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September 2, 2010

Mr. Bruce T. Barker, Weld County Attorney
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Re: COGCC Document No. 2583777 – Form 2 - Heinze 31-14
COGCC Document No. 2583775 – Form 2A – Heinze 31-24 – Amendment
COGCC Rule 303.I.(2) – Special circumstances for permit issuance without notice

Dear Mr. Barker:

As discussed on the phone this morning, Great Western Oil and Gas (GWOG) is in the process of drilling six wells on our Heinze lease, located in the NW/SE and SW/SE quarter/quarter of Section 31, Township 7N, Range 63W, in Weld County, Colorado.

During the week of August 9, 2010, GWOG began preparations prior to the start of our drilling program at the Heinze lease. We found the permitted surface location of Heinze 31-14, API #05-123-29745, was under several feet of water. The location had turned into a small pond due to the heavy spring and summer rains. We determined the surface location should be moved to the Heinze 31-24 well location pad and drilled directionally, in order to keep the wellhead and future operations out of the wet area. Documentation to accommodate this change was submitted to the COGCC on August 18, 2010.

We spud the first well in our Heinze program (Heinze 31-43) on August 19th. We are drilling six wells on this lease, five of which are vertical. We spud the 3rd well on August 30th. The fourth well is to be spud on or about September 2nd, with the fifth well, the Heinze 31-24 vertical well, to be spud on or about September 7th. The Heinze 31-14 directional well is scheduled to follow immediately on or about September 10th as the 6th and final well on this lease.

If we do not have an approved permit for the Heinze 31-14 well location on or about September 10th, we will incur significant charges, expenses and loss of revenue. Per COGCC Rule 303.I.(2); GWOG is requesting a waiver from the local government designee (LGD) of the standard notification period. Currently, the LGD due date for this permit application and location assessment amendment is September 9th. We would like to expedite the process by requesting your agreement to this waiver.

Thank you for your timely consideration of our request.

Regards,


Jeff Reale
Vice President Operations

WAIVER OF LGD NOTIFICATION PERIOD
COGCC Rule 305. Notice, Comment, Approval

I, Bruce T. Barker, local government designee for Weld County, CO; hereby waive notice and comment period allowances as stated within COGCC Rule 305, specifically related to the permitting of a new location for the Great Western Oil and Gas Co., LLC HEINZE 31-14 well.


Signature

Date: 9/2/10

Bruce T. Barker, Weld County Attorney
Print Name, Title