

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



IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
WPX ENERGY ROCKY MOUNTAIN, LLC FOR  
AN ORDER ESTABLISHING TEN ACRE  
DENSITY FOR THAT CERTAIN DRILLING  
AND SPACING UNIT PREVIOUSLY  
ESTABLISHED FOR THE MESAVERDE  
FORMATION DESCRIBED AS SECTION 12:  
E/2 OF TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 96  
WEST, GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO: 479

DOCKET NO:

**APPLICATION**

COMES NOW WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC ("Applicant"), a Delaware corporation, by its attorney, Gretchen VanderWerf, PC, and makes application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado for an order to establish ten acre well density for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations of the Mesaverde Group covering the E/2 of Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 96 West in Garfield County, Colorado.

1. That Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.
2. That Applicant owns a leasehold interest covering the following described lands (hereinafter "Application Lands").

Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 12: E/2

3. That according to the Commission's Order No. 479-2 issued on May 18, 1990 (corrected November 1990), two 320-acre drilling and spacing units were established for Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 96 West for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation. Also Order No. 479-2 authorized one well to be drilled in each of the drilling and spacing units in Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 96 West and provided that an additional well could be drilled for production from the Mesaverde Formation for each governmental section at the option of the operator of the unit or units contained within the individual section with the option well to be located in accordance with the stated rule.

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

5. That to promote efficient drainage within the Williams Fork and Iles Formations of the Mesaverde Group, the Commission should increase the number of wells which can be optionally drilled into and produced from the Williams Fork or Iles Formation of the Application Lands to the equivalent of one Williams Fork or Iles well per ten acres.

6. That as to all future Williams Fork or Iles Formation wells to be drilled upon the unit constituting the Application Lands, the wells should be located downhole anywhere in each of the drilling and spacing units constituting the Application Lands 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 a unit 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 10-acre density Williams Fork or Iles Formation 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.

7. 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 Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission pursuant to application made for such exception.

8. 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.

9. The names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of 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 August, 2012, 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: June 21, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gretchen VanderWerf, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, states and declares:

That she is the attorney for WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC, Applicant herein; that on June 21, 2012, she caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to each of the parties listed on Exhibit "A" to the Application.

By: Gretchen VanderWerf  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of June, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires 6/06/2015



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