

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
September 23, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The Oil Conservation Commission meeting was a hybrid meeting with both in person and virtual participation options. The meeting was held in the Pecos Hall Hearing Room at the Wendell Chino Building, First Floor, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gerasimos Razatos	Acting Chair, Oil Conservation Division
Daniel Rubin	Commission Counsel
William Ampomah	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Greg Bloom	Designee, New Mexico State Land Office Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sheila Apodaca, Law Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Razatos at 9:06 a.m.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Action: Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda.

Action: Commissioner Bloom moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3. Approval of the August 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Action: Commissioner Bloom motioned for approval of the August 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Item 4. Pending cases:

Action: **Case Nos. 24683**

Allison Beasley appeared on behalf of the Petitioners; Jackie McLean appeared on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico; Jesse Tremaine appeared on behalf of the Oil Conservation Division; Michael Feldewert appeared on behalf of OXY USA, Inc.; and Miguel Suazo appeared on behalf of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association.

Petitioners presented their Amended Notice of Hearing proposing a hearing date of April 14, 2025 and continuing for up to two weeks. All parties have agreed on the form of notice. OCD requests that a hearing officer be appointed.

Commission Counsel Rubin requests that the paragraph entitled “Oral Comment” be changed to “Public Comment” to better track the language of the State Rules Act.

Action: Commissioner Bloom moved to approve the Notice of Hearing as amended by counsel. Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. A hearing officer will either be appointed by the Acting Chair or this matter will be placed on the next docket for the appointment of a hearing officer.

Consolidated Cases by Goodnight Midstream and Empire New Mexico, as follows:

- **Case Nos. 24123, 23614-17: Applications of Goodnight Permian Midstream, LLC for Approval of a Saltwater Disposal Well, Lea County, New Mexico;**
- **Case No. 23775: Application of Goodnight Midstream Permian, LLC to Amend Order No. R-22026/SWD-2403 to Increase the Approved Injection Rate in its Andre Dawson SWD #1, Lea County, New Mexico;**
- **Case Nos. 24018-24027: Application of Empire New Mexico to Revoke the Injection Authority Granted Under Order No. R-22026 for the Andre Dawson SWD #001, Lea County New Mexico;**

Matters to be heard:

➤ **Empire’s Motion for Clarification on Scope of Hearing and Burden of Proof**

Dana Hardy, Sharon Shaheen and Ernest Padilla appeared on behalf of Empire New Mexico; Miguel Suazo appeared on behalf of Pilot Water; Chris Moander appeared on behalf of the Oil Conservation Division; Adam Rankin appeared on behalf of Goodnight Midstream Permian, LLC; Matthew Beck appeared on behalf of Intervenors Rice Operating and Permian Line Service, LLC.

Commission Counsel Rubin briefed the Commission and parties on his review of the briefing on Empire New Mexico’s Motion for Clarification on Scope of Hearing and Burden of Proof. The parties presented their oral arguments.

Commissioner Bloom proposed a motion for the Commission to go into closed session to deliberate the motion filed in these consolidated cases as listed on the agenda. Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion was unanimously approved and the Commission went into closed session. The only matters discussed while in closed session were those listed in the motion and no final actions were taken.

The Commission would like to entertain a motion to hold in abeyance the motion pending the recommendations of the hearing officer at the hearing. Commissioner Bloom so moved. Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved unanimously.

Item 5. Pending Litigation

There are no updates to report.

Item 5. Other business

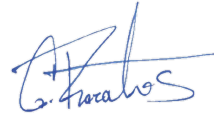
Action: There was no other business to discuss.

Item 7. Next meeting

The next OCC meeting will be held on October 9, 2024.

Item 8. Adjournment

Acting Chair Razatos adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.



Gerasimos Razatos
Acting Chair