

BEFORE THE OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION |) | CAUSE NO. 112 |
| AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO |) | |
| GOVERN OPERATIONS IN IGNACIO-BLANCO |) | DOCKET NO. 0510-AW-18 |
| FIELD, LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO |) | |

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On June 15, 1988, the Commission issued Order No. 112-60 which established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for production of gas from the Fruitland coal seams, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 990 feet to any outer boundary of the unit, nor closer than 130 feet to any interior quarter section line.

On May 15, 2000 the Commission issued Order No. 112-157 which allowed an optional second Fruitland coal seam well to be drilled in each 320-acre drilling and spacing unit with such additional well being located no closer than 990 feet to any outer boundary of the unit, nor closer than 130 feet to any interior quarter section line.

On September 12, 2005, Samson Investment Company, by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to allow an optional third and fourth well to be drilled for production of gas from the Fruitland coal seam in the 320-acre drilling and spacing units described below:

Township 32 North, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M.

Section 3: S½
Section 4: All
Section 5: N½
Section 6: All
Sections 9 and 10: All
Section 16: S½
Sections 21 and 22: All
Section 23: W½

Township 33 North, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M.

Section 10: All
Section 15: All
Section 22: All
Section 23: S½
Section 25: All
Section 29: W½
Section 30: S½
Sections 31 thru 33: All

Township 33 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M.

Section 3: S½
Section 5: S½
Section 8: W½
Section 9: E½
Section 10: S½
Section 14: W½
Section 15: N½
Section 16: W½
Section 17: E½
Section 19: N½
Sections 22 and 23: S½
Section 24: All
Section 25: S½
Section 26: All
Sections 28 and 29: All
Section 30: W½
Sections 35 and 36: All

Township 33 North, Range 9 West, N.M.P.M.

Section 12: E½
Section 36: W½

Township 34 North, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M.

Sections 12 thru 14: All

Section 24: N½
Section 35: S½

Applicant proposes that an optional third and fourth well in each 320-acre unit be drilled, completed or recompleted in the operator's discretion no closer than 660 feet to any outer boundary of the unit with no setback required to any interior quarter section line. That the Director may after notice and hearing approve exceptions to permitted well locations due to topography or surface hazards or the recompletion of wells previously drilled at permitted locations, provided that appropriate notice of such exception location is afforded to offset owners as required by Commission rules. That the surface location of each of the optional wells shall be located on a common or expanded pad with the existing well such that a total of four Fruitland coal well pads shall be authorized in each governmental section. While not required by the Commission's Rules, Applicant shall propose a Health, Safety and Welfare Plan ("HS&W Plan") which shall apply to operations on lands not within the jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The Applicant requests a finding by the Commission that the HS&W Plan adequately addresses concerns related to the environment and public health, safety and welfare not otherwise addressed by Commission Rule on such non-tribal lands.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the above, has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, October 31, 2005
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Ramada Inn & Suites
124 West 6th Street
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and to carry out the purposes of the statute.

In accordance with Rule 509., any interested party desiring to protest the granting of the application or to intervene on the application should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention no later than October 17, 2005, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. An original and nine (9) copies shall be filed with the Commission (Rule 503.f.). **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be available to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of October 17, 2005.** Pursuant to Rule 503.e., if a party who has received notice under Rule 503.b. wishes to receive further pleadings in the above-referenced matter, that party must file a protest or intervention in accordance with these rules. In accordance with the practices of the Commission, should no protests or interventions be filed in this matter by **October 17, 2005, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled for the week of October 17, 2005**

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By _____
Patricia C. Beaver, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801
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