

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND)	CAUSE NO. 528
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)	
OPERATIONS IN THE PICEANCE CREEK,)	DOCKET NO. 0610-AW-22
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation 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. Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M., is subject to this rule.

On August 29, 2006, amended on September 21, 2006, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to allow the equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork, Iles and Sego Formations of the Mesaverde Group, for Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M. For Williams Fork Formation wells, the permitted well shall be located no closer than one hundred (100) feet from the outside boundary of the application lands unless such boundary abuts or corners lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10-acre density wells, in which event the Williams Fork Formation wells to be drilled on the application lands should be drilled downhole no closer than two hundred (200) feet from that portion of the boundary 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. For Iles Formation and Sego Formation wells, the permitted wells shall be located no closer than four hundred (400) feet from the outside boundary of the application lands. Iles Formation and Sego Formation wells may be drilled only in conjunction with the drilling of Williams Fork Formation wells. That, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells to be drilled under this application will be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from 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: Monday, October 23, 2006
Tuesday, October 24, 2006

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Las Animas County Courthouse
200 East First Street, Room 201
Trinidad, Colorado 81082

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 9, 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 October 9, 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 **October 9, 2006, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled for the week of October 9, 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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