



HEARING AGENDA

Suite 801, The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80203

Monday, March 31, 2008 and Tuesday, April 1, 2008

- ⌚ **9:00 a.m.** Roll Call of Commissioners
- Approval of Proceedings
- ⌚ **9:05 a.m.** Report from the Executive Director's Office
- ⌚ **9:15 a.m.** Report from the Director - Written report provided
- Update on Fort Morgan Gas Storage Field – David Dillon (10 minutes)
 - Update on Garden Gulch Spills, Response, Mitigation and Prevention Plans – Chris Canfield/Jaime Adkins (15 minutes)
- ⌚ **10:00 a.m.** Commissioner Comments
- ⌚ **10:15 a.m.** Audience Comments
- ⌚ **10:45 a.m.** Consent Agenda
 6 Hearing Officer recommendations under Rule 511.b.
- ⌚ **11:00 a.m.** Cause No. 1, Docket No. 0803-GA-02, Weld County
- Applicant: City of Greeley
- Attorney: Jeffrey C. Parins
- Subject: Request for a hearing on the proposed Lake 31-43 Well located in the NE¼ SE¼ of Section 31, Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., or in the alternative for an order designating the entire site of the Poudre Learning Center as both a High Density Area and a Designated Outside Activity Area.
- Protestant: Orr Energy, LLC
- Attorney: J. Michael Morgan
- Comments: Prehearing conference held on March 19, 2008. Estimated time for hearing is 3 hours total, including applicant and protestant cases-in-chief, cross examination and Commission deliberation.
- ⌚ **12:15 p.m.** Lunch Break
- ⌚ **1:00 p.m.** Cause No. 1, Docket No. 0803-GA-02, Weld County - continued

🕒 3:00 p.m.

Cause No. 1R, Docket No. 0803-RM-02, Statewide
Presentation of draft rules – David Neslin

Appointment of Hearing Officer for rulemaking to guide prehearing matters.

Adoption of [First Prehearing Conference Order](#) which sets forth deadlines for filing of documents and other scheduling matters.

CONSENT AGENDA

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No valid protests/interventions were received or valid protests were resolved, or no interventions were made on the technical merits for the matters listed below. **Based upon requests made by the applicants to approve the applications based on the merits of the verified applications and the supporting written testimony and exhibits, the Hearing Officers recommend approval.** Draft proposed orders were provided. The applicants agreed to be bound by oral order of the Commission.

RULE 511.b. RECOMMENDATIONS

Cause No. 139, Docket No. 0802-AW-03, Rulison Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Williams Production RMT Company
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 outside boundary for certain lands in Township 7 South, Range 94 West, 6th P.M, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

Protestants: George and Deanna Bauer

Comments: Continued from the February hearing. Prehearing conference held and protest subsequently withdrawn.

Cause No. 139, Docket No. 0803-AW-09, Rulison Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Laramie Energy II, LLC
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 lease line for the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 7 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M., for production from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Cause No. 139, Docket No. 0803-SP-04, Rulison Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Laramie Energy II, LLC
Attorney: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 657-acre drilling and spacing unit and to allow one well per 10 acres, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet from the lease line for certain lands in Section 5, Township 8 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Cause No. 139, Docket No. 0803-SP-05, Rulison Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Laramie Energy II, LLC
Attorney: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 185-acre drilling and spacing unit and to allow one well per 10 acres, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet from the lease line for certain lands in Section 6, Township 8 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Cause No. 139, Docket No. 0802-SP-06, Rulison Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Williams Production RMT Company
Attorney: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 440-acre drilling and spacing unit and to allow one well per 10 acres, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet from the lease line for the S $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 7 South, Range 94 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Cause No. 474, Docket No. 0803-SP-07, Craig Field, Moffat County

Applicant: Samson Resources Company.
Attorney: Susan L. Aldridge/Michael J. Wozniak

Subject: Request for an order to vacate certain drilling and spacing units and establish a 320-acre drilling and spacing unit and to allow an optional additional well, with a bottomhole location no closer than 660 feet to any outer boundary for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 6 North, Range 91 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

CONTINUED AND WITHDRAWN MATTERS

Cause No. 1, Docket No. 0705-AW-11, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas
Attorneys: David R. Little/Christopher G. Hayes

Protestants: Parkland Estates Homeowners' Association and
Nawal Sharma and Vibha Sharma
Attorney: J. Michael Morgan
Subject: Request for an order to vacate Order No. 1-41, which established a high density area for the N½ of Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M. and place the lands under the provisions of the Rules & Regulations of the Commission and applicable orders in Cause Nos. 232, 407, 493, 496 and 499, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Cretaceous Age Formations. In the alternative, the applicant is seeking an exception to the location requirements set out in Order No. 1-41, as provided in Rule 603.e.(6), or as requested in the amended application, a variance under Rule 502.b. to the permitted location set out in Order No. 1-41.
Comments: Kerr-McGee and Parkland have been successful in obtaining a contract to purchase a drilling and production easement adjacent and to and south of Parkland. Under that contract, they now have a 30 day inspection period in which to obtain and review a title commitment, obtain the approval of Parkland members, come to certain agreements between themselves, and obtain a "drill through" agreement from EnCana. The parties request a continuance to the June hearing to accomplish these objectives.

Cause No. 510, Docket No. 0803-AW-08, Grand Valley Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Oxy USA WTP LP
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 lease line for certain lands in Townships 6 and 7, Range 97 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

Protestant: Bureau of Land Management

Comments: Protest filed March 26, 2008. Continued to the June hearing.

Cause No. 139, Docket No. 0803-AW-10, Rulison Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Black Diamond Minerals, LLC
Attorney: Susan L. Aldridge/Michael J. Wozniak
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 lease line for certain lands

in Townships 7 and 8 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

Comments: Continued to the May hearing.

Cause No. 440, Docket No. 0803-UP-03, Parachute Field, Garfield County

Applicant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.

Attorney: Stephen Sullivan

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in the 40-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the SE¼ NE¼ of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M., for the operation and development of the Williams Fork Formation.

Comments: Application withdrawn; hearing cancelled.

Cause No. 191, Docket No. 0803-SP-08, Mamm Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Antero Resources Piceance Corporation

Attorney: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to vacate a 320-acre drilling and spacing unit and establish various drilling and spacing units and to allow 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 Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Comments: Application withdrawn; hearing cancelled.

Cause No. 381, Docket No. 0803-SP-09, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Orr Energy, LLC

Attorney: J. Michael Morgan

Subject: Request for an order to designate two 80-acre drilling and spacing units and to segregate the W½ SW¼ into two 40-acre drilling and spacing units consisting of the NW¼ SW¼ and SW¼ SW¼ of Section 33, Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Comments: Application withdrawn; hearing cancelled.

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

🕒 9:00 a.m.

Cause No. 1R, Docket No. 0803-RM-01, Statewide
Staff Recommendation

Subject: Request to amend Rules 328. and 329. concerning the measurement of oil and gas.

Comment Letters: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Charles Carpenter
Colorado Oil and Gas Association

⌚ 10:30 a.m. Cause No. 1, Docket No. 0803-GA-03, Wildcat Field, Saguache County

Applicant: Lexam Explorations (U.S.A.) Inc.
Attorney: David A. Bailey

Subject: Request for a variance under Rule 502.b. for a one year extension to commence drilling operations for the Baca Wells #5 and #6, located in Sections 28 and 33, Township 43 North, Range 11 East, N.M.P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Dakota Formation.

Protestant: Saguache County Board of County Commissioners
Attorney: Benjamin Gibbons

Letters of Concern: Allison Anderson
Marika Popovits
Energy Minerals Law Center

Comments: Prehearing conference held March 18, 2008. Estimated time for hearing is 3 hours total, including applicant and protestant cases-in-chief, cross examination and Commission deliberation.

⌚ 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

⌚ 12:45 p.m. Cause No. 1, Docket No. 0803-GA-03, Wildcat Field, Saguache County - Continued