

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

**APPLICATIONS OF PERMIAN OILFIELD
PARTNERS, LLC TO APPROVE SALT WATER
DISPOSAL WELL IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case Nos.: 24124-24125

**ORDER DENYING PERMIAN OILFIELD PARTNERS, LLC'S
MOTION TO AMEND THE PRE-HEARING ORDER**

THIS MATTER, having come before the Hearing Examiner on Permian Oilfield Partners, LLC's (POP) Motion to Amend the Pre-Hearing Order (presumed opposed-without the benefit of knowing the objecting parties' positions on the Motion), and having considered the Motion and Exhibits and being otherwise fully apprised, finds the Motion not well taken and therefore denied. The Hearing Examiner relied upon the following facts:

1. POP filed the applications in these two matters on December 22, 2023.
2. The matters were set for a hearing by affidavit on February 1, 2024.
3. On January 11, 2024, counsel for MRC Permian Co. and Matador Production Co. filed an objection to these matters proceeding by affidavit.
4. The matters were therefore set for a status conference on February 1, 2024.
5. At the status conference, the parties could not agree on a contested hearing date. POP requested an earlier hearing on February 29, 2024, and opposing counsel requested May 2, 2024, asserting that their witnesses were not available before May 2, 2024.
6. On February 4, 2024, the Hearing Examiner issued a Pre-Hearing Order setting the contested hearing on May 2, 2024, relying on opposing counsel's representations and the availability of the Division's technical examiner.

7. The Self-Affirmed Statement of Gary Fisher, President of POP (attached to the Motion as Exhibit 2) indicates that as of February 9, 2024, POP has “the opportunity to enter into a contract,” and that Permian Resources Corp. estimates it “will drill up to eighty-eight wells ... and produce approximately 50,000 barrels of water per day.”

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Motion is denied and the February 4, 2024 Pre-Hearing Order, which set these cases for a contested hearing on May 2, 2024 remains in full force.

GREGORY CHAKALIAN
HEARING EXAMINER