

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Special Meeting
May 19-21, 2025
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, appeared remote on MS Teams platform
William Ampomah	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Baylen Lamkin	Designee, New Mexico State Land Office Commissioner, designated solely for the Evidentiary hearing of Goodnight Midstream/Empire New Mexico, Case Nos. 23614-17; 23775 24018-20; 24025; 24123

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rip Harwood	Hearing Officer, appeared remote on MS Teams platform
Zachary Shandler:	Commission Counsel
Sheila Apodaca	Commission Clerk

May 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Razatos at 9:00 a.m.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Item 2. Pending cases:

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. 24018-24020, 24025:** 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.

Action: Continuation of the evidentiary hearing.

Adam Rankin and Nathan Jurgenson appeared on behalf of Goodnight Midstream. Chris Moander appeared on behalf of the Oil Conservation Division. Dana Hardy, Sharon Shaheen, Ernest Padilla appeared on behalf of Empire New Mexico. Miguel Suazo

appeared on behalf of Pilot Water. Matt Beck appeared on behalf of Rice Operating Company and Permian Line Service.

Settlement was reached between OCD and Goodnight Midstream. OCD is being dismissed from the case.

Goodnight Midstream's witness, Preston McGuire was sworn in and offered as an expert witness. After objection by Empire, Mr. McGuire was voir dired as to his qualifications to serve as an expert in geological engineering. No objection from Rice and Pilot. Mr. McGuire was qualified to testify as an expert.

Goodnight Exhibits B, B1-B64 admitted over Empire's objections.

Mr. McGuire offered testimony through written direct and rebuttal, oral direct examination by Goodnight and cross examination by Empire New Mexico.

Hearing recessed for the day at 4:57 p.m.

May 20, 2025

Hearing started at 9:00 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

Goodnight Midstream's witness, Preston McGuire continued to testify through cross examination by Empire, examination by Commissioners Ampomah, Lamkin, and Razatos, and redirect by Goodnight.

Goodnight Midstream rested its case. Mr. McGuire was excused.

Empire moved to admit its Cross Exhibit 12. The parties will confer off the record and this matter will be taken up tomorrow.

Hearing recessed for the day at 4:21 pm.

May 21, 2025

Hearing started at 9:00 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

The parties delivered their closing arguments in this order: Empire New Mexico, Goodnight Midstream, Rice, Pilot, Empire's rebuttal.

Post-hearing briefing schedule was set as follows: proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and legal briefing will be due on July 3rd. Responses to legal briefs will be due July 18th. Findings of fact and conclusions of law shall have a page limit of 30 single-spaced pages; the legal briefs shall have a page limit of 25 double-spaced pages; responses shall have a page limit of 10 pages.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.


Albert Chang, Chair