



Protest of Docket No 190500490

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Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Of the State of Colorado

RE: Docket 190500490

Dear Commission Officers/Members,

As a mineral owner for Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6 P.M., I have received a copy of the application, and hearing notice, filed by SRC Energy Inc.'s attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C.. These papers indicate that SRC has filed a request to force pool my mineral interest for the wells referenced in the application listed as Cause No. 407, Docket No. 190500490.

Considering that a lease to drill and produce my interest was signed with Bayswater Exploration & Production, LLC., 6 January 2012, and that no other production company has offered an oil and gas lease, I became interested in why suddenly my interests were being considered for statutory pooling.

Pooling is the joining together of various mineral interests into one large "drilling and spacing unit" in order to drill a single well to drain a large area of oil and gas, with each person who owns a mineral interest in the unit receiving a share of the proceeds.

The COGCC establishes "drilling and spacing units" determining the number of oil and gas wells that may be drilled in the unit to efficiently and effectively capture all available mineral resources.

After a drilling and spacing unit is established, any mineral owner in the unit can begin pooling the interests of mineral owners. The pooling process can be done voluntarily through private contract by those who own or lease minerals. Or it can be done through a COGCC administrative hearing process, often called "statutory pooling" or "forced pooling".

If you do not sign a lease offer and do not elect to participate, the operator will ask the COGCC to deem you a "nonconsenting party" as part of the pooling process. As a nonconsenting owner, Colorado statute provides that you will receive 12.5% of your proportionate proceeds from the unit, based on your mineral acres compared to all mineral acres in the drilling unit.

However, the lease that I signed with Bayswater agrees to pay 20% of my proportionate proceeds from all oil produced and saved from the leased premises.

Furthermore, I am not a nonconsenting party. SRC Energy has made no attempt at offering an oil and gas lease to me. Had I been given the opportunity to negotiate and sign a lease, I would have.

Therefore, as required under COGCC Rule 509., I am formally protesting the application to pool my mineral interests.

This letter is to serve as that protest.

I believe that SRC Energy and their attorneys, are attempting to pool my interest for no other reason than to reduce the amount of royalty that should be paid to me, and reduce the amount of accounting that would be required to track and pay all others in the Baldridge Subdivision that have a standing lease with Bayswater.

It is also my belief that SRC has done this in the past to unsuspecting mineral owners that may not have known of the reason for their interests to be pooled, or only to SRC's benefit in not having to contact individual owners of smaller mineral holdings.

Colorado adopted its "pooling law" over fifty years ago in order to ensure each mineral interest owner pays his/her proportionate share of the costs of oil and gas development and receives a proportionate share of the revenues once production is established. The law was not established to ease the cost involved to the producer in identifying and finding the mineral owners, or to ease accounting of the lease royalties to owners that may have smaller interests in any drilling unit.

SRC has not presented a lease to me or any of the other owners of minerals in the Baldridge Subdivision. For this reason alone, the application to pool lands in Docket No. 190500490 should be denied.

Thank you for the logical conclusion to this matter,

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RE: Docket 190500490

Dear Mr. Eden, Commission Officers/Members,

I am writing this letter to inform you of the terms that myself and SRC energy have agreed to involving the pooling of my mineral interests.

As it is my understanding that SRC will not seek to pool my interest as a non- consenting party in this matter, and has accepted the validity of the oil and gas lease on file with the Clerk and Recorder of Weld County, Colorado, Reception No. 3822996, and that these findings will be part of this order, that the Commission shall have recorded this letter into.

I withdraw my protest concerning Docket 190500490 dated 4/28/19.

Thank you for continuing to serve the public interest and working to protect the rights of all the mineral owners of the great state of Colorado.

Affirmatively,

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Sincerely,

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