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NOTICE

OCD Hearings Scheduled for April 16, 2020 and After

On March 11, 2020, a Public Health Emergency (Executive Order 2020-004) was declared to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In response to the declaration, Secretary Cottrell Propst directed the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) to take prudent precautionary steps to encourage the public and OCD staff to maintain social distance, a factor in preventing the spread of COVID-19, by cancelling, postponing, or taking other actions to limit public interaction.

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has directed that government buildings will be closed to the public.

The New Mexico Attorney General has issued the Open Government Division Advisory During COVID-19 State of Public Emergency, which makes recommendations to state agencies how to conduct virtual meetings.

OCD Hearings Scheduled for April 16, 2020

OCD intends to conduct electronic hearings on April 16, 2020 in accordance with the Attorney General's recommendations.

Persons may view and participate in the hearings through the following link. **This link is good for the April 16, 2020 hearings only:**

<https://zoom.us/j/517058707?pwd=OHB0WnRBb1hHUExFQ3E5dk5GeTZXdz09>

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The Hearing Examiners will hear only cases that can be taken by affidavit. If a case requires a witness or cross-examination, or a party does not consent to the case be taken by affidavit, the case will be continued.

To be heard, the applicant must submit the exhibits, including the public notice affidavit and compulsory pooling checklist, if applicable, to the Hearings Bureau at ocd.hearings@state.nm.us no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2020.

The Hearing Examiners in their sole discretion will call cases that meet the above requirements in any order for a hearing. The Hearing Examiners will call for appearances. The applicant shall advise if the application will be presented by affidavit. Upon concurrence of the other parties, the Hearing Examiners will inquire whether any party requests a special provision or stipulation. OCD's technical reviewer may ask questions of the applicant and other parties, if any.

The hearing will be transcribed by a court reporter. Participants are reminded to identify themselves whenever they speak, and to speak clearly so that the audio is understandable.

The Hearing Examiners in their sole discretion may continue any application to a future date for any reason.

OCD Hearings Scheduled After April 16, 2020

OCD intends to conduct electronic hearings for dockets after April 16, 2020 until further notice. An applicant for a hearing is advised to provide the following statement in the public notice:

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, state buildings are closed to the public and hearings will be conducted remotely. The hearing will be conducted on [date] beginning at 8:15 a.m. To participate in the electronic hearing, see the instructions posted on the OCD Hearings website:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/announcements.html>.