

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NOS. 139 & 440
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS IN THE RULISON AND PARACHUTE	)	DOCKET NO. 1105-SP-47
FIELDS, GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On July 1, 1997, the Commission entered Order Nos. 139-31 and 440-18, which among other things, approved of up to 16 wells in the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 19, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

On May 10, 2007, the Commission entered Order No. 440-45, which among other things, established a 320-acre drilling and spacing unit for the N½ of Section 19, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved the equivalent of one well per 20 acres for said unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

On July 15, 2008, the Commission entered Order No. 440-52, which among other things, approved the equivalent of one well per 10 acres for certain lands, including Section 19, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation..

On March 17, 2011, Antero Resources Piceance Corporation ("Antero" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application (the "Application") for an order to: (1) vacate the approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the N½ of Section 19, Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation; and (2) establish two drilling and spacing units for the below-listed lands, and continue to approve of the equivalent of one well per 10 acres for said units, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation:

*Drilling and Spacing Unit No. 1 (approximately 42 acres)*

Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 19: NE¼ NE¼ and that part of the SE¼ NE¼ lying North of  
the County Road

*Drilling and Spacing Unit No. 2 (approximately 278 acres)*

Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 19: NW¼, W½ NE¼, and that part of the SE¼ NE¼ lying  
South of the County Road

All future Williams Fork Formation wells to be drilled under the Application should be located downhole anywhere upon the application lands, but no closer than 100 feet from the boundaries of the unit without exception being granted by the Director of the 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 boundaries of the unit so abutting or cornering such lands without exception being granted by the Director.

Except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells to be drilled under this application 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), unless exception is granted by the 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, May 16, 2011  
Tuesday, May 17, 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 May 2, 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 May 2, 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 **May 2, 2011, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of May 2, 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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert A. Willis, Acting Secretary

Dated at Suite 801  
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