

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

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL AND GAS  
ASSOCIATION FOR AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF TITLE 19, CHAPTER 15 OF THE NEW MEXICO  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CONCERNING PITS, CLOSED-LOOP  
SYSTEMS, BELOW GRADE TANKS AND SUMPS, AND OTHER  
ALTERNATIVE METHODS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING  
MATTERS, STATEWIDE.**

**and**

**APPLICATION OF THE INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM  
ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE AMENDMENT  
OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 19, CHAPTER 15  
OF THE NEW MEXICO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
CONCERNING PITS, CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEMS, BELOW  
GRADE TANKS AND SUMPS, AND AMENDING OTHER  
SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO THE FOREGOING MATTERS,  
STATEWIDE.**

**CASE NO. 14784**

**and**

**CASE NO. 14785**

**(consolidated)**

**Order No. R-13506-B**

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**

**THIS MATTER** comes before the Oil Conservation Commission ("Commission") at the request of the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico ("IPANM"), made during the May 14 – 18, 2012 hearing of the above referenced matters. The request will be treated as a motion.

1. The amendments to NMAC Title 19, Chapter 15, Part 17 ("Rule 17") that are sought by IPANM in Case No. 14785 and the amendments to Rule 17 that are sought by the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association in Case No. 14784 are virtually identical.
2. On January 19, 2012, by Order No. R-13506, the Commission severed from the hearing on the amendments to Rule 17 that are sought in Case Nos. 14784 and 14785 the portion of IPANM's petition that seeks to modify a section of NMAC Title 19, Chapter 15, Part 39 ("Rule 39"). In the same Order, the Commission determined that the hearing on the amendments to Rule 39 that are sought by IPANM will be scheduled and noticed after completion of the hearing and deliberation on the proposed Rule 17 amendments.

3. This Order does not apply to the portion of Case No. 14785 whereby IPANM seeks to modify Rule 39.

4. During the May 14 - 18, 2012 hearing IPANM orally requested that all evidence taken during the hearing of Case No. 14784 be made a part of the record for Case No. 14785, as well. There was no objection to IPANM's request.

5. IPANM's request is well taken and for the reasons stated herein and for administrative economy the portions of Case Nos. 14784 and 14785 that seek to amend Rule 17 will be consolidated.

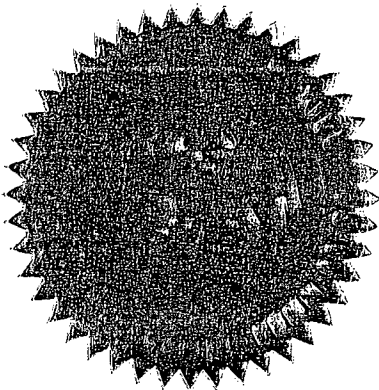
**NOW THEREFORE** it is **ORDERED** that Case Nos. 14784 and 14785 are hereby consolidated effective January 19, 2012, except for the portions of Case No. 14785 that were severed by Order No R-13506, which portions will be treated as set forth in Order No R-13506.

DONE in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



JAMI BAILEY, Chair



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