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Commission on Mineral Resources  
 Special Hearing  
 Monday, November 16, 2020  
 1:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

| Commissioners via Zoom Conference | Staff via Zoom Conference | Public via Zoom Conference    |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Rich DeLong                       | Mike Visher               | Edith Duarte, Strategies 360  |
| Mary Korpi                        | Rob Ghiglieri             | William Horne, Strategies 360 |
| Art Henderson                     | Lowell Price              |                               |
| Josh Nordquist                    | Courtney Brailo           |                               |
| Nigel Bain                        | Sherrie Nuckolls          |                               |
|                                   | Anthony Walsh, DAG        |                               |

**CALL TO ORDER**

1:00 PM by Richard DeLong

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

None

**Rich DeLong:** Gave a description of the proposed NAC 522.342 temporary change.

**Mike Visher:** Provided a PowerPoint presentation that included the background of the NAC 522 regulation change, he reviewed the 2019 Nevada oil production in the state and gave a summary of the workshop that was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Art Henderson:** We held the fee workshop and we received a very favorable response from industry; I believe they are very pleased that we support them. I think this temporary relief can only benefit the oil and gas industry, they must be suffering tremendously and I'm very much in favor of adopting this temporary measure.

**Rich DeLong:** Any other input from the other Commissioner members?

**Mike Visher:** Commissioner DeLong, we did have two people join the meeting while I was giving my presentation, you might want to provide them the opportunity if they wanted to comment on the regulations during the hearing.

**Rich DeLong:** Do either members of the public have any public comment regarding these specific regulation changes?

**William Horne:** I don't have any questions at this time.

**Edith Duarte:** I do not, thank you.

**Josh Nordquist:** Just a point of clarity, the only change in the regulations would be in NAC 522.342 and just changing from 15 cents to 5 cents, no other changes at this time, correct?

**Rich DeLong:** That is my understanding.

**Mike Visher:** That is correct

**Anthony Walsh:** Yes, I concur with that.

**Art Henderson:** I'd like to make a motion that we approve the emergency regulation to lower the fee on the oil and gas from the 15 cents a barrel or 50,000 cubic meters to from 15 cents to 5 cents.

**Rich DeLong:** I would like to add a clarification, Art Henderson said 50,000 cubic meters but I believe its 50,000 cubic feet.

**Art Henderson:** Yes, cubic feet. Thank you.

**Mike Visher:** One additional clarification, Chairman, it's a temporary regulation not an emergency regulation; there is a distinction between the two.

**Mary Korpi:** I second the clarified motion.

**Rich DeLong:** Any additional discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the temporary regulation approval signify by saying aye.

**Art Henderson, Josh Nordquist, Mary Korpi, Nigel Bain, Rich DeLong:** Aye.

**Rich DeLong:** All those opposed say nay. (Zero nay votes were cast)

**Rich DeLong:** The temporary regulation change passes unanimously.

#### **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

1:12 P.M.