

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION)	CAUSE NO. 1
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)	
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE IGNACIO-BLANCO)	DOCKET NO. 0809-GA-03
FIELD, LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On June 15, 1988, the Commission issued Order No. 112-60, which among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands for the production of gas from the Fruitland coal seams, including Section 11, Township 33 North, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M.

On July 11, 2000, (corrected on November 19, 2001) the Commission issued Order No. 112-157, which among other things, allowed an optional additional well for certain lands including Section 11, Township 33 North, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M., for the production of gas from the Fruitland coal seams.

On May 21, 2008, Maralex Resources, Inc, filed with the Director an Application for Permit-to-Drill requesting approval to directionally drill the Keegan Patrick 33-7-11 #3C Well from a surface location in the NW¼ SW¼ of Section 11, Township 33 North, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M., for the production of gas from the Fruitland coal seams.

On July 15, 2008, La Plata County, by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order requiring that the Keegan Patrick 33-7-11 #3C Well be drilled using a zero discharge closed loop pitless drilling system that contains all fluids and solids in tanks and that prohibits the discharge of said fluids and/or solids to the environment and that requires such fluids and solids to be removed from site. The wellsite for this proposed well contains a previously drilled well which used a pit rather than a closed loop system. The staff from the COGCC confirmed that the fluids and solids from that well contaminated an adjacent domestic water well. Accordingly, La Plata County requests the Commission staff and/or the Commission to condition issuance of this APD with the requirement of a zero discharge closed loop pitless drilling system. If staff fails to place this requested condition on the APD, then the County requests a hearing before the Commission on the Application for Permit-to-Drill.

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, September 22, 2008 Tuesday, September 23, 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 September 8, 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 September 8, 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 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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