

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND) CAUSE NO. 191
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)
OPERATIONS IN THE MAMM CREEK FIELD,) DOCKET NO. 0610-SP-46
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On January 9, 2006, corrected February 28, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 191-24, which among other things, established 320-drilling and spacing units consisting of the S½ of Section 15, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., allowing the equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres to be drilled on said units for the production of gas from the Williams Fork Formation of the Mesaverde Group. 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 not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10-acre density Williams Fork Formation wells, wells shall be located downhole no closer than one hundred (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 shall be drilled downhole no closer than two hundred (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 shall be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one (1) pad located on a given quarter quarter section exception is granted by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

On June 5, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 191-25, which among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units including the S½ of Section 15, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., allowing the equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres to be drilled on said units for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Iles Formation of the Mesaverde Group. All future Iles Formation wells shall 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 Commission has not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill Iles Formation 10-acre density wells, in which event the wells shall be drilled downhole no closer than 400 feet from the unit which so abuts or corners the lands in respect of which 10-acre density downhole drilling for Iles Formation wells has not been ordered by the Commission. In addition, wells drilled on the application lands shall 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. In addition, all Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation wells drilled upon the application lands shall 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 Director of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and both the Williams Fork and Iles Formations shall be reached from a single wellbore.

On September 1, 2006, Antero Resources Piceance Corporation, by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to vacate the S½ of Section 15, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M. from the provisions of Order Nos. 191-24 and 191-25 and establish various drilling and spacing units for the below-listed lands, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations:

Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M.
Section 15: SE¼ (160-acre drilling and spacing unit)
Section 15: S½ SW¼ (80-acre drilling and spacing unit)
Section 15: NE¼ SW¼ (40-acre drilling and spacing unit)
Section 15: NW¼ SW¼ (40-acre drilling and spacing unit)

The lands will continue to be subject to the density and setback provisions established in Order Nos. 191-24 and 191-25, allowing the equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres for production from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

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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