

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 7, 2023

The Oil Conservation Commission meeting was a hybrid meeting with both in person and virtual participation options. The meeting was held in Room 317 at the New Mexico State Capitol, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dylan Fuge	Chair, Oil Conservation Division
Greg Bloom	Designee, New Mexico State Land Office Commissioner
William Ampomah	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

Florene Davidson, Commission Clerk

The hearing was called to order by Chair Fuge at 9:00 a.m.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Action: Roll was taken; a quorum was present. Commissioner Ampomah appeared virtually.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda.

Action: Commissioner Bloom made a motion to adopt the September 7, 2023 agenda and Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of the August 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Action: Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve the August 17, 2023 minutes and Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Prior cases

Case No. 23580: Application of the Wildearth Guardians in the matter of Proposed Amendment to the Commission's Rules to Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and Their Use in Oil and Gas Extraction, 19.15.2, 19.15.16, 19.15.31, and 19.15.32 NMAC.

Action: Chair Fuge explained that a proposed order has been presented in this case and will be signed as soon as the Webex meeting information can be obtained for the scheduled February 26, 2024 hearing of this case.

Upon an unopposed motion for continuance, the following previously scheduled three cases were continued to the November 9, 2023 Commission hearing:

De Novo Case No. 21744: Application of Cimarex Energy Co. for Hearing De Novo of Case No. 21629, Eddy County, New Mexico Application of Magnum Hunter Production, Inc., an affiliate of Cimarex Energy Co., (“Cimarex”) to Reopen Case No. 21629, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case 22018: Application of Cimarex Energy Co. for a Horizontal Spacing and Proration Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case 22019: Application of Cimarex Energy Co. for a Horizontal Spacing and Proration Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Item 5. New cases set for Status Conference:

Case 23727: Application of Targa Northern Delaware LLC for Rehearing of Order No. R-13507-E, Lea County, New Mexico

Action: An appearance was made by Dana Hardy for Targa Northern Delaware LLC (Targa). She advised that Targa hopes to present a joint proposed order to the Commission for approval at or in advance of its October 12 hearing. The case was continued to the October 12, 2023 Commission meeting.

Item 6: The following two cases were referred to the Commission by Order No. R-22837 for a status conference:

Case 23686: Application of Chevron U.S.A. to Approve Saltwater Disposal Wells in Lea and Eddy Counties, New Mexico

Case 23687: Application of Chevron U.S.A. to Approve Saltwater Disposal Wells in Lea and Eddy Counties, New Mexico

Action: Appearances were made by Deana Bennett for Chevron U.S.A. (Chevron), Jesse Tremaine for the Oil Conservation Division (OCD), Dana Hardy for Mewbourne Oil Company (Mewbourne), and Nicholas Koluncich for the State Land Office. A discussion was held and all parties agreed to schedule the cases for the November 9, 2023 Commission meeting with the caveat that the cases would only proceed if the compulsory pooling cases currently scheduled for that date were continued or otherwise resolved.

Item 7. Other business

Action: There was no other business.

Item 8. Pending litigation

Action: There was no pending litigation.

Item 9. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 12, 2023.

Item 10. Adjournment

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


Dylan Fuge
Chair