# BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION	)	CAUSE NOS.139, 440, 479, 495 & 510
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO	)	
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE RULISON,	)	DOCKET NO. 0604-SP-20
PARACHUTE AND GRAND VALLEY FIELDS,	)	
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On May 2, 1990, corrected November, 1990, the Commission issued Order No. 479-2, which among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation. On February 15, 1995, corrected February 17, 2000, the Commission issued Order No. 479-5, which among other things, allowed eight (8) wells to be optionally drilled on the 320-acre drilling and spacing units, with the permitted well to be located no closer that 400 feet from the boundaries of the unit and no closer that 800 feet from any existing Williams Fork Formation wells for certain lands including Sections 12 and 13, Township 6 South, Range 94 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and Sections 26 and 27, Township 6 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

On May 18, 1990, the Commission issued Order No. 440-12, which among other things, allowed wells drilled for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation to be located no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the 320-acre drilling and spacing units and no closer that 1200 feet from any well in the same formation. Subsequent Order No. 440-16 allowed up to eight (8) wells to be drilled on the 320-acre drilling and spacing units for production of gas from the Williams Fork Formation, with the permitted wells to be located no closer than 400 feet from the boundaries of the unit and 800 feet from any existing well for the below-listed lands:

Township 6 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 20: All

On May 19, 1990, corrected November 1990, the Commission issued Order No. 139-16, which among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas from the Mesaverde Formation, with the permitted well to be located in the  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  or  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of the drilling unit no less that 600 feet from the unit boundaries and at least 1200 feet from the nearest well in the same formation, for the below-listed lands:

Township 6 South, Range 93 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Sections 5 through 8: All

Township 6 South, Range 94 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Sections 12 through 14: All

On July 2, 1991, the Commission issued Order No. 495-1 which established a 160-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the SE½ of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 96 West,  $6^{th}$  P.M. for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation, and designated the GV-26-28 Well located in the SW½ SE½ of said Section 28 as the permitted well for the unit.

On May 16, 1994, the Commission issued Order No. 510-1, which among other things, established new setback rules allowing permitted wells to be located no closer than 400 feet from the boundaries of any lease line and no closer than 800 feet from any existing Williams Fork Formation well for the below-listed lands.

Township 6 South, Range 96 West, 6th P.M.

Section 22: All Sections 28 and 29: All Sections 30 through 33: All

Township 6 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.

Section 14: All Section 23: All Section 27: All

Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Sections 6 through 8: All

Sections 19 through 22: All Sections 28 through 32: All Section 34: All

Township 7 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.

Section 11: All

On February 21, 1995, corrected on February 17, 2000, the Commission issued Order No. 139-28, which among other things, allowed up to eight (8) Williams Fork Formation wells to be optionally drilled on 320-acre drilling and spacing units, including Section 14, Township 6 South, Range 94 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., with the permitted well to be located no closer than 400 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 800 feet from any Williams Fork Formation well.

On December 16, 2005, the Commission issued Order No. 139-52 which deleted certain lands in Sections 1 through 3 and 12, Township 6 South, Range 94 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. from the provisions of Order Nos. 139-14, 139-28 and 139-40 for production of gas from the Mesaverde Group and placed the lands under the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission, including Rule 318.

On March 6, 2006, Williams Production RMT Company, by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to allow the equivalent of one well per 10 acres, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundary, for the below-listed lands. For all future Williams Fork Formation wells to be drilled on these lands, where these lands abut or corner lands in respect of which the Commission has at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10-acre density Williams Fork Formation wells, the well should be located downhole no closer than 100 feet from the boundaries of the unit unless such unit abuts or corners lands in respect of which the Director of the Commission has not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill Williams Fork Formation 10-acre density wells, in which event the wells should be drilled downhole no closer than 200 feet from the unit which so abuts or corners the lands in respect of which 10-acre density downhole drilling for Williams Fork Formation wells has not been ordered by the Commission. In addition, wells drilled on the application lands will be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one pad located on a given quarter quarter section unless exception is granted by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

Township 6 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M.

Section 5: SW1/4 NW1/4, N1/2 S1/2, SE1/4 SW1/4, SW1/4 SE1/4

Section 6: W½, NW¼ NE¼, SE¼ NE¼, SE¼

Section 7: All

Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4 NE1/4, W1/2 SW1/4

Township 6 South, Range 94 West, 6th P.M.

Section 1: NW1/4, NW1/4, S1/2 N1/2, N1/2 SW1/4, E1/2 SE1/4

Section 2: N½ NW¼, NE¼, S½ SW¼, NE¼ SW¼, SW¼ SE¼

Section 3: NE1/4 NE1/4, NW1/4 NW1/4, S1/2 NW1/4, S1/2

Section 12: NE1/4, W1/2 NW1/4, SE1/4 NW1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4, E1/2 SW1/4, SE1/4 SE1/4

Section 13: S½

Section 14: NW1/4, N1/2 SW1/4

# Township 6 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M.

Section 20: NW1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4

# Township 6 South, Range 96 West, 6th P.M.

Section 22: SE1/4

Section 26: N½ NE¼, NW¼ NW¼, N½ SW¼, SW¼ SW¼

Section 27: NW1/4, N1/2 SW1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4

Section 28: N½ NW¼, S½ NE¼, N½ SE¼

Section 29: S½ NW¼, W½ SE¼, SE¼ SW¼

Section 30: NW1/4

Section 31: N½ NE¼, S½ SE¼

Section 32: NE1/4 NW1/4, SE1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 SE1/4

Section 33: SW1/4 NW1/4, N1/2 SW1/4

### Township 6 South, Range 97 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 14: N½
Section 23: NW¼

Section 27: All

Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6th P. M.

Section 6: NW1/4
Section 7: SW1/4
Section 8: W1/2
Section 19: SE1/4
Section 20: S1/2
Section 21: All
Section 22: NW1/4

Section 28: N½, SE¼, N½ SW¼, SW¼ SW¼

Section 29: All

Section 30: SW1/4 SW1/4

Section 31: N½, SW¼, N½ SE¼, SW¼ SE¼ Section 32: W½ NW¼, NE¼ NW¼, NW¼ SW¼

Section 34: E½ SE¼

Township 7 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.

Section 11: NE1/4

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, April 24, 2006

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Suite 801, The Chancery Building

1120 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80203

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 April 10, 2006 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.). Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of April 10, 2006. 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 April 10, 2006, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled for the week of April 10, 2006.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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-	Patricia C. Beaver, Secretary	

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