## 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	)	DOCKET NO. 1001-SP-03
FIELD GARFIELD COUNTY COLORADO	)	

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

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

On August 19, 2008, the Commission issued Order No. 191-55, which among other things, established an 320-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the N½ of Section 13, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

Under Order No. 191-55, all future Williams Fork Formation wells to be drilled upon the lands within the drilling and spacing unit shall 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 application 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 shall 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.

Further, all future lles Formation wells to be drilled upon the drilling and spacing unit shall be located downhole anywhere in the drilling and spacing unit but not 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 application 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 lles Formation wells, the wells shall be located downhole no closer than 400 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.

Furthermore, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells to be drilled under Order No. 191-55 shall 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 Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission pursuant to application made for such exception.

On November 23, 2009, Antero Resources Piceance Corporation ("Antero"), by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to reaffirm the approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit established in Order 191-55, consisting of the N½ of Section 13, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations. In said application, Antero alleges that certain interested parties were not given proper notice of the proceedings which gave rise to Order No. 191-55, and has brought this application to cure those defects in notification.

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, January 11, 2010

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Suite 801, The Chancery Building

1120 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80203

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(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 December 28, 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 December 28, 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 December 28, 2009 the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of December 28, 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

Ву		
	Carol J. Harmon, Secretary	

Dated at Suite 801 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80203 December 3, 2009 Attorney for the Applicant: William A. Keefe Beatty & Wozniak, P.C. 216 Sixteenth Street, Suite 1100 Denver, Colorado 80202-5115 (303) 407-4475