

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND)
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)
OPERATIONS IN THE SULPHUR CREEK FIELD,)
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO)

CAUSE NO. 527

DOCKET NO. 0608-AW-12

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On March 20, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 527-1, allowing among other things, the equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation, with the permitted well to be located no closer than one hundred (100) feet from the outside boundary of the application lands, for the below-listed lands:

Township 2 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.

Section 19: SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄, S¹/₂ SE¹/₄, Lot 4
Section 20: SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄
Section 29: NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄
Section 30: E¹/₂ NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄ SE¹/₄

Township 2 South, Range 98 West, 6th P.M.

Section 23: S¹/₂ S¹/₂
Section 24: S¹/₂ S¹/₂
Section 26: NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄
Section 27: NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, S¹/₂ NE¹/₄
Section 28: SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄
Section 32: S¹/₂ SE¹/₄, NE¹/₄ SE¹/₄
Section 33: S¹/₂ NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄, N¹/₂ NE¹/₄

Township 3 South, Range 98 West, 6th P.M.

Section 5: S¹/₂ NW¹/₄, NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄
Section 6: E¹/₂ SE¹/₄
Section 7: NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄

Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission requires that wells drilled in excess of two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet in depth be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from any lease line, and located not less than one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. The above-described lands are subject to this rule for the Iles and Sego Formations.

On June 21, 2006, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to allow Iles Formation and Sego Formation wells to be optionally drilled on a ten (10) acre density basis, for the below-listed lands, with each well to be located downhole anywhere upon such lands provided no such well shall be located downhole any closer than 400 feet from the outside boundary of the application lands. It is provided however that Iles and Sego Formation wells may be drilled and completed only within wellbores drilled to the Williams Fork Formation and may not be drilled as separate wells.

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Section 5: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 6: E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 7: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

That, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells will be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from the equivalent of no more than one (1) pad located on a given quarter quarter section unless exception is granted by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission pursuant to application made for such exception.

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: Wednesday, August 16, 2006
Thursday, August 17, 2006

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Meeker Town Hall
345 Market Street/Hwy 13
Meeker, Colorado 81641-3421

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 July 31, 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 July 31, 2006.** Pursuant to Rule 503.f., 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 **July 31, 2006, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled for the week of July 31, 2006.** In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511.b., if the matter is uncontested, the applicant may request, and the Director may recommend approval on the basis of the merits of the verified application and the supporting exhibits.

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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