

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2015
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, New Mexico State Land Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Brancard, Counsel for the Commission

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

Item 1. Roll Call.

Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda.

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

Item 3. Approval of minutes of July 16, 2015 meeting.

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

Item 4. Approve and adopt order in Case 15284, application of Linn Operating, Inc. to amend Commission Order No. R-11980-A regarding the East Hobbs San Andres Unit, Lea County, New Mexico.

Action: Chair Catanach stated that testimony was taken in this case at the July 16, 2015 meeting. Counsel Brancard explained that he had reviewed and amended a draft order submitted by Jim Bruce, the attorney for Linn Operating, Inc., and distributed it to the Commissioners for their review. A discussion was held on some changes to the draft order proposed by Chair Catanach regarding the estimated two-year costs of alternative make-up fluids. The Commission voted unanimously to accept the proposed changes to the order. A discussion was held on how the dissention of one commissioner could be shown in the final order. It was unanimously agreed that the word "Opposed" would be written by the signature of the dissenting Commissioner. Commissioner Padilla moved to approve the order as amended, and Commissioner Balch seconded the motion. The motion

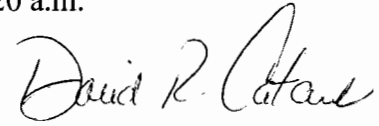
passed unanimously. Subsequent to the meeting, Order No. R-11980-D in Case 15284 was amended and signed by all Commissioners.

Item 6. Next meeting: September 10, 2015

Action: Counsel Brancard stated that two separate applications for geothermal injection wells have been consolidated by Chair Catanach and set for the September 10, 2015 Commission meeting. A procedural order has been issued for the two cases. He said that either he or Chair Catanach may hold a pre-hearing conference to identify issues and streamline the presentation of the cases.

Item 7. Adjournment.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.



DAVID R. CATANACH, Chair