



**FINAL HEARING AGENDA**  
**Ramada Inn and Suites**  
**Aspen and Birch Rooms**  
**124 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Glenwood Springs, CO 81601**

**Monday, March 20, 2006**

- ⌚ 8:30 a.m.      Roll Call of Commissioners
- Approval of Proceedings
- ⌚ 8:40 a.m.      Report from the Executive Director's Office - Russell George
- ⌚ 9:00 a.m.      Report from the Director - Written report provided
- ⌚ 9:45 a.m.      Report from the Assistant Attorney General
- ⌚ 10:00 a.m.     Commissioner Comments
- ⌚ 10:15 a.m.     Audience Comments
- ⌚ 10:45 a.m.     Consent Agenda
- ⌚ 11:00 a.m.     Overview of the Phase I Hydrogeologic Characterization of the Mamm Creek Field Area in Garfield County - Mark Levorsen

Cause No. 139, Docket No. 0504-GA-01, Rulison Field, Garfield County

Applicant:        Presco, Inc.  
Attorney:         William A. Keefe

Subject:           Request for an order to amend Order No. 139-43 to allow wells to be drilled within one-half mile of the Austral Oil Hayward #25-95 (R-E) Well in Lot 11 of Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

Comments:        Application withdrawn; hearing cancelled.

Cause No. 191, Docket No. 0603-GA-02, Mamm Creek Field, Garfield County

Applicant:        EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.  
Attorney:         Erika Z. Enger

Subject:           Request for an order to allow drilling within the Moratorium Area established in Order No. 1V-276 for certain lands in Townships 6 and 7 South, Ranges 91 and 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Intervention:     Motion for Intervention by Garfield County Board of Commissioners.  
Attorney:         Don DeFord

Rule 510  
Statement: Donald G. Price

Comments: The hearing in this matter has been continued – date to be determined.

Cause No. 191, Docket No. 0603-GA-03, Mamm Creek Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Bill Barrett Corporation

Attorney: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to allow drilling within the Moratorium Area established in Order No. 1V-276 for certain lands in Townships 6 and 7 South, Ranges 91 and 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

Intervention: Motion for Intervention by Garfield County Board of Commissioners. Motion to Amend and Amended Motion by Garfield County Board of Commissioners.

Attorney: Don DeFord

Rule 510  
Statement: Lisa Bracken and Emma Eicher

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 0603-SP-15, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Great Western Oil & Gas Company

Attorney: J. Michael Morgan

Subject: Request for an order to establish a 160-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and to pool all non-consenting interests for the drilling of the Merchon 26-54 Well, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

Protestant: Noble Energy

Attorney: Michael Wozniak

Hearing Officer: Tricia Beaver

Comments: Prehearing conference held. Continued to the April Hearing.

Cause No. 139, Docket No. 0603-UP-04, Rulison Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Petrogulf Corporation

Attorney: Keith Crouch

Subject: Request for an order to pool all non-consenting interests for the drilling and completion of the Jonsson #19-14, Jonsson #19-10, Jonsson #19-2, Jonsson #19-12, Jonsson #19-22, Jonsson #19-24 and Jonsson #19-26 wells located in the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 93 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

Protestants: Antero Resources Corporation, EnCana Oil and Gas (USA) and Williams Production RMT Company  
Attorney: Erika Z. Enger  
Hearing Officer: Tricia Beaver  
Comments: Prehearing conference held. Continued to the April Hearing.

Cause No. 510, Docket No. 0603-AW-06, Grand Valley Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Petroleum Development Corporation  
Attorney: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to allow the equivalent of one well per 10 acres, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundary for certain lands in Townships 6 and 7 South, Ranges 96 and 97 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

Comments: Continued to the April Hearing.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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No protests/interventions were received on the matters listed below and administrative hearings were held for these matters. Appropriate testimony accompanied by required exhibits was presented to the Hearing Officers in support of the applications. The Hearing Officer recommendations were provided and exhibits are available upon request. The Applicants agreed to be bound by oral Order of the Commission.

Cause No. 139, Docket No. 0603-SP-13, Rulison Field, Garfield County

Applicant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.  
Attorney: Erika Z. Enger

Subject: Request for an order to establish a 160-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the N $\frac{1}{2}$  N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 32, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and to allow the option of up to eight (8) wells per unit, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 200 feet from the unit boundary, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork/Iles Formations.

Hearing Officers: David Dillon/Tricia Beaver

Comments: Heard by Hearing Officers who recommend approval.

Cause No. 139, Docket No. 0603-SP-12, Rulison Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Apollo Energy, LLC  
Attorney: Stephen J. Sullivan

Subject: Request for an order to establish 40-acre drilling and spacing units, to allow the equivalent of one well per 20 acres, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundary, for certain lands in Sections 3 and 4, Townships 8 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

Protestant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.  
Attorney: Erika Z. Enger

Hearing Officer: Tricia Beaver/David Dillon

Comments: Application amended and protest withdrawn. Heard by Hearing Officers who recommend approval.

Cause No. 440, Docket No. 0603-SP-14, Parachute Field, Garfield County

Applicant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.  
Attorney: Erika Z. Enger

Subject: Request for an order to establish 40-acre drilling and spacing units in the W½ of Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and to allow the option of up to two (2) wells per unit, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 200 feet from the unit boundary, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork/Iles Formations.

Protestant: Apollo Energy LLC.  
Attorney: J. Michael Morgan

Hearing Officer: David Dillon/Tricia Beaver

Comments: Protest withdrawn. Heard by Hearing Officers who recommend approval.

Cause No. 112, Docket No. 0603-AW-04, Ignacio-Blanco Field, La Plata County

Applicant: Black Hills Exploration & Production, Inc.  
Attorney: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to allow up to four (4) wells in each 320-acre drilling and spacing unit certain lands in Sections 33 and 34, Township 33 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M., with the permitted well to be located no closer than 990 feet from the unit boundary, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fruitland coal seams formation.

Hearing Officers: Tricia Beaver/David Dillon

Intervener: La Plata County Board of Commissioners  
Attorney: Jeffery P. Robbins

Comments: Intervention filed on public health, safety and welfare issues only. Heard by Hearing Officers who recommend approval.

Cause No. 527, Docket No. 0603-AW-05, Sulphur Creek Field, Rio Blanco County

Applicant: Whiting Oil & Gas Corporation  
Attorney: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to allow additional wells to be drilled on certain lands in Townships 2 and 3 South, Ranges 97 and 98 West,

6<sup>th</sup> P.M., the equivalent of one well per 10 acres, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundary, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

Hearing Officers: Tricia Beaver/David Dillon

Comments: Heard by Hearing Officers who recommend approval.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS BY CONSENT**

#### **Cause No. 1V, Docket No. 0603-OV-06, Jefferson County** Staff Recommendation

Subject: Request to approve an Administrative Order by Consent finding Plainview Oil & Gas, Inc. in violation of Rule 603.j., statewide equipment, weeds, waste, and trash requirements, Rule 1002.c., protection of soils, Rule 1002.e., surface disturbance minimization, Rule 1003.b., interim reclamation of areas no longer in use, Rule 1003.d., drilling pit closure, and Rule 1003.f., weed control, for the State #16-4 Well located in the NW¼ NW¼ of Section 16, Township 2 South, Range 70 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

#### **Cause No. 1V, Docket No. 0507-OV-06, Garfield County** Staff Recommendation

Subject: Request to approve an Administrative Order by Consent finding EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. in violation of Rules 209., 324A.a., and 906.a. and b., failure by to prevent the contamination of fresh water by gas, failure to prevent a significant adverse environmental impact to water, to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prevent the unauthorized discharge of gas, for the former Dietrich water well located in the SE¼ SE¼ of Section 3, Township 7 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Intervenor: Garfield County Board of Commissioners  
Attorney: Don DeFord

Comments: Request to continue filed by EnCana Oil & Gas (USA). COGCC staff in agreement with continuance. Continued from October 2005 hearing in Garfield County. Motion to withdraw intervention filed by the Garfield County Board of Commissioners.

#### **Cause No. 1V, Docket No. 0507-OV-07, Garfield County** Staff Recommendation

Subject: Request to approve an Administrative Order by Consent finding EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. in violation of Rules 209., 324A., and 906.b.(3), failure by EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. to prevent the contamination of fresh water by gas, failure to prevent a significant adverse environmental impact to water, to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prevent the unauthorized

discharge of gas, and failure to control and contain a release of E&P waste upon discovery for the Amos/Walker water well located in the SE¼ of Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Intervenor: Laura J. Amos and Larry L. Amos  
Attorney: Kemp Will

Intervenor: Garfield County Board of Commissioners  
Attorney: Don DeFord

Rule 510  
Statement: Oil and Gas Accountability Project  
Attorney: Bruce Baizel

Comments: Request to continue filed by EnCana Oil & Gas (USA). COGCC staff in agreement with continuance. Continued from October 2005 hearing in Garfield County. Intervention filed by Laura and Larry Amos withdrawn. Motion to withdraw intervention filed by the Garfield County Board of Commissioners.