

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NO. 318
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS IN THE REPUBLICAN FIELD,	)	DOCKET NO. 1009-SP-25
YUMA COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On August 21, 1978, the Commission issued Order No. 318-3, which among other things, established 160-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands including Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 44 West 6th P.M., for production of gas from the Niobrara Formation, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 900 feet from the boundaries of the quarter section upon which it is located.

On June 20, 1994, (amended August 19, 1994), the Commission issued Order No. 318-5, which among other things, allowed an additional well to be drilled on each 160-acre drilling and spacing unit, with any subsequent well to be located no closer than 560 feet from the outer boundaries of the unit, for certain lands including Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 44 West 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

On September 21, 2004, and amended on June 14, 2006, the Commission adopted Rule 318B., which among other things, allowed four (4) wells to be drilled in any quarter section, with no more than one (1) well per quarter quarter section, located at least 300 feet from the outer boundary of said quarter section and no closer than 900 feet from any Niobrara Formation well, for certain lands including Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 44 West 6th P.M., for production from the Niobrara Formation.

On July 28, 2010, Augustus Energy Partners, LLC, by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application to vacate the existing 160-acre drilling and spacing unit established in Order No. 318-3, and establish two approximate 80-acre lay-down drilling and spacing units for the below listed lands, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation:

Township 8 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M.

Section 18: N½ NE¼

Section 18: S½ NE¼

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 16, 2010  
Friday, September 17, 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 September 1, 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 September 6, 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 **September 1, 2010, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of September 6, 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  
1120 Lincoln Street  
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