

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION ) CAUSE NO. 440  
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO )  
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE PARACHUTE ) DOCKET NO. 0908-UP-11  
FIELD, GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO )

**CORRECTED NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On May 18, 1990, the Commission issued Order No. 440-12, which among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation, with the designation as either E½ and W½ stand-up units or N½ and S½ lay-down units at the discretion of the operator of the first well permitted, with the permitted well to be located on the established unit no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the unit and no closer than 1200 feet from any well producing or producible from the same formation.

On August 28, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 440-48, which among other things, vacated the designated 320-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the E½ of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., established four approximate 40-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved 20-acre well density for the E½ E½ of said Section 17, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

On May 26, 2009, Antero Resources Piceance Corporation ("Antero"), by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application to: (1) vacate the designated 320-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the W½ of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation, and (2) establish an approximate 240-acre drilling and spacing unit for the SW¼ and W½ SE¼ of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approve said unit for 10-acre well density, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

All future Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation wells to be drilled upon the application lands should be located downhole anywhere within a given drilling unit but no closer than 100 feet from the boundary or boundaries of the unit without exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. It is provided, however, that in cases where a drilling and spacing unit of the application lands abuts or corners 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 and Iles Formation wells, the well should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the boundary or boundaries of the unit so abutting or cornering such lands without exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

That, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells to be drilled under this application should be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one pad located on a given quarter quarter section (or lots or parcels approximately equivalent thereto) unless exception is granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission pursuant to application made for such exception.

On June 29, 2009, Antero, by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application to pool all nonconsenting owners, in the pending application for an approximate 240-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the SW¼ and W½ SE¼ of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 95 West 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development and operation of 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:            Tuesday, August 18, 2009  
                  Wednesday, August 19, 2009

Time:            9:00 a.m.

Place: Trinidad, CO Area  
(Location to be determined and will be posted to the website)

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. 5139, 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 3, 2009, 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 3, 2009.** 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 3, 2009, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of August 3, 2009.** In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511.c., 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert A. Willis, Acting Secretary

Dated at Suite 801  
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