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FIR RESOLUTION FORM

CA Summary:

1 of 1 CAs from the FIR responded to on this Form

1 CA Completed  
0 Factual Review Request

OPERATOR INFORMATION

OGCC Operator Number: 95750  
Name of Operator: WESTERN INTERIOR ENERGY INC  
Address: P O BOX 247  
City: CRESTED BUTTE State: CO Zip: 81224

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COGCC INSPECTION SUMMARY:

FIR Document Number: 689900115  
Inspection Date: 08/08/2017 FIR Submit Date: 08/14/2017 FIR Status:

Inspected Operator Information:

Company Name: WESTERN INTERIOR ENERGY INC Company Number: 95750  
Address: P O BOX 247  
City: CRESTED BUTTE State: CO Zip: 81224

LOCATION - Location ID: 376278

Location Name: HILTON-63S62W Number: 18SWSE County: ADAMS  
Qtrqtr: SWSE Sec: 18 Twp: 3S Range: 62W Meridian: 6  
Latitude: 39.784196 Longitude: -104.365184

FACILITY - API Number: 05-001-00 Facility ID: 202134

Facility Name: HILTON Number: 3-X  
Qtrqtr: SWSE Sec: 18 Twp: 3S Range: 62W Meridian: 6  
Latitude: 39.784196 Longitude: -104.365184

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

1 CA# 91893

Corrective Action: Comply with Rule 1004. Remove the abandoned pipe riser and the electric utility. Date: 09/15/2017

Response: CA COMPLETED Date of Completion: 08/30/2017

Operator Comment: Regarding the electric service: All equipment was removed at the time of abandonment, with the exception of the one pole as shown in your photo. This service was left at the request of the land owner who thought he would want to use it at some time in the future. The power was disconnected when he determined not to use it immediately. The other lines on the property are part of the area wide power grid of Tri-County Electric Coop, and they wish to retain them in place. WIE is not responsible for these lines, nor is it qualified, or authorized to do anything about them. Regarding the pipe identified as a riser, and the associated depressed area: According to

Anadarko, this pipe and buried item is a vent for their gathering system. It is not located with our area of production operations. WIE is not responsible for this facility, nor is it qualified, or authorized to do anything about it. Regarding the weeds: WIE properly leveled off and seeded any areas disturbed by our operations. We will attempt to control any weeds that have moved back into these areas, but considering the nature of the surrounding pasture, it is probably impossible to eliminate them. WIE will continue to cooperate to resolve these issues, but would like to proceed with the documentation necessary to remove us from responsibility.

COGCC Decision: **Not Approved**

COGCC Representative: The site does not comply with 1004 rules. All debris, abandoned gathering line risers and flowline risers, and surface equipment shall be removed within 3 months of plugging a well. The Hilton 3-X well was plugged and abandoned on 4/21/2008 and all associated equipment and debris should have been removed by 7/21/2008. The electric utilities are considered equipment for the oil and gas operations and are not used elsewhere. The operator must ensure removal of the electric utility occurs. Revegetation and weed control must be performed per the 1004 rules until a final reclamation inspection has passed.

COGCC Supervisor: The site does not comply with 1004 rules. All debris, abandoned gathering line risers and flowline risers, and surface equipment shall be removed within 3 months of plugging a well. The Hilton 3-X well was plugged and abandoned on 4/21/2008 and all associated equipment and debris should have been removed by 7/21/2008. The electric utilities are considered equipment for the oil and gas operations and are not used elsewhere. The operator must ensure removal of the electric utility occurs. Revegetation and weed control must be performed per the 1004 rules until a final reclamation inspection has passed.

**OPERATOR COMMENT AND SUBMITTAL**

Comment: After considerable time and expense researching the issue brought up in the Field Inspections from Zenith Field Area, Western Interior Energy, Inc. (WIE) respectfully disagrees with the assessment of reclamation. The wells and production facilities were properly cleaned up and the surface restored in more than compliant fashion with the rules in place at the time - in conjunction with the desires of the land owner. WIE therefore requests that any violations recorded concerning the restoration of this property be removed, and we move toward releasing this property from the operator's bond.

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Print Name: W. James Truettner III Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: President Date: 8/30/2017 10:13:55 AM

**ATTACHMENT LIST**

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