

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

**APPLICATION OF XTO DELAWARE
BASIN, LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-20568
BY EXCLUDING FEDERAL UNIT ACREAGE
FROM HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. 20918

**APPLICATION OF XTO DELAWARE
BASIN, LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-20249
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EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. 20919

**XTO DELAWARE BASIN, LLC'S
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF JANUARY 9, 2020 HEARING**

Applicant XTO Delaware Basin, LLC ("XTO") requests a continuance of the January 9, 2020 hearing on Novo's Motion to Dismiss and XTO's Motion for Continuance. In support of its motion, XTO states the following.

1. These matters were initially scheduled to be heard on December 12, 2019. XTO filed motions for continuance on December 6, 2019, requesting that the matters be rescheduled for the Division's February 20, 2020 hearing docket.
2. On December 6, 2019, Novo Oil & Gas Northern Delaware, LLC ("Novo") filed a motion seeking dismissal of XTO's applications.
3. The Division issued an order on December 9, 2019, vacating the December 12, 2019 hearing and setting the pending motions for oral argument on January 9, 2020.
4. Counsel for XTO are not available for the January 9th hearing. Mr. Larson is retiring effective December 31, 2019, and Ms. Hardy is scheduled to appear in a utility rate case hearing

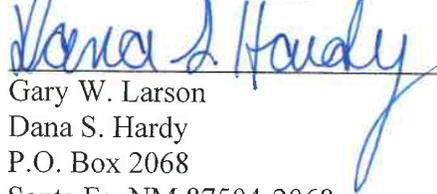
before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission from January 6 through 17, 2020.¹ The rate case hearing was set in July 2019, and the case involves numerous parties and a statutory decision deadline. As a result, neither Mr. Larson nor Ms. Hardy can attend the January 9, 2020 hearing, and XTO respectfully requests that the hearing be continued to a date after January 17, 2020.

5. XTO has contacted counsel for Novo regarding this motion, and Novo opposes the requested continuance.

WHEREFORE, XTO requests that the Division grant its motion and continue the January 9, 2020 hearing for a date after January 17, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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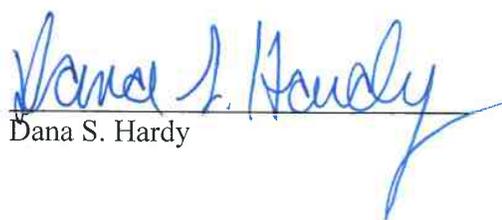
¹ The rate case caption is: *In the Matter of Southwestern Public Service Company's Application for: (1) Revision of its Retail Electric Rates Under Advice Notice No. 202; (2) Authorization and Approval to Shorten the Service Life and Abandon its Tolk Generating Station Units; and (3) Other Related Relief, Case No. 19-00170-UT.*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 13th day of December, 2019, I sent a true and correct copy of the foregoing *XTO Delaware Basin, LLC's Motion for Continuance* via email to:

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