

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NO. 112
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS IN THE IGNACIO-BLANCO FIELD,	)	DOCKET NO. 0603-AW-04
LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On July 11, 1988, the Commission issued Order No. 112-60, which established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fruitland coal seams underlying certain lands, including certain lands in Townships 33 North, Range 8 and 7 West, N.M.P.M., with the permitted well to be located in the NW¼ and the SE¼ of each section and when south of the north line of Township 32 North to be located in the NE¼ and SW¼ of each section, no closer than 990 feet from the boundaries of the quarter section, nor closer than 130 feet to any interior quarter section line.

On October 21, 1997, the Commission issued Order No. 112-136, which allowed an optional additional well to be drilled and to be located in the center of the NE¼ and the SW¼ of the section, no closer than 990 feet to any outer boundary of the unit, nor closer than 130 feet to any interior quarter section line, for production of gas from the Fruitland coal seams for certain lands including Township 33 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M.

On January 30, 2006, Black Hills Exploration & Production, Inc. by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to allow at the option of the operator, two (2) additional wells, up to a total of four (4) wells, to be drilled in the 320-acre drilling and spacing units described below for production from the Fruitland coal seams, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 990 feet to any outer boundary of the unit, and no closer than 130 feet to any interior quarter section line:

Township 33 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M.  
Section 33: E½  
Section 34: All

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, March 20, 2006  
Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Ramada Inn & Suites  
Aspen and Birch Rooms  
124 West 6<sup>th</sup> 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 March 6, 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 March 6, 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 **March 6, 2006, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled for the week of March 6, 2006.**

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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