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PBPA Members,

On Tuesday, April 14, 2020, the Texas Railroad Commission met for a Market Demand Hearing, petitioned by Pioneer Natural Resources and Parsley Energy. The hearing began promptly at 9:30 am and enjoyed a litany of testimony from experts in the energy sector including E&P, midstream, and downstream executives along with market analysts, and think tank consultants.

The question at hand was to determine whether or not the Commission should establish a system of pro-rating oil production, as a means to steady supply and stabilize price.

The three Commissioners listened intently for more than 10 hours and asked insightful questions of nearly all presenters taking only minimal breaks for very short periods. Chairman Christian, and Commissioners Craddick and Sitton should no doubt be applauded for their commitment to serve in such difficult circumstances. The agency staff should also be commended for smoothly coordinating a first of its kind type of virtual hearing where all participants were in different physical locations to heed social distancing recommendations.

Over the course of the 10 hour hearing, more than 50 witnesses were called to offer their expertise and the hearing was viewed by nearly 30,000 unique viewers from all over Texas, and around the world. In fact, there were viewers from 49 states and the District of Columbia and 86 countries around the globe on every continent minus Antarctica. In addition to those that testified in person, the Commission received hundreds of written comments from interested parties.

The Commission did not take action on any measures discussed Tuesday.

The posting for the meeting may be viewed [here](#).

The agenda for the meeting may be accessed [here](#).

A list of speakers may be found [here](#).

And the video in its three parts may be found [here](#).

Part 1 includes speakers 1-7, Part 2 includes speakers 8-24, and Part 3 includes speakers 25-55.

Additionally, the RRC has just released their [March 2020 drilling statistics](#) and the posting and [agenda for their upcoming April 21, 2020 hearing](#), which will begin at 9:30 am.

Governor Abbott Update

Today, Texas Governor Greg Abbott will hold a press conference detailing his plan to re-open the Texas economy. You may view this TODAY, at noon, [here](#).

New Mexico Update

The NM State Land Office will be holding a tele-hearing to discuss consideration of Emergency Rule 19.2100.71, the temporary shut-in of oil wells due to severe reduction in the price of oil, TODAY, Friday April 17, 2020, from 1:00 PM to 2:30PM.

You can access the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/294630917>

You can also dial in using your phone.

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Access Code: 294-630-917

Thank you for all of your work in these difficult times and please don't hesitate to reach out to us if we may be of service.

Regards,

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