

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

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

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL  
CONSERVATION DIVISION TO AMEND  
CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 19,  
CHAPTER 15, PART 5, SECTION 9  
OF THE NEW MEXICO ADMINISTRATIVE  
CODE CONCERNING COMPLIANCE.

CASE NO. 15536

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

COMMISSIONER HEARING

October 17, 2016

Santa Fe, New Mexico

BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, CHAIRPERSON  
PATRICK PADILLA, COMMISSIONER  
DR. ROBERT S. BALCH, COMMISSIONER  
BILL BRANCARD, ESQ.

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This matter came on for hearing before the  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on Monday,  
October 17, 2016, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and  
Natural Resources Department, Wendell Chino Building,  
1220 South St. Francis Drive, Porter Hall, Room 102,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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1 (10:03 a.m.)

2 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Also in your packets is  
3 a draft order from -- at the October 6th hearing, we  
4 heard Case Number 15 -- sorry -- 15536, which was the  
5 application of the Oil Conservation Division to amend  
6 certain provisions of Title 19, Chapter 15, Part 5,  
7 Section 9 of the New Mexico Administrative Code  
8 concerning compliance. This was a rule change that we  
9 heard on that hearing docket. It had to do with  
10 compliance with regards to inactive wells. At the  
11 conclusion of that hearing, the Commission voted to  
12 adopt the rule change.

13 Commissioner Padilla, you were not present  
14 here. It was -- Commissioner Ed Martin was here in your  
15 place. So he was present during that hearing.

16 And so today we have to take final action  
17 on that hearing.

18 Commissioners, in your packet, you will  
19 find the draft order of that rule change. Have you  
20 reviewed the draft order, and do you have any changes  
21 you'd like to make at this time?

22 COMMISSIONER BALCH: I've reviewed the  
23 order. I don't have any changes to make.

24 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Ed Martin has  
25 already reviewed the order. I have conferred with him.

1 He will actually be executing the final order, since he  
2 was on the Commission for that hearing.

3 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Okay. And I have  
4 reviewed the order. I have no changes to the order.

5 So with that -- so do I hear a motion to  
6 adopt the order in that case?

7 COMMISSIONER BALCH: I will move to adopt  
8 the order.

9 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: I will second that.

10 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: All in favor?

11 (Ayes are unanimous.)

12 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: The motion to adopt the  
13 order in this case is approved. And that order is  
14 R-14222. And we can go ahead and execute that, and then  
15 Ed Martin can execute or sign that order later on today.  
16 He's not present.

17 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: He'll be contacting  
18 the Commission clerk to execute that.

19 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Do you want to sign  
20 that?

21 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Sure.

22 (Case Number 15536 concludes, 10:03 a.m.)

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