

**BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ANTERO  
RESOURCES PICEANCE CORPORATION FOR AN  
ORDER ESTABLISHING SPACING AND WELL  
LOCATION RULES FOR THE WILLIAMS FORK  
FORMATION AND ILES FORMATION OF THE  
MESAVERDE GROUP FOR CERTAIN DESCRIBED  
LANDS IN THE MAMM CREEK FIELD AREA,  
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO.

DOCKET NO.

**APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Antero Resources Piceance Corporation ("Applicant"), a Delaware corporation, by its attorneys, Poulson, Odell and Peterson, LLC, and makes application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado for an order establishing spacing rules and well location rules applicable to the drilling and producing of wells from the Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation of the Mesaverde Group covering certain described lands in the Mamm Creek Field area, Garfield County, Colorado and in support of its application states and alleges as follows:

1. That Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.

2. That Applicant owns a leasehold interest in a substantial portion of the following described lands:

Township 6 South, Range 92 West

Section 19: Lot 1 (48.55 acres)

(hereinafter "Application Lands")

3. That the Application Lands are unspaced for the Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation and subject to the Commission's Rule 318.

4. That Applicant believes it is appropriate that the Commission establish an approximate 48.55 acre drilling and spacing unit covering these unspaced lands for the Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation of the Mesaverde Group.

5. That multiple wells have been drilled, tested and completed in the Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation of the Mesaverde Group upon lands in the immediate vicinity of the Application Lands.

6. That ten (10) acre density drilling has already been approved for the Williams Fork Formation and the Iles Formation underlying the Application Lands pursuant to the Commission's Orders in Docket 191-8 dated January 10, 2007 and Amended Order No. 191-10 dated May 26, 2005 respectively.

7. That as to all future Williams Fork wells to be drilled upon the Application Lands within such drilling and spacing unit, the well should be located downhole anywhere in the drilling and spacing unit but no closer than 100 feet from the boundaries of the unit without exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. It is provided however that in cases where the Application Lands abut or corner lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10 acre density Williams Fork Wells, the well should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the boundary or boundaries of the drilling unit so abutting or cornering such lands without exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

8. That as to all future Iles Formation wells to be drilled upon the Application Lands within such drilling and spacing unit, the wells should be located downhole anywhere in the drilling and spacing unit but not closer than 100 feet from the boundaries of the unit without exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. It is provided however that in cases where the Application Lands abut or corner lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10-acre density Iles wells, the wells should be located downhole no closer than 400 feet from the boundary or boundaries of the drilling unit so abutting or cornering such lands without exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

9. That, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells to be drilled under this Application will be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one pad located on a given quarter quarter section (or lots or parcels approximately equivalent thereto) unless exception is granted by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission pursuant to application made for such exception.

10. The granting of this application will not promote waste; will not violate correlative rights and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoir.

11. That the names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing in October, 2007, that notice be given as required by law and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order consistent with Applicant's proposals as set forth above.

Dated: July \_\_\_\_, 2007.

**POULSON, ODELL AND PETERSON, LLC**

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**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO            )  
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CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)    ss.

William J. Pierini, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Division Landman for Antero Resources Piceance Corporation and that he has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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William J. Pierini

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2007.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:\_\_\_\_\_

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Notary Public

EXHIBIT A

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

STATE OF COLORADO            )  
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CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)        ss.

William A. Keefe of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and declares:

That he is the attorney for Antero Resources Piceance Corporation, that on July \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, he caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to the Application.

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William A. Keefe

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Notary Public