

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Motions Meeting
June 4, 2021

The Oil Conservation Commission meeting was held via Webex Meeting platform.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adrienne Sandoval	Chair, Oil Conservation Division
Greg Bloom	Designee, State Land Office Commissioner
Terry Warnell	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

Christopher Moander, Counsel for the Commission
Felicia Orth, Hearing Examiner
Florene Davidson, Commission Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Hearing Examiner Orth at approximately 9:17 a.m.

Item 1. Case 21834: Motion Hearing on the Application of WildEarth Guardians and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to Amend Rules 19.15.29.6, 19.15.29.8, and 19.15.29.15 NMAC.

Action: Hearing Examiner Orth announced that Chair Adrienne Sandoval, Commissioner Greg Bloom, and Commissioner Terry Warnell were in attendance. Appearances were made by Eric Ames for the Oil Conservation Division (OCD); Daniel Timmons for WildEarth Guardians (WEG); Adam Rankin for the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association (NMOGA); Andrew Cloutier for the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico (IPANM); Douglas Meiklejohn for the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club, Pueblo Action Alliance, Citizens Caring for the Future, NAVA Education Project, and Amigos Bravos (the Intervenors). All counsel argued the following motions: Motion to Exclude Evidence and Testimony filed by NMOGA; Motion to Strike and Exclude Testimony and Evidence on Proposed Modifications of Sierra Club, et al filed by IPANM; Motion to Exclude Certain Proposed Testimony of Kayley Shoup, filed by IPANM; and Motion to Exclude All Proposed Evidence and Testimony of Sierra Club, et al, filed by IPANM. All counsel responded to questions from the Commissioners.

Hearing Examiner Orth ruled that:

Mr. Guame's testimony for the Intervenors will be limited to the proposals of OCD and WEG and made without the workbook he had prepared; proposed technical testimony can be accepted from Kayley Shoup as a non-technical witness, and the Commission may disregard her testimony if they choose. Also, it was decided that the Commission will not be hearing the intervenors' proposed modifications because they are not a logical outgrowth of the initial proposal.

An order will be written by Examiner Orth reflecting the decisions made at this hearing.

Chair Sandoval announced that proposals to present oral public comments can be e-mailed to the Commission Clerk.

Item 2. Adjournment

Action: Chair Sandoval adjourned the hearing at 10:48 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AS', written in a cursive style.

Adrienne Sandoval, Chair