



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.

Tuesday, February 22, 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. Seismic Work for Lands Near Denver Metro Area – Presentation by Anadarko on seismic project to be conducted in Adams and Arapahoe Counties.
- ⌚ 10:45 a.m. Consent Agenda
 12 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. 139, Docket No. 1101-AW-01, Rulison Field, Garfield County

Applicant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.

Attorneys: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost/William E. Sparks

Subject: Request for an order to allow the equivalent of one well per 10 acres to be drilled in the E½ SE¼ of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

Comments: Continued from the January hearing.

Cause No. 429, Docket No. 1101-SP-04, Rulison Field, Garfield County

Applicant: Laramie Energy II, LLC

Attorneys: William A. Keefe

Subject: Request for an order to establish an approximate 885.16-acre drilling and spacing unit for certain lands located in Sections 19 and 30, Township 9 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork, Iles, Mancos, Niobrara, Frontier, and Mowry Formations.

Protestant: EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.

Attorney: Stephen J. Sullivan

Comments: Continued from the January hearing. Laramie amended its application and, as a result, EnCana withdrew its protest.

Cause No. 421, Docket No. 1102-SP-05, Hereford Field, Weld County

Applicant: Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Attorneys: Williams A. Keefe

Subject: Request to add certain lands in Section 14, Township 12 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. into the established 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, consisting of Section 23, Township 12 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and continue to allow one horizontal well in the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No. 535, Docket No. 1102-SP-06, Unnamed Field, Weld County

Applicant: EOG Resources Inc.

Attorneys: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request to establish one hundred and sixty-three (163) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands in Townships 8, 9 and 10, North, Ranges 58 through 61, West, 6th P.M., and allow one horizontal well in each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No. 535, Docket No. 1102-SP-7, Unnamed Field, Weld County

Applicant: EOG Resources Inc.

Attorneys: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request to establish seventy-eight (78) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands in Townships 4,5 and 6 North, Ranges 61 and 62, 6th P.M., and allow one horizontal well in each unit, for the

production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No. 421, Docket No. 1102-SP-8, Hereford Field, Weld County

Applicant: Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Attorneys: Williams A. Keefe

Subject: Request to add certain lands in Section 17, Township 12 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. into the established 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, consisting of Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., and continue to allow one horizontal well in the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No. 421, Docket No. 1102-SP-9, Hereford Field, Weld County

Applicant: Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Attorneys: Williams A. Keefe

Subject: Request to add certain lands in Section 13, Township 12 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. into the established 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, consisting of Section 24, Township 12 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and continue to allow one horizontal well in the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1102-UP-8, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.

Attorneys: Jamie L. Jost/Michael J. Wozniak

Subject: Request to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated 160-acre wellbore spacing unit consisting of the SW¼ of Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. to accommodate the Dinner #13-35 Well, for the development and operation of the Codell, Niobrara formations.

Cause No. 520, Docket No. 1102-UP-10, Oakdale Field, Huerfano County

Applicant: Spoon Valley Energy, LLC

Attorneys: Scott M. Campbell/Jeremy L. Ferrin

Subject: Request to pool all nonconsenting interests in the established approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the SW¼ of Section 4, Township 29 South, Range 69 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Cougar #1A Well, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Dakota and Entrada Formations.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1102-UP-11, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Apollo Operating, LLC

Attorneys: Brent D. Chicken

Subject: Request to pool all nonconsenting interests within two approximate 80-acre designated drilling and spacing units for the SE¼ of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

Cause Nos. 232 & 407, Docket No. 1102-UP-12, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP
Attorneys: Michael J. Wozniak/Jamie L. Jost

Subject: Request to pool specifically named nonconsenting interests for certain described wells and future wells drilled in designated drilling and spacing units and wellbore spacing units located within portions of Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, and 19 in Township 3 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Sussex and Dakota Formations.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1102-UP-14, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Apollo Operating, LLC
Attorneys: Brent D. Chicken

Subject: Request to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated 160-acre wellbore spacing unit consisting of the SE¼ of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Martin #45-12D Well, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

HEARING MATTERS

🕒 **11:15 a.m.**

Cause No. 1, Docket No. 1102-GA-03, Baca County

Applicant: Baca County
Attorneys: Mark H. Schmidt

Subject: Request for an exemption from Rule 804. for all lands within its boundaries.

Comments: Mark H. Schmidt with appear telephonically.

🕒 **11:30 a.m.**

Cause No. 1, Docket No. 1102-GA-04, Larimer County

Applicant: Wellington Operating Company, LLC
Attorneys: Steven Bushong

Subject: Staff Recommendation to renew discharge permit, previously granted under Order No. 1-108, to discharge treated produced water from the Wellington Muddy Unit into the Boxelder Creek Alluvium in the SE¼ of Section 7, Township 9 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M.

🕒 **12:00 p.m.**

Lunch

HEARING MATTERS (CONTINUED)

ORDERS FINDING VIOLATION

🕒 **1:00 p.m.**

Cause No. 1V, Docket No. 1102-OV-04, Las Animas County
Tracy Dahl

Subject: Request for an Order Finding Violation against Pioneer Natural Resources USA, for various Rule violations at the Alibi #23-2 Well located in the NE¼ SW¼ of Section 2, Township 33 South, Range 68 West, 6th P.M.

510 Statement: Sierra Club Rocky Mtn. Chapter, Oil and Gas Chair, Gopa Ross

Comments: Prehearing Conference was held on January 10, 2011 and February 7, 2011. Refer to Second Prehearing Conference Report and Order.

🕒 **2:45 p.m.**

510 Statement: Tracy Dahl

🕒 **3:00 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.

🕒 **3:30 p.m.**

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.

🕒 **4:00 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 W 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.

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.

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Hearing Adjourns

CONTINUED AND WITHDRAWN 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 April hearing.

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: The Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has set a hearing to consider an application to amend Rule 905.b.(3)A. Continued to the February hearing.

Comments: Continued to the April hearing.

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

Comments: On November 29, 2010, the Commission denied Samson's request for partial dismissal of application. Continued to the April hearing.

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

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. Matter has been continued to the April hearing.

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

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. Continued to the April hearing.

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 to the April hearing by Hearings Manager.

Cause No. 407, Docket No. 1102-UP-9, Wattenberg Field, Weld County

Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.

Attorneys: Jamie L. Jost/Michael J. Wozniak

Subject: Request to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated approximate 80-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ in Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Lulu #XX08-14D Well, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations, and to pool all nonconsenting interests in the approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. to accommodate the above-mentioned well, for the development and operation of the Codell, Niobrara and "J" Sand Formations.

Protestant: English Farms, Inc. and English Feed Lot 2, LLC

Attorney: Phillip D. Barber

Comments: Noble withdrew their application on February 10, 2011.

ORDERS FINDING VIOLATION 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 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 6 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.

Comments: Continued to the April hearing