

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND) CAUSE NO. 440
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)
OPERATIONS IN THE PARACHUTE FIELD,) DOCKET NO. 1002-SP-05
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On April 19, 1990, the Commission issued Order No. 440-12, which among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Section 8, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6th 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 December 30, 2009, Antero Resources Piceance Corporation, by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application to establish an approximate 320-acre lay-down drilling and spacing unit consisting of the S½ of Section 8, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

All future Williams Fork 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 Oil and Gas Conservation 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 Oil and Gas Conservation 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 Iles 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 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: Monday, February 22, 2010
Tuesday, February 23, 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 February 5, 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 February 8, 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 **February 5, 2010, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of February 8, 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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Denver, Colorado 80203
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