

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

**APPLICATIONS OF PERMIAN OILFIELD
PARTNERS, LLC TO APPROVE SALT WATER
DISPOSAL WELLS IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO CASE NOS. 24124 & 24125**

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO CONTINUE

THIS MATTER, having come before the Hearing Examiner on Permian Oilfield Partners, LLC's (POP) *Motion to Request That Review of Two Pending Administrative SWD Applications be Coordinated with Efforts to Resolve Cases Nos. 24124 and 24125*, and having reviewed the unopposed Motion and being otherwise fully apprised in the matter, finds and orders as follows:

1. POP filed its applications in Case Nos. 24124 and 24125 on or about December 21, 2023, for the purposes of an evidentiary hearing before the Division's Hearing Examiner.
2. MRC Permian Company and Matador Production Company (collectively MRC/Matador), along with Avant Operating, LLC (Avant), objected to the applications proceeding by affidavit. On February 2, 2024, POP filed a Request to Set Hearing Date with the Division and a Pre-Hearing Order issued setting a Contested Hearing on May 2, 2024.
3. Contemporaneously, POP filed an administrative application on February 28, 2024, for approval of its Outskirts Federal SWD #1 Well (Outskirts Well) located in Section 22, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and filed an administrative application on March 15, 2024, for approval of its Fringe Federal SWD #1 Well (Fringe Well) located in Section 12, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

4. MRC/Matador contacted POP on March 6, 2024 seeking a resolution. POP and MRC/Matador engaged in a series of emails that culminated in finding a pathway that may lead to a resolution of MRC/Matador's objection. Importantly, POP's representations are silent as to Avant's objection.

5. The protest period for the Outskirts Well has passed and the application is ripe for a ruling by the OCD. The protest period for the Fringe Well has also passed, and this application has received objections; however, POP is negotiating with the objecting parties to resolve the matter.

6. In response to the Motion to Continue filed on April 17, 2024, an *Order Amending Pre-hearing Order* was filed on April 18, 2024, extending the contested hearing date of Case Nos. 24124-25 to May 16, 2024.

7. The Hearing Division has no control over the Division's administrative approval process nor its system of prioritization of applications. It is therefore ordered that the Amended Pre-Hearing Order remains in effect and POP may present evidence on May 16, 2024, or dismiss its applications while it awaits a final decision on its pending administrative SWD applications.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

GREGORY CHAKALIAN
HEARING EXAMINER