

**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 A DRILLING AND SPACING
UNIT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF GAS AND
ASSOCIATED HYDROCARBONS FROM THE
WILLIAMS FORK FORMATION AND ILES
FORMATION OF THE MESAVERDE GROUP FOR
CERTAIN DESCRIBED LANDS IN THE PARACHUTE
FIELD AREA, GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO.440

DOCKET NO.

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Antero Resources Piceance Corporation ("Applicant"), a Delaware corporation, by its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., and makes application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado for an order establishing a drilling and spacing unit and 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 for certain described lands in the Parachute 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 leasehold interests in a substantial portion of the following described lands:

Township 7 South, Range 95 West
Section 18: S/2

(hereinafter "Application Lands")

3. That the Application Lands were established as a 320 acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation under the Commission's Order 440-12 dated May 18, 1990.

4. That multiple wells have been drilled, tested and competed in the Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation of the Mesaverde Group upon lands in proximity to the Application Lands.

5. That as to the above described drilling and spacing unit constituting the Application Lands, the Commission should permit Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation wells to be optionally drilled upon a ten (10) acre density basis with each such well to be located downhole anywhere within the unit provided no such wells shall be located downhole any closer than 100 feet from the boundary of the unit unless such boundary abuts or corners lands in respect

of which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to drill ten (10) acre density Williams Fork wells in which event Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation wells to be drilled upon the given drilling and spacing unit shall be drilled downhole no closer than 200 feet from that portion of the unit boundary which so abuts or corners the lands in respect of which ten (10) acre density downhole drilling for Williams Fork Formation wells has not been ordered by the Commission.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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 February, 2010, 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: December ____, 2009.

By: _____
William A. Keefe
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VERIFICATION

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

Brian F. Wade, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is the 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.

Brian F. Wade

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of December, 2009.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:_____

Notary Public

EXHIBIT A

Antero Resources Piceance Corporation
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Denver, CO 80202

Williams Production RMT Company
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Suite 1000
Denver, CO 80202

Exxon Mobil Corporation
P.O. Box 4610
Houston, TX 77001

EnCana Oil and Gas (USA) Inc.
370 17th Street, Suite 1700
Denver, CO 80202

Laramie Energy II, LLC
1512 Larimer, Suite 1000
Denver, CO 80202

Garfield County Board of County Commissioners
108 8th Street, Suite 213
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

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Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

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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 or before December ____, 2009, 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.

William A. Keefe

Subscribed and sworn to before me December____, 2009.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: _____.

Notary Public