

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION)	CAUSE NO. 386
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)	
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE HIGHTOWER)	DOCKET NO. 0808-AW-23
FIELD, MESA 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 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. Certain lands in Sections 24 and 25, 35 through 36, Township 9 South, Ranges 92 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this rule for the Mesaverde Group.

On June, 21, 1982, the Commission issued Order No. 386-1, which among other things, established 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands including Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., for production from the Mesaverde Formation (including the Cozzette and Corcoran).

On June 30, 2008, Plains Exploration & Production Company, by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to vacate the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established in Order 386-1 and allow the equivalent of one well per 10 acres, for the below-listed lands, for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Group (including upper Williams Fork and Rollins-Cozzette-Corcoran Sandstones, part of the Iles Formation):

Township 9 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M.
Section 16: S½
Section 24: Lots 1-5, N½ N½, S½ NW¼, SW¼ NE¼, W½ SW¼
Section 25: Lots 1 and 2, N½ NW¼, S½ N½, S½
Section 34: Homestead Entry Survey 171
Section 35: Lots 1-5, N½ NW¼, E½
Section 36: All

All future wells on the application lands should be located downhole no closer than 100 feet from the boundary of lease or unit lines, as applicable, without exception granted by the Director. In cases where the application lands abut or corner lands where the Commission has not, at the time of the drilling permit application, granted the right to drill 10-acre density Mesaverde Group wells, the future well or wells should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the boundary or boundaries of the lease or unit abutting or cornering such lands, as applicable, without exception granted by the Director. It is not intended that more than four (4) Mesaverde Formation wells would be drilled on the application lands per governmental quarter quarter section. Mesaverde Formation wells to be drilled on the application lands will be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one (1) pad located on any quarter quarter section unless exception is granted by the Director.

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: Tuesday, August 19, 2008
Wednesday, August 20, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Suite 801, The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80203

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(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 5, 2008, 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 13 copies shall be filed with the Commission. **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of August 5, 2008.** 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 5, 2008, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of August 5, 2008.** 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
Denver, Colorado 80203
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