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Chairman, on Thursday, May 28, 2009, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, 1220

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Mexico.

- 1 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: No.
- 2 COMMISSIONER OLSON: No.
- 3 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: At this time we will
- 4 close -- not close -- we will continue Case Number 13957
- 5 until the July regularly-scheduled Commission meeting,
- 6 which I believe is July 16th?
- 7 MS. DAVIDSON: Yes, it is.
- 8 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: -- on July 16th. The
- 9 next cause before the Commission is the continuation of
- 10 Case Number 14255. It's the reopened application of the
- 11 New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, through its
- 12 Environmental Bureau Chief, for adoption of an amendment
- to 19.15.39 NMAC adding new sections to be codified at
- 14 19.15.39.9 and 19.15.39.10 NMAC addressing special
- 15 provisions for Santa Fe County and the Galisteo Basin,
- 16 Santa Fe, Sandoval and San Miguel Counties, New Mexico.
- The Commission has previously met and heard
- 18 the evidence in this case. We've also deliberated. At
- 19 those deliberations it was determined that further
- 20 evidence was needed. The case was reopened for the
- 21 limited purpose of presenting the boundaries of the
- 22 Galisteo Basin within Santa Fe County. That evidence was
- 23 presented yesterday at the regularly-scheduled Commission
- 24 meeting, and at this time the Commission will begin its
- 25 deliberations on that evidence. Commissioner Bailey, do

- 1 you have anything to add?
- 2 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: I reviewed the maps
- and the legal descriptions of the lands included in the
- 4 definition of the Galisteo Basin, and I have no issues or
- 5 problems at all with the listing as designated by the map
- 6 given by the State Engineer.
- 7 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Okay. You
- 8 differentiated between map and --
- 9 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: -- and listing, the
- 10 legal land descriptions of the sections of land within
- 11 the outline of the Galisteo Basin.
- 12 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Commissioner Olson, did
- 13 you get a chance to review the data that was presented
- 14 vesterday?
- 15 COMMISSIONER OLSON: Yes, I did, and I
- think OCD Exhibit 47 in the matter laid out the areas by
- 17 section, township and range for what comprises the
- 18 Galisteo Basin. And hearing no evidence to the contrary,
- 19 I guess I move that we would adopt that as part of our
- 20 description for the order.
- 21 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: The motion before the
- 22 Commission is to adopt the evidence presented by the Oil
- 23 Conservation Division yesterday in the form of a map --
- 24 and listing?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Yes.

- 1 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: -- and listing of the
- 2 outline of the Galisteo Basin within Santa Fe County.
- 3 There has previously been evidence to define the limits
- 4 of the Galisteo Basin within the other two counties.
- 5 This evidence does not appear to contradict that, but it
- 6 does set out a limit of the Galisteo Basin within Santa
- 7 Fe County. The motion is to adopt that evidence and
- 8 include it in our decision. All those in favor signify
- 9 by saying aye.
- 10 MR. SMITH: I'm sorry. Could we have a
- 11 short period?
- 12 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Let's go off the record
- 13 for a minute.
- 14 (A discussion was held off the record.)
- 15 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: The record should
- 16 reflect that I need to make sure that this is what
- 17 Commissioner Bailey meant, that the descriptions that
- 18 we're including today are in supplement to the
- 19 descriptions that -- let me rephrase that -- are covered
- 20 by those areas or include those areas in Santa Fe County,
- 21 that the Commission has already considered the boundaries
- 22 in the other two counties, and that the information that
- 23 was presented yesterday just covered the boundaries
- 24 within Santa Fe County; is that correct, Commissioner?
- 25 COMMISSIONER OLSON: Yes. These are areas

- 1 that are just within Exhibit 47. OCD Exhibit 47 was just
- 2 the areas within -- a listing of those areas within -- of
- 3 the Galisteo Basin within Santa Fe -- well --
- 4 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Not according to the
- 5 first page response. And, also, I do believe it does
- 6 include the portions within the other two counties.
- 7 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: The map includes -- and
- 8 the listing, I guess, includes the portions, but that
- 9 evidence had already been presented and deliberated on
- 10 for the boundaries outside of Santa Fe County.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: That's right.
- 12 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: And this evidence was
- intended and received by the Commission for the sole
- 14 purpose of determining the boundary within Santa Fe
- 15 County.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: I move that we adopt
- 17 this as evidence of the Galisteo Basin within Santa Fe
- 18 County.
- 19 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Is there a second on
- 20 that motion?
- 21 COMMISSIONER OLSON: I'll second that.
- 22 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: All those in favor
- 23 signify by saying aye.
- Let the record reflect that the Commission
- 25 voted and that the motion was unanimously adopted. And

- 1 with that, I believe our deliberations are complete on
- 2 this case, are they not?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Counsel, do you have
- 5 enough information to draft the order? You and --
- 6 MR. SMITH: I certainly hope so.
- 7 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: Is there anything else
- 8 before the Commission concerning Case Number 14255?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: No.
- 10 CHAIRMAN FESMIRE: With that we will
- 11 continue Case 14255 to the June 18th regularly-scheduled
- 12 Commission meeting where we will consider the border
- 13 adopting the Commission's decision on this matter at the
- 14 June meeting.
- 15 With that the Commission will proceed to the
- 16 next item on the agenda, which is Case Number 14292,
- 17 concerning the application of the New Mexico Oil
- 18 Conservation Division for adoption of amendments to Rule
- 19 19.15.17 NMAC (the "Pit Rule"). The record should
- 20 reflect that Commissioners Bailey, Olson and Fesmire are
- 21 present. We, therefore, have a quorum and we will begin
- 22 the public deliberations on this proposal as presented by
- 23 the evidence in this case. Who wants to start?
- 24 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Should we go through
- 25 the rule as presented by the OCD and use that as the