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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NOS. 369 & 399
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS IN THE BUZZARD CREEK AND	)	DOCKET NO. 1108-SP-98
VEGA FIELDS MESA COUNTY COLORADO	ì	

## **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. Certain lands located in Sections 20 through 29, Township 9 South, Range 93 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Rule for the Mancos, Niobrara, Frontier, and Mowry Formations.

On June 1, 2010, the Commission entered Order Nos. 369-7 and 399-7, which among other things, limited the number of well sites per section to no more than three in Sections 28 and 29, Township 9 South, 93 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and restricted ground disturbing activities to no more than one well site during the period of January 1 to March 31 in any year.

On June 9, 2011, Delta Petroleum Corporation ("Delta" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application (the "Application") for an order to establish five (5) exploratory drilling and spacing units for the below-described lands, and approve the equivalent of one well per 10 acres well density for the drilling of vertical and directional wells, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mancos, Niobrara, Frontier, and Mowry Formations (the "Mancos Group Formations"), with the permitted well to be located no closer than 600 feet from the boundary of the unit, without exception being granted by the Commission:

Exploratory Drilling and Spacing Unit #1

Township 9 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M.

Section 20:

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Section 29:

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Exploratory Drilling and Spacing Unit #2

Township 9 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M.

Section 21:

S½

Section 28:

All

Exploratory Drilling and Spacing Unit #3

Township 9 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M.

Section 22:

S1/2 N1/2 and S1/2

Section 27:

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Exploratory Drilling and Spacing Unit #4

Township 9 South, Range 93 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 23:

All

Section 26:

All

Exploratory Drilling and Spacing Unit #5

Township 9 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M.

Section 24:

W1/2

Section 25:

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Additionally, Delta has requested that any horizontal well permitted within the proposed exploratory drilling and spacing unit should be located anywhere on the surface of the unit, and the

treated interval of the wellbore no closer than 600 feet from the boundary of the unit, without exception being granted by the Commission.

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, August 8, 2011

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

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 July 25, 2011, 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 July 25, 2011. 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 July 25, 2011, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of July 25, 2011. 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

Robert A. Willis, Acting Secretary

Dated at Suite 801 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80203 June 30, 2011

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