

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

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY WPX ENERGY)
ROCKY MOUNTAIN, LLC, FOR AN ORDER APPROVING) CAUSE NO. 527
THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE WELL PER 10 ACRES WELL)
DENSITY FOR SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE) DOCKET NO. *To be assigned*
97 WEST, 6TH P.M. AND SECTIONS 1 AND 12, TOWNSHIP 3)
SOUTH, RANGE 98 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR PRODUCTION)
FROM THE WILLIAMS FORK AND ILES FORMATIONS,)
SULPHUR CREEK FIELD, RIO BLANCO COUNTY,)
COLORADO)

APPLICATION

WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC (“WPX” or “Applicant”), by and through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (“Commission”) for an order approving the equivalent of one well per 10 acres well density for Section 6, Township 3 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M. and Sections 1 and 12, Township 3 South, Range 98 West, 6th P.M. (described below), for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and has registered as an operator with the Commission.

2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold interests in the below-listed lands:

Township 3 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.
Section 6: Lots 1-7, S½NE¼, SE¼NW¼, E½SW¼, SE¼ (All)

Township 3 South, Range 98 West, 6th P.M.
Section 1: Lots 1-4, S½N½, S½ (All)
Section 12: All

Rio Blanco County, Colorado

These lands comprise approximately 1,921.19 acres, and are hereinafter referred to as the “Application Lands.” A map depicting the acreage comprising the Application Lands is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit B.

3. Rule 318.a. provides that for wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line and not closer than 1,200 feet from any other producible of drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same source of supply. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule.

4. Applicant requests the Commission approve the equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres well density for the Application Lands, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations, as necessary to economically and efficiently recover resources, while minimizing surface impacts, creating efficiencies for drilling and production, increasing the ultimate recovery of the reserves, preventing waste, and protecting correlative rights.

5. Further, Applicant states that, for any permitted wells to be drilled under this Application, the bottomhole location should be located anywhere upon the Application Lands but no

closer than 100 feet from the lease boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director. It is furthermore requested that in cases where the Application 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 and Iles Formation wells, the permitted well should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the lease boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director.

6. Furthermore, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells authorized under this Application shall be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one (1) pad located on a given quarter quarter section (or lots or parcels approximately equivalent thereto), unless exception is granted by the Commission pursuant to an application made for such exception.

7. The granting of this Application is in accord with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, found at §34-60-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., and the Commission rules.

8. That the names and addresses of the interested parties (owners within the proposed drilling unit) according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto. The Applicant shall submit a certificate of service for the Application within the seven days as required by Rule 503.e.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing, that notice be given as required by law and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order:

A. Authorizing the equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres well density for the Application Lands, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations, with the bottomhole location of any permitted well located anywhere upon the Application Lands but no closer than 100 feet from the lease boundaries, however, 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 and Iles Formation wells, the permitted well should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the lease boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director.

B. Requiring, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells authorized under this Application to be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one (1) pad located on a given quarter quarter section (or lots or parcels approximately equivalent thereto), unless exception is granted by the Commission pursuant to an application made for such exception.

C. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

DATED this 27th day of February, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

WPX ENERGY ROCKY MOUNTAIN, LLC

By: 

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Jillian Fulcher (Colorado Bar No. 45010)

Beatty & Wozniak, P.C.

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Maxwell Faith, Senior Landman

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO

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CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER

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Maxwell Faith, Senior Landman for WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC, upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

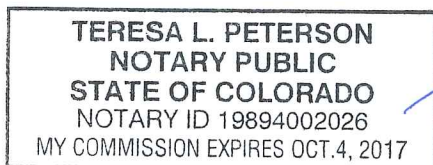
WPX ENERGY ROCKY MOUNTAIN, LLC


Maxwell Faith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of February, 2014, by Maxwell Faith, Senior Landman for WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 10-04-17




Notary Public

EXHIBIT A

INTERESTED PARTIES

The names and addresses of the interested parties (owners within the Application Lands) according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in this Exhibit A.

XTO Energy, Inc.
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Attn: Kim Evans

Vantage Energy Piceance, LLC
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Englewood, CO 80112
Attn: Mike Holland

Tom Gipson
P.O. Box 231
Cisco, TX 76437

Joe Bishop
PO BOX 880399
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO 80488

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90046-5192

Bureau of Land Management
White River Field Office
73544 Highway 64
Meeker, CO 81641

Bureau of Land Management
2850 Youngfield Street
Lakewood, CO 80215

Rio Blanco County
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Meeker, CO 81641

Sec. 1 & 12, T3S, R98W & Sec. 6, T3S, R97W

Exhibit B

Application Lands - 

Rio Blanco County

Application Map

13	18	17	16	15	14	13	18	17
24	19	20	T2S R98W 21 22	23	24	25	19	20
25	30	29		26	27	28	30	29
36	31	32	33	34	35	36	31	32
1	6	5	4	3	2	1	6	5
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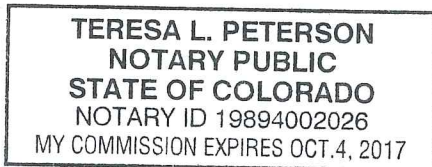
Jennifer Pittenger, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:


That she is a Legal Assitant for Beatty & Wozniak P.C. the attorneys for WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC, that on or before March 6, 2014, she caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit B to the Application.


Jennifer Pittenger

Subscribed and sworn to before me February 27, 2014.

Witness my hand and official seal.




Notary Public