



HEARING AGENDA

La Quinta Inn & Suites
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Trinidad, CO 81082

The times associated with each docketed item are subject to change. The Commission reserves the right to call any and all agenda items out of order.

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

- ⌚ **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
- ⌚ **10:00 a.m.** Report from the Assistant Attorney General
- ⌚ **10:15 a.m.** Commissioner Comments
- ⌚ **10:30 a.m.** Audience Comments
- ⌚ **11:00 a.m.** Consent Agenda
 9 Hearing Officer recommendations under Rule 511
- ⌚ **11:30 a.m.** Lunch Break
- ⌚ **12:00 p.m.** Cause No. 440, Docket No. 0908-UP-11, Parachute Field, Garfield County
Applicant: Antero Resources Piceance Corporation
Attorney: William A. Keefe
- Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in a pending 240-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the NW¼, and W½ NE¼ of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.
- Protestant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA)
Attorney: Stephen J. Sullivan
- Protestant: Sharon Gardner
Attorney: Nathan A. Keever
- Comments: EnCana withdrew its Protest during prehearing conference

on August 12, 2009.

⌚ 2:00 p.m.

Informational Session on Methane Investigation, Monitoring, and Mitigation Plan ("MIMMP")

Peter Gintantas, COGCC Environment Specialist

Paul Powell, COO of Petroglyph Energy, Inc.

Margaret Ash/ Peter Gintantas, COGCC Environment Specialists

Public Comment

⌚ 4:00 p.m.

Water Management Practices for Coal Bed Methane Wells in Raton Basin

Margaret Ash/ Peter Gintantas, COGCC Environment Specialists

Public Comment

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 RECOMMENDATIONS

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 0906-UP-05, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.

Attorney: Susan L. Aldridge

Subject: Request for an order to establish two approximate 160-acre wellbore spacing units for certain lands located in Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for production of oil from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, and to pool all nonconsenting interests in said units, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Protestant: Merit Energy Company

Attorney: Christopher G. Hayes

Comments: Continued from the July hearing. Prehearing Conference held on August 4, 2009. Motion to Dismiss Protest filed by Noble on August 6, 2009 with response filed by Protestant on August 11, 2009, coupled with withdrawal of Protest.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 0906-UP-06, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.
Attorney: Susan L. Aldridge

Subject: Request for an order to establish two approximate 160-acre wellbore spacing units for certain lands located in Section 14, Township 5 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., for production of oil from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, and to pool all nonconsenting interests in said units, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Protestant: Merit Energy Company
Attorney: Christopher G. Hayes

Comments: Continued from the July hearing. Prehearing Conference held on August 4, 2009. Motion to Dismiss Protest filed by Noble on August 6, 2009 with response filed by Protestant on August 11, 2009, coupled with withdrawal of Protest.

Cause Nos. 416 & 516, Docket No. 0908-UP-17, Border and May Fields, Weld County

Applicant: Beren Corporation
Attorneys: Andrew A. Bremner

Subject: Request for an order to establish the Moyer Unit for enhanced recovery unit and approve enhanced recovery operations for certain lands in Township 12 North, Range 56 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the D & J Sand Formation.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 0908-UP-18, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc
Attorneys: Susan L. Aldridge/Michael J. Wozniak

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 160-acre wellbore spacing unit consisting of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and to pool all nonconsenting interests in said unit, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 0908-UP-19, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc
Attorneys: Susan L. Aldridge/Michael J. Wozniak

Subject: Request for an order to establish two approximate 160-acre wellbore spacing units consisting of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 4 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 4 North,

Range 66 West, 6th P.M., and to pool all nonconsenting interests in said unit, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Cause Nos. 479 & 510, Docket No. 0908-UP-20, Grand Valley Field, Garfield County

Applicant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Attorney: Michael J. Wonziak

Subject: Request for an order to establish the North Parachute Ranch Unit under §§ 34-60-118, C.R.S. for certain lands located in Sections 15 through 17, Sections 20 through 22, and Sections 27 through 34, Township 5 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Williams Fork Formation.

Cause No. 440, Docket No. 0908-SP-17, Parachute Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Antero Resources Piceance Corporation
Attorney: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to vacate an existing 320-acre drilling and spacing unit and establish two approximate 240-acre drilling and spacing units consisting of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Protestant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Attorney: Stephen J. Sullivan

Comments: Prehearing Conference convened August 5, 2009. On August 11, 2009, EnCana filed withdrawal of its Protest.

Cause No. 139, Docket No. 0908-SP-18, Rulison Field, Garfield County

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

Subject: Request for an order to: (1) establish a 640-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of Section 15, Township 7 South, Range 94 West, 6th P.M., (2) continue to allow the equivalent of one well per 10 acres for said Section 15, for the Williams Fork Formation, and (3) allow the equivalent of one well per 10 acres for the Iles Formation, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Cause No. 105, Docket No. 0908-SP-19, McClave Field, Kiowa County

Applicant: Grynberg Petroleum Company
Attorney: Christopher G. Hayes

Subject: Request for an order to vacate the established 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 48 West, 6th P.M., and establish a 160-acre drilling and spacing unit for the SE¼ of said Section 6, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the McClave Formation.

CONTINUED MATTERS

Cause No. 440, Docket No. 0908-UP-10, Parachute Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Antero Resources Piceance Corporation
Attorney: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in a pending 240-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the NW¼, and W½ NE¼ of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Protestant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA)
Attorney: Stephen J. Sullivan

Protestant: Sharon Gardner
Attorney: Nathan A. Keever

Comments: Continued to the September hearing

Cause No. 449, Docket No. 0908-EX-04, Arapahoe Field, Cheyenne County

Applicant: Wiepking-Fullerton Energy, LLC
Attorney: Jeff Wiepking

Subject: Request for an order to allow an exception to the permitted well location and remove the production limitations as specified in Order 449-7 for the re-entry of the Lewis 22-17 #4 Well located in the W½ of Section 17, Township 14 South, Range 42 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the of the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Protestant: Citation Oil & Gas Corporation
Attorney: Scott M. Campbell/ Nick A. Swartzendruber

Comments: A Prehearing Conference was held August 5, 2009. On August 11, 2009, Applicant filed for Continuation of application to the September hearing.