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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 14753

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION FOR AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 19, CHAPTER 15, PART 16 OF THE NEW MEXICO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CONCERNING LOG, COMPLETION, HYRDRAULIC FRACTURING, AND WORKOVER REPORTS, STATEWIDE.

ORDER NO. R-13470

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR DELAY OF RULEMAKING HEARING

THIS MATTER having come before the Chair of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on request of Earthwork's Oil and Gas Accountability Project for an order delaying the hearing and filing schedule for Case No. 14753 for 30 days, and the Chair having reviewed the request for delay of the hearing,

<u>FINDS</u> that the hearing on the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association's rulemaking application for amendment of certain provisions of 19.15.16 NMAC is scheduled for November 17, 2011. Notice of the hearing was provided as required by 19.15.3.9 NMAC. Notice was published in the Albuquerque Journal on or about October 9, 2011 and in the New Mexico Register on October 31, 2011. Notice was also sent to those on the Oil Conservation Commission's mailing list and posted on the Oil Conservation Division's website.

The Oil Conservation Commission has rulemaking hearings or rulemaking deliberations scheduled for the December 8, 2011 and January 2012 hearings. The January 2012 rulemaking hearing is likely to extend to additional days. As such, granting Earthwork's Oil and Gas Accountability Project's request would likely delay the hearing of Case No. 14753 for months instead of 30 days. Therefore, the Chair denies the motion for delay of the hearing and filing schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Earthwork's Oil and Gas Accountability Project's request for an order delaying the hearing and filing schedule in Case No. 14753 is denied.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico on the 31st day of October, 2011.

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JAMI BAILEY, Chair

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