

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

IN THE MATTER OF PROMULGATION AND)	CAUSE NO. 527
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)	
OPERATIONS IN THE SULPHUR CREEK FIELD,)	DOCKET NO. 0708-SP-20
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On March 20, 2006, corrected July 31, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 527-1, which among other things, allowed to be optionally drilled ten (10) acre density for production from the Williams Fork Formation of the Mesaverde Group for the below-described lands, with the permitted well to be located downhole anywhere upon the lands but no closer than 100 feet from the outside boundary of the application 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

On August 16, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 527-2, which among other things, allowed 10-acre density for wells to be drilled for production from the Iles and Sego Formations for the above-described 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.

On June 22, 2007, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (“Whiting”), by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to amend the setback rules as established in Order No. 572-2 such that the permitted well may be located downhole anywhere upon the application lands but no closer than 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 for the Iles and Sego Formations, in which event the Iles Formation and Sego Formation wells to be drilled upon the application lands should be drilled downhole no closer than 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 Iles Formation and Sego Formation wells has not been ordered by the Commission. It is understood that Iles Formation 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.

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, August 27, 2007
Tuesday, August 28, 2007

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Southwest Weld County Services Complex, South Wing
4209 Weld County Road 24½
Longmont, Colorado 80504

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 August 13, 2007, 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 August 13, 2007.** 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 **August 13, 2007, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of August 13, 2007.** 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
1120 Lincoln Street
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