

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ) CAUSE NO. 510  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN )  
OPERATIONS IN THE TRAIL RIDGE FIELD, ) DOCKET NO. 1204-AW-02  
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO )

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rule 318.a. provides that wells to be drilled 2,500 feet in depth or greater shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and shall not be located less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling well when drilling to the same common source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing. Sections 2, 4, 9, 16, 17, 23, 24, 28, and 29, Township 5 South, Range 97 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this rule for the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

On January 27, 2012, WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC ("WPX" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to change the existing well location and setback rules for the below-described lands ("Application Lands") for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations (including the Sego member of the Iles Formation) of the Mesaverde Group, to allow the equivalent of one well per 10 acres with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet from the outside boundary of the application lands unless such boundary abuts or corners lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10-acre density wells, in which event the Williams Fork and Iles Formation wells to be drilled upon the Application Lands should be drilled downhole no closer than 200 feet from that portion of the boundary which so abuts or corners the lands in respect of which 10-acre density downhole drilling for Williams Fork and Iles Formation wells has not been ordered by the Commission:

Township 5 South, Range 97 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 2: Lots 7(39.25), 8(39.55), S $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  (aka W $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Section 4: S $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 9: All  
Section 16: N $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 17: E $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 23: W $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 24: W $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 28: N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 29: E $\frac{1}{2}$

Except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells to be drilled under this application will be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one pad located on a given quarter-quarter section unless exception is granted by the Director pursuant to application made for such exception.

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: Monday, April 16, 2012  
Tuesday, April 17, 2012  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: COGCC Offices  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203

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accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

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 April 2, 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 April 2, 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 **April 2, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning April 2, 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  
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