

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

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 19 OF 19.15.16 NMAC
AND SECTION 16 OF 19.15.7 NMAC, EXTENDING THE TIME
FOR REPORTING COMPLETION OF HORIZONTAL WELLS
FROM 20 TO 45 DAYS, AND PROPOSED FURTHER
AMENDMENT OF SECTION 19 OF 19.15.16 NMAC TO REQUIRE
OPERATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN INFORMATION
REGARDING HYDRAULICALLY FRACTURED WELLS IN THE
FRACFOCUS CHEMICAL DISCLOSURE REGISTRY**

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PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association as required by Oil Conservation Commission Rule 19.15.4.13 NMAC.

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NMOGA's STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The New Mexico Oil and Gas Association ("NMOGA") will present evidence in support of the Oil Conservation Division's proposed alternative to Rules 19.15.7.16 NMAC and 19.15.16.19 NMAC. The Commission's proposed Rules 19.15.7.16 NMAC and 19.15.16.19 NMAC (1) require filing of fracture treatment disclosures through the FracFocus Chemical Disclosure Registry, and (2) extend the time for filing completion reports concerning horizontal wells from 20 days to 45 days after completion.

The Division's amendments to the Commission's proposed rules effectively (1) ensure that duplicate filing with OCD is eliminated, (2) extend the requirement for filing to include re-completions or workovers, as well as original completions, and (3) extend completion reporting to 45 days after completion both non-horizontal and horizontal wells. The Division's proposed amendments will increase administrative efficiency and provide a realistic and uniform time for completion reporting.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

<u>WITNESS</u> Name and Expertise	<u>ESTIMATED TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Patrick Padilla Deputy Director, NMOGA	Approx. 15 minutes	None

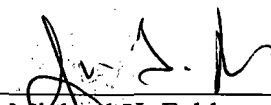
Mr. Padilla will provide testimony regarding industry custom and practice and the efficiencies associated with the Division's proposed alternative rules. Mr. Padilla's resume is attached to this pleading.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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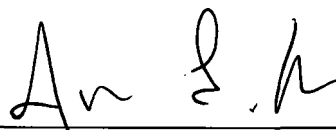
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon the following
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EXPERIENCE

- 2017 – present **NEW MEXICO OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION** *Santa Fe, NM*
Deputy Director
- Advocate for the safe and responsible production of oil and gas in New Mexico on behalf of NMOGA's 900 member companies.
 - Ensure that NMOGA's membership is represented in legislative, regulatory and business development environments at both the state and federal levels.
- 2015 – 2017 **NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE** *Santa Fe, NM*
Assistant Commissioner for Mineral Resources
- Per appointment by the New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands, oversaw the two divisions of the New Mexico State Land Office responsible for managing all hydrocarbon, mining and geothermal activity on 13 million acres of NM State Trust Lands' mineral estate and the collection of royalty and other revenues generated thereon. Responsibilities included oversight of subsurface lease initiation & management, permitting, revenue collection and auditing, departmental budgeting, and stakeholder engagement. FY15/FY16 revenues from the divisions totaled over \$1.16 billion, or 95% of total revenue for the New Mexico State Land Office.
 - Developed and implemented agency and legislative policy relating to protecting and promoting the interests of the State Land Office and State Land Trust Beneficiaries on a regional and congressional level.
 - Acted as the Commissioner's designee to the Oil Conservation Commission, a three-member panel responsible for setting major energy-related policies for New Mexico.
- 2011 – 2015 **CHUZA OIL COMPANY** *San Juan County, NM/Santa Fe, NM/Dallas, TX*
Vice President, Operations
- Oversaw development operations for a privately-owned independent oil exploration and production company, including state and federal regulatory compliance, capital budgeting, land work, field infrastructural development, crude oil marketing, contractor selection and investor relations.
 - Developed and implemented a \$35 million horizontal drilling program, including operational and financial oversight of the first two completed horizontal wells in the drilling program.
- 2012 – 2014 **NRG TECHNICIANS, LLC** *San Juan County, NM*
Administrative Director
- Managed all aspects of initial startup and business operations for an oilfield chemical sales and service company, including entity licensing filings in NM, CO, AZ and UT, regulatory compliance, fleet management, human resources management, investor relations and business development.
- 2006 – 2012 **TEKXON ONSHORE OIL & GAS, LLC** *Santa Fe, NM/Long Beach, CA*
Landman/Regulatory Liaison
- Performed due diligence, managed title searches and coordinated lease acquisitions with BLM, ONRR, BOEM, BIA, and state and local governments for oil and gas lease acquisitions and drilling development programs in Trinity County, TX, Elko County, NV and Juab County, UT

EDUCATION

- 1995 – 1999 **BOSTON UNIVERSITY - COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES** *Boston, MA*
- Bachelor of Arts, Department of International Relations
 - Dual Concentration in Security Strategy & Defense Analysis/Pacific Rim Economics
 - Minor Concentration in Spanish Literature

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- Spanish: professional working proficiency
- Japanese: conversational working proficiency