

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NOS. 1, 369, 399
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS IN THE BUZZARD CREEK AND	)	DOCKET NO. 0802-AW-07
VEGA FIELD, MESA COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On April 20, 1981, the Commission issued Order No. 369-1, which among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units, including Sections 23 through 26, Township 9 South, Range 93 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation.

On May 16, 1983, the Commission issued Order No. 399-1, which among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundary, for Sections 1 and 2, Township 10 South, Range 93 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

On May 7, 2007, the Commission issued Order Nos. 369-3 and 399-3, which among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 22 and all of Section 27, Township 9 South, Range 93 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and allowed one well per 20 acres to be optionally drilled, for production from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations (including but not limited to the Rollins, Cozzette and Corcoran), with the permitted well to be located 200 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit and 400 feet from any existing Williams Fork Formation or Iles Formation well absent an exception from the Commission.

Township 8 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 31: SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 9 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 6: Lots 1-6, S $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  (All)

Section 7: Lots 1-4, E $\frac{1}{2}$  (All)

Section 18: Lots 1-4, E $\frac{1}{2}$  (All)

Section 19: Lots 1-4, E $\frac{1}{2}$  (All)

Township 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  South, Range 93 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 1: Lots 1-3 (All)

Township 9 South, Range 93 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 1: Lots 2, 5, 6, 7, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  (all that part of the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 1, outside of the Buzzard Creek Unit), Lots 3 & 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 13: S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 14: SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 21: S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 22: S $\frac{1}{2}$  N $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$

Sections 23 through 28: All

Section 35: N $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 36: All

Township 10 South, Range 93 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 1: Lots 7-10, S $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , that part of Tract 37 lying in the S $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 2: Lots 5-12, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , that part of Tract 37 lying in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 3: S $\frac{1}{2}$  N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$

On January 8, 2008, Delta Petroleum Corporation ("Delta"), by its attorneys, filed a with the Commission a verified application for an order to allow the equivalent of one well per 10 acres, for production from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations (including but not limited to the Rollins, Cozzette and Corcoran), with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet from

the unit boundary for the below-listed lands, and to allow wells to be located no closer than 100 feet from the exterior boundary of the Vega Federal Exploratory Unit.

Township 8 South, Range 92 West

Section 31: SW¼ SE¼

Township 9 South, Range 92 West

Section 6: Lots 1-6, S½ NE¼, SE¼ (All)  
Section 7: Lots 1-4, E½ (All)  
Section 18: Lots 1-4, E½ (All)  
Section 19: Lots 1-4, E½ (All)

Township 8½ South, Range 93 West

Section 1: Lots 1-3 (All)

Township 9 South, Range 93 West

Section 1: Lots 2, 5, 6, 7, SW¼ NE¼, NW¼ SE¼ (all that part of the E½ of Sec. 1 outside of the Buzzard Creek Unit), Lot 3 & 4, S½ NW¼  
Section 13: S½ S½  
Section 14: SE¼ SE¼  
Section 20: SE¼  
Section 21: S½  
Section 22: S½ N½ , S½  
Sections 23 through 28: All  
Section 29: E½ NW¼, NE¼ SW¼, E½  
Section 33: E½ E½  
Section 34: All  
Section 35: W½, SE¼, S½ NE¼, N½ NE¼  
Section 36: All

Township 10 South, Range 93 West

Section 1: Lots 7-10, S½ NW¼, that part of Tract 37 lying in the S¼ NW¼ and N½ SW¼  
Section 2: Lot 5-12, SW¼ NE¼, NW¼ SE¼, that part of Tract 37 lying in the NE¼ SE¼  
Section 3: S½ N½, N½ S½, SE¼ SE¼, Lots 1 through 4 (N½ N½), S½ SW¼, SW¼ SE¼  
Section 4: All  
Section 5: S½ SE¼  
Section 8: E½  
Section 9: W½ W½, E½ SW¼, W½ SE¼, SE¼ SE¼, NE¼, E½ NW¼, NE¼ SE¼  
Section 10: SW¼ SW¼, N½, N½ SW¼, SE¼ SW¼, SE¼  
Section 15: Tract 39 (N½ NE¼, except Lots 3 and 4, NE¼ NW¼ except Lot 2), and Part of Tract 40 (NW¼ NW¼ except Lot 1)  
Section 16: Part of Tract 40 N½ NE¼ except Lots 4 and 5, NE¼ NW¼ except Lots 2 and 3)

In cases where the application lands, not including the Vega Federal Exploratory Unit 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 or Iles Formation wells, the wells should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the boundary or boundaries of the drilling unit or lease line (if unspaced) abutting or cornering such lands, without exception granted by the Commission.

In cases where the Vega Federal Exploratory Unit 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 or Iles Formation wells, the wells should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the exterior boundary of a federal exploratory unit without exception granted by the Commission.

Delta commits that no more than four (4) Mesaverde or Iles Formation wells shall be drilled on the application lands per governmental quarter quarter section. Additionally, Delta commits that under this application wells will 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 that both the Williams Fork and Iles Formations will be reached from a single wellbore, *i.e.*, separate wells will not be drilled to reach each formation.

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, February 25, 2008  
Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

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 February 11, 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 February 11, 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 **February 11, 2008, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of February 11, 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  
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