

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND)	CAUSE NO. 191 & 510
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)	
OPERATIONS IN THE MAMM CREEK FIELD,)	DOCKET NO. 1205-UP-136
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On October 31, 2005, the Commission entered Order No. 510-16, establishing a "relaxed setback area" comprised of portions of Section 8, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., allowing the drilling of vertical wells to the Williams Fork Formation on 10-acre bottom-hole density with 100-foot or 200-foot setbacks from the boundaries of the unit, depending on whether the boundaries of the unit abut other lands approved for 10-acre well density.

On January 8, 2007, the Commission entered Order No. 191-42, establishing a 160-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of the NW¼ of Section 9, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., allowing the drilling of vertical wells to the Williams Fork Formation on 10-acre bottom-hole density with 100-foot or 200-foot setbacks from the boundaries of the unit, depending on whether the boundaries of the unit abut other lands approved for 10-acre well density.

On July 23, 2007, the Commission entered Order No. 191-52, establishing a 195-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of portions of Section 8, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., allowing the drilling of vertical wells to the Williams Fork Formation on 10-acre bottom-hole density with 100-foot or 200-foot setbacks from the boundaries of the unit, depending on whether the boundaries of the unit abut other lands approved for 10-acre well density.

On March 30, 2012, Antero Resources Piceance Corporation ("Antero" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application ("Application") for an order to: (1) establish an approximate 509-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for the below-listed lands ("Application Lands"), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation of the Mesa Verde Group; and (2) pool all interests in the exploratory drilling and spacing unit, for the development and operation of the Williams Fork Formation, retroactive to the earliest date costs are incurred for the River Ranch C-1H Well (API No. 05-045-13283) as allowed by §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., or the date of the Application, whichever is earlier:

Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M.

Section 8: N½ S½, and that portion of the N½ lying
south of the Colorado River

Section 9: NW¼

Applicant requested an exploratory wellbore drilling and spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands, distinct from and overlying the existing drilling and spacing units (or portions thereof) established for vertical wells (as well as the "relaxed setback area"). Applicant stated production allocation from the River Ranch C-1H Well will be based on the proportion that each mineral interest in the unit bears to the total acreage in the Unit. The proposed unit includes a 650-foot buffer zone encompassing the treated interval of the horizontal wellbore. Applicant will apply a 650-foot buffer zone to provide an additional 50-foot buffer to the Rule 318.a. setback requirement of 600-feet (although the Rule is not applicable to the Application Lands).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (Commission) under § 34-60-105 C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to § 34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act at § 24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2012
Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: COGCC Offices

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203

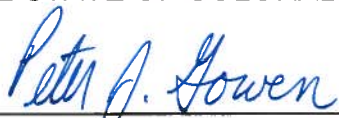
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Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent 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 14, 2012, 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 14, 2012.** 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 14, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning May 14, 2012.** 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 
Peter J. Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated at Suite 801
1120 Lincoln Street
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