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

)

)

)

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE GRAND VALLEY FIELD, GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 510

DOCKET NO. 0909-SP-23

## NOTICE OF HEARING

## TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the 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. Section 33, Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., is subject to this Rule.

On May 16, 1994, the Commission issued Order No. 510-1, which among other things, established setbacks for the permitted wells to be no closer than 400 feet from the boundaries of any lease line and no closer than 800 feet from any existing Williams Fork Formation well for Section 33, Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

On November 20, 2008, the Commission issued Order 510-47, which among other things, established approximate 40-acre and 80-acre drilling and spacing units and allowed the equivalent of one well per 10 acres for certain lands, including the N½ NE¼ and S½ NE¼ of Section 33, Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

On July 31, 2009, Williams Production RMT Company, by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application to: (1) vacate the two 80-acre drilling and spacing units established in Order No. 510-47 for the NE¼ of Section 33, Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation, and (2) establish an approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the NE¼ of said Section 33, for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

That as to all future Williams Fork Formation wells to be drilled upon the proposed drilling and spacing unit, the wells should be located downhole anywhere in the drilling and spacing unit but no closer than 100 feet from the 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 the drilling and spacing units or corners lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill ten acre density Williams Fork Wells, the well should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the boundaries of the drilling unit so abutting or cornering such lands without exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation.

That, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells to be drilled under this Application will 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 Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

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: Thursday, September 24, 2009 Friday, September 25, 2009
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: Pagosa Springs, CO (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 September 8, 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 September 8, 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 September 8, 2009, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of September 8, 2009. In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511., 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 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, CO 80203 August 21, 2009 Attorney for Applicant: William A. Keefe 216 Sixteenth Street, Suite 1100 Denver, CO 80202-5115 (303) 407-4499