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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NO. 191
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS IN THE MAMM CREEK FIELD,	)	DOCKET NO. 1011-SP-41
GARFIELD 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. The E½ of Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is presently subject to this Rule for the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

On February 22, 1994, the Commission issued Order No. 191-4, which among other things, established a 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for certain lands, including Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation.

On January 10, 2005 (corrected June 8, 2005 and November 5, 2008), the Commission issued Order No. 191-8, which among other things, approved the equivalent of one well per 10 acres for certain lands, including the E½ of Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

On April 25, 2005 (corrected November 29, 2007 and November 5, 2008), the Commission issued Order No. 191-10, which among other things, approved the equivalent of one well per 10 acres for certain lands, including the E½ of Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the lles Formation.

That on May 7, 2009, the Commission issued Order No. 191-64, which among other things, vacated the previously established 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation, and declared that the E½ of Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is unspaced as is described in Rule 318.a., with the continued approval of one well per 10 acre equivalent well density, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet to the boundaries of any lease line and no closer than 200 feet from the boundary or boundaries of any lease line so abutting or cornering lands not previously approved for 10-acre well density for the Williams Fork Formation, and no closer than 100 feet from the boundary or boundaries of any lease line so abutting or cornering the lands and no closer than 400 feet from the boundary or boundaries of any lease line so abutting or cornering lands not previously approved for 10-acre well density for the Iles Formation. Wells drilled under this Order are to 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).

On October 8, 2010, Bill Barrett Corporation, by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to establish an approximate 140-acre drilling and spacing unit for the below-listed lands, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations:

Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.
Section 24: N½ NE¼, the N½ SE¼ NE¼, and the SW¼ NE¼

Garfield County, Colorado

All future Williams Fork and Iles Formation wells to be drilled upon said drilling and spacing unit 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 Commission. It is provided however that in cases where the lands abut or corner 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 wells, the well should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the boundary or boundaries of the drilling unit so abutting or cornering such lands without exception being granted by the Director of the Commission.

That, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells to be drilled under this order 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) and that lles Formation wells shall be drilled and completed only in association with the drilling and completing of wells in the Williams Fork Formation, unless exception is granted by the Commission pursuant to application made

for such exception.

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, November 29, 2010

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

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. 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 November 12, 2010, 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 November 15, 2010. 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 November 12, 2010, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of November 15, 2010. 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\_\_\_\_\_\_
Carol Harmon, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80203 November 2, 2010 Attorney for Applicant: William A. Keefe Beatty & Wozniak, P.C. 216 Sixteenth Street, Suite 1100 Denver, Colorado 80202 (303) 407-4499