

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
August 8, 2016
Porter Hall
Wendell Chino Building
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David R. Catanach Chair, Oil Conservation Division
Robert Balch Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Patrick Padilla Designee, State Land Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Bada, Counsel for the Commission

The meeting was called to order by Chair Catanach at 1:00 p.m.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Balch moved adoption of the agenda. Commissioner Padilla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Balch moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Padilla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Case No. 15487, application of the Oil Conservation Division for adoption of special pool rules for drilling new wells in certain areas, for the protection of fresh water, Chaves and Eddy Counties, New Mexico. (This case was called only for the purpose of scheduling a date for the case to be heard.)

Action: Appearances were made by David Brooks for the Oil Conservation Division; Gary Larson for Yates Petroleum Corporation; Michael Feldewert for COG Operating LLC, OXY USA, and Fasken Oil & Ranch, Ltd; Karin Foster for the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico; and appearing by phone were A. J. Olsen and Olivia Mitchell for the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District. Mr. Brooks noted that Jim Bruce, who represents Mack Energy Corporation, had been advised of today's hearing and had already agreed to the proposed dates. Mr. Brooks stated that he had been advised by each of the attorneys involved in this case that they and their witnesses would be available December 5 through 7 for the hearing of this case. The Commissioners also agreed to these proposed

dates. All parties involved agreed to a starting time of 1:00 p.m. on December 5. Chair Catanach announced that any other cases that might be scheduled for the regular Commission meeting on December 6 would be delayed until Case 15487 is finished. A discussion was held on when pre-hearing statements and proposed exhibits should be filed. Mr. Brooks said that Division rules require them to be filed at least four business days before the meeting. All parties agreed that they should be filed on Monday, November 21, 2016. Ms. Foster stated her opinion that because of the large geographical area involved in this case, this should be a rulemaking hearing allowing for 30 days' notice.

Item 5. Next meeting: August 25, 2016

Item 6. Adjournment.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Catanach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DAVID R. CATANACH, Chair