



HEARING AGENDA

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

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.

Thursday, April 29, 2010

- ⌚ 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. Presentation - *San Juan Basin Coalbed Methane Water Quality Analysis* by Ken Stelman, AMEC-Geomatrix, Consultant to COGCC
- ⌚ 10:20 a.m. Presentation - *Revision of Bottomhole Testing Requirements for Wells Producing from the Fruitland Coal Seams in La Plata County* by Dave Dillon, COGCC Engineering Manager
- ⌚ 10:30 a.m. Presentation – *Where is the Well – A Discussion of Colorado's Well Location Requirements and Issues* by Jim Milne, COGCC Senior Research and Applied Scientist
- ⌚ 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Comments
- ⌚ 10:50 a.m. Audience Comments
- ⌚ 11:10 a.m. Consent Agenda
 13 Hearing Officer recommendations under Rule 511.

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. 421, Docket No. 1003-AW-02, Hereford Field, Weld County
Applicant: EOG Resources, Inc.
Attorney: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request for an order to approve an additional horizontal well, for a total of up to two wells, for the established approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 36, Township 12 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil and gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Comment: Continued from the March hearing.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1004-UP-22, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP

Attorney: William A. Keefe/ Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in a 160-acre wellbore spacing unit designate for certain lands in Sections 2 and 11, Township 2 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the bottomhole location of the Varra #35-2 Well, with a planned bottomhole location of 90 feet FSL and 1300 feet FWL, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1004-UP-23, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP

Attorney: William A. Keefe/ Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in a 160-acre wellbore spacing unit designate for certain lands in Sections 2 and 11, Township 2 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the bottomhole location of the Varra #37-2 Well, with a planned bottomhole location of 50 feet FSL and 1350 feet FEL, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Cause Nos. 232 & 407, Docket No. 1004-UP-24, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP

Attorney: William A. Keefe/Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request for an order to designate a 160-acre wellbore spacing unit for certain lands in Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the bottomhole location of the Garcia #21-25 Well, with a planned bottomhole location of 1300 feet FNL and 2600 feet FEL, and to pool all nonconsenting interests in said unit, for the development and operation of the Codell, Niobrara and "J" Sand Formations.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1004-UP-26, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.

Attorney: Kenneth A. Wonstolen/Andrew A. Bremner

Subject: Request for an order to designate a 160-acre wellbore spacing unit to accommodate the bottomhole location of the Magnuson F #28-27D Well, with a planned bottomhole location of 75 feet FNL and 1320 feet FEL in Section 28, 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. 1004-UP-27, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Synergy Resource Corporation

Attorney: J. Michael Morgan

Subject: Request for an order to establish a 160-acre drilling and spacing unit in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., and to pool all nonconsenting interests, to accommodate the Meyer #3, Meyer #5, Meyer #6, and Meyers #8 Wells, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Cause Nos. 232 & 407, Docket No. 1004-UP-28, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Synergy Resource Corporation

Attorney: J. Michael Morgan

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated 160-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of certain lands in Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Meyer #4 Well, for the development and operation of the Codell, Niobrara and "J" Sand Formations.

Cause No. 232, Docket No. 1004-UP-30, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.

Attorney: Kenneth A. Wonstolen/Andrew A. Bremner

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated 160-acre wellbore spacing unit consisting of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ in Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Ale W #29-20D Well, for the development and operation of the "J" Sand Formation.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1004-UP-31, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.

Attorney: Kenneth A. Wonstolen/Andrew A. Bremner

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated 160-acre wellbore spacing unit consisting of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ in Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Boulter G #05-20 Well, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1004-UP-32, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.

Attorney: Kenneth A. Wonstolen/Andrew A. Bremner

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated 160-acre wellbore spacing unit consisting of the S $\frac{1}{2}$

NW¼ and N½ SW¼ in Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Doll F #23-20D Well, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1004-UP-33, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.
Attorney: Kenneth A. Wonstolen/Andrew A. Bremner

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated 160-acre wellbore spacing unit consisting of the certain lands in Sections 4 and 5, Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Gutteresen D #04-32 Well, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1004-UP-34, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.
Attorney: Kenneth A. Wonstolen/Andrew A. Bremner

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated 160-acre wellbore spacing unit consisting of the S½ SW¼ of Section 2 and the N½ NW¼ of Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Hanscome G #11-29D Well, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1004-UP-35, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.
Attorney: Kenneth A. Wonstolen/Andrew A. Bremner

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated 160-acre wellbore spacing unit consisting of the N½ NW¼ of Section 3, Township 4 North and the S½ SW¼ of Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Romero G #03-29D Well, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

🕒 11:30 p.m.

Executive Session

- *COGA v. COGCC, and other litigation, and rulemaking matters.*

🕒 11:45 p.m.

Lunch

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS BY CONSENT

🕒 12:45 p.m.

Cause No. 1, Docket No. 1004-OV-03, Garfield County
Staff Recommendation

Subject: Request to approve an administrative order by consent between Staff and OXY USA WTP LP, for violation of Rules 324A.a., 324A.b., 902.a., 903.a., and 907.a.(2), at the Cascade

Creek #605-1 Well located in the SE¼ NW¼ of Section 5, Township 6 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.

Cause No. 1, Docket No. 1004-OV-04, Garfield County
Staff Recommendation

Subject: Request to approve an administrative order by consent between Staff and OXY USA WTP LP, for violation of Rules 324A.a., 324A.b., 902.a., 903.a., and 907.a.(2), at the OXY #697-09-61 Well Pad located in the SW¼ SE¼ of Section 9, Township 6 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.

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Hearing Adjourns

CONTINUED AND WITHDRAWN MATTERS

Cause Nos. 1, 369, 399, 429, Docket No. 1003-GA-05, Vega, and Buzzard Creek
Fields, Mesa County

Applicant: Delta Petroleum Corporation
Attorney: Kenneth A. Wonstolen

Subject: Request for an order to limit the number of wellsites according to Rule 503, to no more than three per section for lands consisting of Sections 6 and 7, Township 9 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M. and Sections 12, 28 and 29, Township 9 South, Range 93 West 6th P.M., and limit the number of wellsites to a single location for lands consisting of Section 1, Township 8.5 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M., and pursuant to Rule 1202.d(5), limiting ground disturbing activity during certain periods of time for each of the above mentioned sections, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Protestant: Bureau of Land Management
Representative: Lynn E. Rust, Deputy State Director

Comment: Moved to the April Hearing to resolve lease transfer issues raised by the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management. Continued to the June hearing.

Cause No. 1, Docket No. 1004-GA-07, Adams County

Applicant: BP Energy, Inc
Representative: Van K. Bullock

Subject: Request to obtain a variance from the requirement to provide financial assurance in the amount set forth in Rule 706.a.

Comments: Continued to the June hearing.

Cause No. 112, Docket No. 1004-UP-21, Ignacio-Blanco Field, Archuleta County

Applicant: Seibels
Attorney: Scott M. Campbell

Subject: Request for an order to clarify that Order No. 112-162 force pooled the Seibel Trust only in the Swanemyr 32-6#1-2 Well and declaring that the Seibel Trust must be offered the opportunity to participate in the Swanemyr 32-6 #1-2 and Swanemyr 32-6 #1-3 Wells, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, 6th P.M., and for an accounting under the provisions of § 34-60-118.5 of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fruitland coal seams.

Protestant: Energen Resources, Inc.
Attorney: Andrew A. Bremner/Michael J. Wozniak

Protestant: BP America Production Company
Attorney: Thomas P. Dugan

Comments: Continued to the June hearing.

Cause No. 139, Docket No. 1004-UP-29, Rulison Field, Garfield County

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

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in the established 320-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 94 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Protestants: J. Andrew Dunn and Niki D. LeClair
Attorney: Gretchen VanderWerf

Comments: Continued to the June hearing.

Cause No. 1, Docket No. 1004-OV-02, Adams County
Staff Recommendation

Subject: Request for an order finding Barnes Petroleum Corporation in violation of Rules 302.a., 706., 319.b(1), 326.d., and 326.d., at the Rosener #1 Well located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 1 South, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Comments: Continued to the June hearing.

Cause No. 535, Docket No. 1004-EX-01, Sugar Loaf Field, Moffat County

Applicant: Wexpro Company
Attorney: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request for an order for an exception location for the proposed Sugarloaf Government #17 Well to be located 2020 feet FNL and 448 feet FEL in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 11 North, Range 101 West, 6th P.M.

Comments: Director granted variance; application withdrawn.

Cause No. 191, Docket No. 1004-SP-12, Mamm Creek Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Bill Barrett Corporation

Attorney: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to vacate the existing 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for certain lands in Section 36, Township 6 South, Range 91 West, 6th P.M. and establish an approximate 560-acre drilling and spacing unit for certain lands in said section, and continue to allow the equivalent of 10-acre density for such unit, for the production of oil and gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Protestant: Bureau of Land Management

Representative: Lynn E. Rust, Deputy State Director

Comments: Application withdrawn.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1004-UP-25, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.

Attorney: Kenneth A. Wonstolen/Andrew A. Bremner

Subject: Request for an order to designate an 80-acre drilling and spacing unit for the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 6 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. (to accommodate the Orr E #19-05 Well (with a planned bottomhole location of 2146 feet FNL and 490 feet FWL in said Section 19) and the Orr E #19-06 Well (with a planned bottomhole location of 2005 feet FNL and 2075 feet FWL in said Section 19), and to pool all noncoconsenting interests in said unit, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Comments: Application withdrawn.