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

## APPLICATION OF CK DISPOSAL, LLC FOR A PERMIT TO OPERATE A COMMERCIAL SURFACE WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

## CASE NO. 15617 ORDER NO. R-14254-A

## **ORDER ON MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

This matter came before the Oil Conservation Commission on a Motion for Continuance filed by Louisiana Energy Services, LLC, d/b/a URENCO USA ("LES"). CK Disposal, LLC ("CK") filed a Response and LES filed a Reply. The Commission Chair, having reviewed the filings and having conducted a conference call with counsel for the parties on December 30, 2016, enters the following findings and order:

1. The Commission has scheduled this matter for a hearing to begin on January 9, 2017, in Eunice, New Mexico, and has provided public notice. LES, in its Motion, argued that more time is needed to properly prepare for the hearing and requested the hearing be rescheduled for no earlier than February 1, 2017. CK is willing to accept a continuance to February 6, 2017, but only if the hearing is held in Santa Fe. LES, in its Reply, is willing to accept a hearing in Santa Fe if necessary, but argues that the fairest option for public input and proper preparation would be to hold the hearing in Eunice in late March 2017.

2. The Commission finds that the parties should be allowed additional time to prepare for the technical portion of the hearing. The Commission also recognizes that there is significant public interest in this case. Therefore, to accommodate the needs of the parties and interest of the public, the Commission will schedule the hearing as follows.

3. The Hearing will commence on January 9, 2017, as advertised, in Eunice, New Mexico, solely for the purpose of allowing the public the opportunity to present non-technical statements on this case. 19.15.4.14 (C) NMAC. No technical exhibits may be admitted, but persons may offer a written statement for the record. CK may be allowed, at the beginning of the hearing, to present a brief summary of its proposal for the benefit of the public.

4. The Hearing will be continued, beginning at 9 am on February 8, 2017, at Porter Hall, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The parties may present technical evidence and testimony at this Hearing, but the Commission will also designate times during each day of the Hearing for the presentation of nontechnical statements from the public if applicable. The deadlines for filing pre-hearing Case No. 15617 Order No. R-14254-A Page 2

statements by the parties and any notices of intervention shall be based on the February 8, 2017 hearing date. 19.15.4.10, 11, and 13 NMAC.

5. The Commission shall provide additional public notice of the February 8, 2017 hearing date as specified in 19.15.4.9 (B) NMAC. If the hearing does not conclude on February 8, the Commission may continue the Hearing to February 9, 2017, or to some later date without the need for further public notice. 19.15.4.15 NMAC.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 3rd day of January, 2017.



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