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Fourth Court of Appeals to Hear Oral Argument

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral argument in one appeal on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m., before the following panel of justices: Chief Justice Rebeca C. Martinez, Justice Lori Massey Brissette, and Justice Velia J. Meza.

ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd. v. SilverBow Resources Operating, LLC and El Dorado Gas & Oil, Inc., 04-23-00680-CV: This oil & gas dispute involves the subsurface migration of hydrogen sulfide from an acid gas injection well to a neighboring property—decades earlier than plume model projections—contaminating a neighboring gas well and allegedly trespassing on a mineral leaseholder’s nonpossessory interest by interfering with its rights to explore, obtain, produce, and possess the leased minerals. In multiple points of error, the parties raise the following issues: (1) whether appellee El Dorado Gas & Oil, Inc. has standing; (2) whether appellees’ trespass claims are barred by the statute of limitations; (3) whether the jury charge on trespass was improper; (4) the sufficiency of the evidence; and (5) the propriety of prejudgment interest.

The oral argument will be held in the courtroom of the Fourth Court of Appeals, Cadena-Reeves Justice Center, Third Floor, 300 Dolorosa, San Antonio, Texas. The argument also can be accessed using the following link:

The argument will be live streamed at:

<https://youtube.com/@thetexasfourthcourtofappeal404?si=9b3aCgAFjPrOgaD->

An archived version of the oral argument can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiaWJQ7eW5OQIALdyLN6s3A>