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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION TO
NOMINATE SURFACE WATERS
DESIGNATED AS SPECIAL TROUT WATERS, OR
WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS, OR LOCATED WITHIN
A WILDERNESS, PARK, MONUMENT OR REFUGE
AS OUTSTANDING NATIONAL RESOURCE WATERS, NO. WQCC 24-46 (R)

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT,

PETITIONER.

ORDER SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING AND APPOINTING HEARING OFFICER

THIS MATTER came before the Water Quality Control Commission (Commission) during its regularly scheduled meeting on September 10, 2024, on the Petition to Nominate Surface Waters Designated as Special Trout Waters, or Wild and Scenic Rivers, or Located Within a Wilderness, Park, Monument or Refuge as Outstanding National Resource Waters, and Request for Hearing (Petition) filed on August 30, 2024, by the New Mexico Environment Department (Department or Petitioner). The Commission, having heard from the Petitioner, having duly considered the Petition, and being otherwise sufficiently advised in the premises, HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Petitioner's request for a public hearing is granted, and pursuant to 20.1.6.205 NMAC, the public hearing shall be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico and virtually using a WebEx virtual meeting platform, during the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, and may continue thereafter if the Commission deems it necessary.

2. Public notice of the public hearing shall be given as provided in 20.1.6.201 NMAC.
3. The public hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Commission's rulemaking procedures in 20.1.6 NMAC.
4. The Commission may deliberate immediately following the conclusion of the public hearing or at a subsequent meeting, but shall reach its decision no later than 60 days following the close of the record or the date the Hearing Officer's report is filed, whichever is later, as required by 20.1.6.306(C) NMAC.
5. Pursuant to 20.1.6.100 NMAC, the Commission appoints Felicia Orth as the Hearing Officer to conduct the public hearing, and to exercise all powers and duties prescribed or delegated under 20.1.6 NMAC.
6. The Commission may issue such other orders specifying procedures for conduct of the public hearing, in addition to those provided by 20.1.6 NMAC, as may be necessary and appropriate to fully inform the Commission of the matters at issue in the public hearing or to control the conduct of the public hearing, as provided in 20.1.6.200(D) NMAC.

Dated this 23rd day of September 2024._

Bruce M Thomson

Bruce Thomson, Chair
Water Quality Control Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 24, 2024, a copy of the foregoing **Order Scheduling Public Hearing and Appointing Hearing Officer** was emailed to the persons listed below. A copy will be mailed first class upon request.

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