



AMENDED
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.

Monday, April 4, 2011

- ⌚ **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
- ⌚ **9:45 a.m.** Commissioner Comments
- ⌚ **10:15 a.m.** Audience Comments
- ⌚ **10:30 a.m.** Consent Agenda
 22 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. 191, Docket No.1010-SP-37, Mamm Creek Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Antero Resources Piceance Corporation
Attorney: William A. Keefe/Ken A. Wonstolen

Subject: Request to establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 91 West, 6th P.M., and to optionally allow one well per 10 acres, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Intervenor: Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County
Attorney: Cassandra Coleman

510 Statements: Numerous

Comments: Continued from the October hearing. Prehearing conferences occurred on November 23, 2010, December 15, 2010, and January 5, 2011. Matter continued to the February hearing at Antero's request. Commission will hear any appeals from preliminary procedural rulings entered by the Hearings Officer. Application amended; consequently, Garfield County withdrew its intervention.

Cause No. 191, Docket No. 1101-SP-02, Mamm Creek Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Antero Resources Piceance Corporation

Attorney: William A. Keefe/Ken A. Wonstolen

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 625-acre drilling and spacing unit for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 91 West, 6th P.M., the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 91 West, 6th P.M., and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Intervenor: Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County

Attorney: Cassandra Coleman

510 Statements: Numerous

Comments: Prehearing conference occurred on January 5, 2011. Matter continued to the February hearing at Antero's request. Commission will hear any appeals from preliminary procedural rulings entered by the Hearings Officer. Application amended; consequently, Garfield County withdrew its intervention.

Cause Nos. 232 & 407, Docket No. 1102-UP-13, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Mineral Resources, Inc.

Attorneys: Thomas J. Kimmell

Subject: Request to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated approximate 80-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 6 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell, Niobrara, and "J" Sands Formations.

Comments: Continued from the February hearing by the Hearings Manager.

Cause No. 421, Docket No. 1104-AW-03, Hereford Field, Weld County

Applicant: EOG Resources, Inc.

Attorneys: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

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

Cause No. 535, Docket No. 1104-SP-10, Unnamed Field, Weld County

Applicant: Anadarko E&P Company LP

Attorneys: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to establish three drilling and spacing for certain lands located in Sections 13 through 15 and 22 through 24, Township 12 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approve of up to two horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

510 Statement: GADECO, LLC

Cause No. 535, Docket No. 1104-SP-11, Unnamed Field, Weld County

Applicant: Anadarko E&P Company LP

Attorneys: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to establish three drilling and spacing for certain lands located in Sections 16 through 18 and 19 through 21, Township 12 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approve of up to two horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No. 535, Docket No. 1104-SP-12, Unnamed Field, Weld County

Applicant: EOG Resources, Inc.

Attorneys: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request for an order to establish fifty-one (51) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands located Townships 9 through 11 North, Ranges 64 through 67 West, 6th P.M., and allow one horizontal well in each of the units, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause Nos. 232 & 407, Docket No. 1104-SP-13, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: **EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.**

Attorneys: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing unit for the NE¼ of Section 25,

Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Niobrara and "J" Sand Formations.

Cause No 371, Docket No. 1104-SP-14, Buzzard Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Axia Energy, LLC

Attorneys: Scott M. Campbell/Jeremy I. Ferrin

Subject: Request for an order to: (1) vacate the approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the E½ of Section 2, Township 9 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M.; and (2) establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for said Section 2, and authorize the equivalent of one well per 10 acres density for said unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Cause No 371, Docket No. 1104-SP-15, Buzzard Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Axia Energy, LLC

Attorneys: Scott M. Campbell/Jeremy I. Ferrin

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit for the S½ of Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M., and authorize the equivalent of one well per 10 acres density for said unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Cause No 191, Docket No. 1104-SP-16, Mamm Creek Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Bill Barrett Corporation

Attorneys: Randy Moke

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 120-acre drilling and spacing unit certain lands located in Sections 32 and 33, Township 6 South, Range 91 West, 6th P.M., and authorize the equivalent of one well per 10 acres well density for said unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Cause No 535, Docket No. 1104-SP-18, Unnamed Field, Weld County

Applicant: Continental Resources, Inc.

Attorneys: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of Sections 26 and 35, Township 8 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M., and approve one horizontal well within unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No 535, Docket No. 1104-SP-19, Unnamed Field, Weld County

Applicant: Continental Resources, Inc.

Attorneys: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of Sections 1 and 12, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M., and approve one horizontal well within unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No 407, Docket No. 1104-SP-20, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP

Attorneys: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 640-acre exploratory wellbore spacing unit for Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approve two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No 535, Docket No. 1104-SP-21, Unnamed Field, Weld County

Applicant: Chesapeake Exploration, LLC

Attorneys: William A. Keefe/Kenneth A. Wonstolen

Subject: Request for an order to establish seven approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for Sections 8 through 11 and 13 through 15, Township 11 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approve one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No 535, Docket No. 1104-SP-22, Unnamed Field, Weld County

Applicant: Chesapeake Exploration, LLC

Attorneys: William A. Keefe/Kenneth A. Wonstolen

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 15, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M., and approve one horizontal well within said unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No 535, Docket No. 1104-SP-23, Unnamed Field, Weld County

Applicant: Chesapeake Exploration, LLC

Attorneys: William A. Keefe/Kenneth A. Wonstolen

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 9, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M., and approve one horizontal well within said unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No 407, Docket No. 1104-SP-24, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Attorneys: Jamie L. Jost/Elizabeth Y. Gallaway

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 320-acre wellbore spacing unit for the N½ of Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., and approve of one horizontal well within the unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No 407, Docket No. 1104-SP-25, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Attorneys: Jamie L. Jost/Elizabeth Y. Gallaway

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 320-acre wellbore spacing unit for the N½ of Section 33 Township 3 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., and approve of one horizontal well within the unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No 531, Docket No. 1104-UP-15, Unnamed Field, Jackson County

Applicant: EOG Resources, Inc.
Attorneys: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in the established approximate 628.00-acre drilling and spacing unit for certain lands located in Section 7, Township 7 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

Cause Nos 232 & 407, Docket No. 1104-UP-16, Wattenberg Field, Broomfield County

Applicant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Attorneys: Jamie L. Jost/Elizabeth Y. Gallaway

Subject: Request for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests within a 160-acre designated wellbore spacing unit for certain lands located in Sections 22 and 23, Township 1 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell, Niobrara and "J" Sand Formations.

Cause No. 112, Docket No. 1010-UP-57, Ignacio-Blanco Field, La Plata County

Applicant: BP American Production and Lois Hood
Attorneys: Thomas W. Niebrugge/Jeffery P. Robbins

Subject: Request to involuntarily pool all nonconsenting interests in the drilling and spacing unit consisting of Section 1U and the N½ of Section 12U, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M. (SUL) for the development and operation of the Fruitland coal seams.

Protestant: Samson Resources Company
Attorneys: Scott M. Campbell/Jeremy I. Ferrin

Intervenor: SG Interests
Attorney: Brian Tooley

Comments: On November 29, 2010, the Commission denied Samson's request for partial dismissal of application. Continued to the June hearing. **The Commission is being asked to approve an uncontested motion to intervene filed by SG Interests on March 11, 2011, Samson's predecessor in interest.**

HEARING MATTERS

ORDERS FINDING VIOLATION HEARING

🕒 **11:00 a.m.** Cause No. 1V, Docket No. 1104-OV-08, Delta County
Staff Recommendation

Subject: Request for an Order Finding Violation against Aspen Operating, LLC, for various Rule violations at the Hamilton wells, located in Sections 32 and 33, Range 13 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M.

HEARING MATTERS (Rulemaking)

🕒 **11:15 a.m.** Cause No. 1, Docket No. 1009-GA-12, Statewide
Applicant: Colorado Petroleum Association
Attorneys: John Paul Seman Jr./Nick A. Swartzendruber/
Scott M. Campbell

Subject: Update by CPA on the application to amend Rule 905.b.(3)A.

Comments: Continued from previous hearings

🕒 **11:20 a.m.** Cause No. 1R, Docket No. 1104-RM-01, Statewide
Staff Recommendation

Subject: The Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has set a hearing to consider amendments to Rule 904.a.

🕒 **11:30 p.m.** **Lunch**

HEARING MATTERS (Continued)

🕒 **1:00 p.m.** Cause No. 232 & 409, Docket No. 1101-UP-03, Bracewell Field, Weld County
Applicant: Orr Energy LLC

Attorneys: J. Michael Morgan

Subject: Request to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated approximate 80-acre drilling and spacing unit for the W½ NE¼ of Section 32, Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., for the AG #32-31D Well and the AG #32-32D Well, for the development and operation of the Codell, Niobrara and "J" Sand Formations.

Protestant: Noble Energy, Inc.
Attorney: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

Comments: A Prehearing Conference was held January 4th and the matter was continued to the February hearing. A second Prehearing Conference was held on February 2nd resulting in the issuance of a Prehearing Conference Report and the matter has been set for hearing.

Cause No. 232 & 409, Docket No. 1101-UP-04, Bracewell Field, Weld County

Applicant: Orr Energy LLC
Attorneys: J. Michael Morgan

Subject: Request to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing unit for the NW¼ of Section 32, Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., for the AG #32-65D Well, for the development and operation of the Codell, Niobrara, and "J" Sand Formations.

Protestant: Noble Energy, Inc.
Attorney: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

Comments: A Prehearing Conference was held January 4th and the matter was continued to the February hearing. A second Prehearing Conference was held on February 2nd resulting in the issuance of a Prehearing Conference Report and the matter has been set for hearing.

ORDERS FINDING VIOLATION HEARING

🕒 2:00 p.m.

Cause No. 1V, Docket No. 1102-OV-06, Moffat County
Staff Recommendation

Subject: Request for an Order Finding Violation against Grynberg Petroleum Co. for various Rule Violations at the Hiawatha State #4-3 Well, located in the NW¼ SE¼ of Section 3, Township 11 North, Range 101 West, 6th P.M.

Comments: Continued from the February hearing.

Cause No. 1V, Docket No. 1102-OV-07, Moffat County

Staff Recommendation

Subject: Request for an Order Finding Violation against Grynberg Petroleum Co. for various Rule Violations at the Hiawatha Deep #4-36 Well, located in the SW¼ SW¼ of Section 36, Township 12 North, Range 101 West, 6th P.M.

Comments: Continued from the February hearing.

🕒 3:00 p.m.

Cause No. 1V, Docket No. 1102-OV-05, Garfield County
Staff Recommendation

Subject: Request for an Order Finding Violation against OXY USA WTP LP for various Rule violations at the Cascade Creek #697-15-54 Well pad located in the SW¼ SE¼ of Section 15, Township 6 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.

Comments: Continued from the February hearing.

🕒 4:00 p.m.

Executive Session

- *Grand Valley Citizens Alliance v. COGCC*
- *Chase/Sutak (Moqui Meadows) v. COGCC*

🕒 TBD

Hearing Adjourns

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

🕒 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call of Commissioners

HEARING MATTER

ORDERS FINDING VIOLATION HEARING

(Continued)

Cause No. 1V, Docket No. 1102-OV-05, Garfield County
Staff Recommendation

Subject: Request for an Order Finding Violation against OXY USA WTP LP for various Rule violations at the Cascade Creek #697-15-54 Well pad located in the SW¼ SE¼ of Section 15, Township 6 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.

Comments: Continued from the February hearing.

CONTINUED MATTERS

Cause No. 1, Docket No. 0809-GA-01, Adams County

Applicant: Colorado Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Attorney: Timothy J. Monahan

Subject: Request for an order to designate Barr Lake State Park as a Designated Outside Activity Area.

Protestants: James Alexander, Alexander Energy Company, HRM Resources, Texas American Resources Company and Sovereign Energy LLC.

Attorney: Stephen J. Sullivan

Protestant: Noble Energy, Inc.

Attorneys: Michael J. Wozniak/Andrew A. Bremner

Protestant: Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Attorneys: John R. Jacus/Sam G. Niebrugge

Comments: A prehearing conference was held on September 3, 2008. Settlement negotiations are proceeding. A status conference was held September 20, 2010. Settlement negotiations are proceeding.

Cause No. 112, Docket No. 1007-AW-07, Ignacio-Blanco Field, La Plata County

Applicant: Pablo Operating Company

Attorneys: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request for an order to allow up to four wells per 320-acre standup drilling and spacing unit, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundary, for Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fruitland coal seams.

Intervenor: La Plata County

Attorney: Paul D. Kosnik

Comments: Continued to the May hearing.

Cause No 535, Docket No. 1104-SP-17, Unnamed Field, Weld County

Applicant: Continental Resources, Inc.

Attorneys: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of Sections 3 and 10, Township 9 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., and approve one horizontal well within unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Comments: Continued to the May hearing.