From the Following:

- Oil and Gas Industry including majors and independents
- New Mexico State Land Office (SLO)
- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- The Oil Conservation Division (OCD), including the Santa Fe and District Offices

With expertise of the members ranging from:

- Landmen
- Attorneys
- Geologists
- Drilling Engineers
- Reservoir Engineers
- Production Engineers

## Dedicated Members of the Workgroup and affiliations

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- Workgroup met for the first time on 6/29/11
- Used the NMOGA/RPC draft as the starting point
- Developed a time line for further meetings
- Met every Wednesday for whole days (morning and afternoon)
- After every meeting, draft was provided by David Brooks and distributed to members to read before the next meeting
- We were able to provide a draft on 8/3/11
- Final draft was produced on 8/10/11
- CONSENSUS reached by all the members of the workgroup.