

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NO. 371
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS IN THE BUZZARD FIELD, MESA	)	DOCKET NO. 1010-SP-35
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 below-listed lands are subject to this Rule for the Williams Fork and Iles Formations:

Township 9 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 1: SW¼ (irregular governmental quarter section)  
Section 23: ALL

Mesa County, Colorado.

On September 1, 2010, Axia Energy, LLC, (Applicant) by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to establish five 160-acre drilling and spacing units consisting of the below-listed lands, (Application Lands) and allow the equivalent of one well per 10 acres, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations:

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Applicant asserts that Williams Fork and Iles Formation wells in the Mesaverde Group on the Application Lands now should be allowed to be drilled on a ten (10) acre density basis. With respect to the Iles Formation, Applicant further asserts that the Commission should allow ten (10) acre density for the Iles Formation because the option to complete a well to the Iles Formation is economic and efficient when completed within a Williams Fork wellbore. Applicant asserts that the Iles Formation would not be exploited or developed without this option.

Applicant requests that the Commission allow Williams Fork and Iles Formation wells in the Mesaverde Group to be optionally drilled upon a ten (10) acre density basis with each such well to be located downhole anywhere within the unit provided no such wells shall be located downhole any closer than one hundred (100) feet from the boundary of the unit unless such boundary abuts or corners lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to drill ten (10) acre density Williams Fork and Iles wells, in which event Williams Fork and Iles Formation wells to be drilled upon the given drilling and spacing unit shall be drilled downhole no closer than two hundred (200) feet from that portion of the unit boundary which so abuts or corners the lands in respect of which ten (10) acre density downhole drilling for Williams Fork and Iles Formation wells has not been ordered by the Commission.

Applicant requests that the Commission allow wells drilled under this Application to be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one (1) pad located on a given quarter quarter section (or lots or parcels approximately equivalent thereto) unless exception is granted by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation 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: Thursday, October 21, 2010  
Friday, October 22, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: West Garfield Campus, Colorado Mountain College  
3695 Airport Road  
Rifle, Colorado 81650

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 October 6, 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 October 11, 2010.** Pursuant to Rule 503.g., 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 **October 6, 2010, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of October 11, 2010.** 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Harmon, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801  
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