

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CALLING OR FORECLOSURE OF) CAUSE NO. 1V
A FINANCIAL ASSURANCE INSTRUMENT FOR AN)
ORPHANED ABANDONED WELL IN MONTEZUMA) DOCKET NO. 1207-OV-05
COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On May 15, 1975 the Humiston #1 Well ("Well") (API #05-083-06110), was spud by Dickinson Exploration (Dickinson) in the SE ¼ NW ¼ Section 33, Township 36 North Range 13 West, N.M.P.M., Montezuma County, Colorado. At some date not determinable by Commission records, Dickinson conveyed the Well to the Surface owner, Everett Humiston.

On August 17, 1987 the Commission entered Order No. 1-3 (initially issued as Order No. 1-50) which granted an exemption from the bonding requirements as they existed at the time, to permit surface owners, G.E. Humiston and Lois M. Humiston to post a \$500 financial assurance instrument for continued operation of the Well to permit domestic use of the produced gas for purposes of heating their home and barn.

On June 3, 1988 the records of the Commission recognized a change in operator from Dickinson Exploration to Everett G. Humiston.

G.E. Humiston and Lois M. Humiston are now deceased. The property on which the Well is located has been inherited by Glen Humiston, son of G.E. Humiston and Lois M. Humiston. The Well is no longer used. Glen Humiston is not interested in properly maintaining or operating the inherited well, and is willing to surrender the \$500 financial assurance instrument for purposes of plugging the Well.

Pursuant to Rule 709, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission" or "COGCC") Staff will apply to the Commission on July 9, 2012 for an Order calling or foreclosing the financial assurance instrument for the No. 1 Humiston Well, for purposes of assisting with the proper plugging and abandoning the Well.

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, July 9, 2012
Tuesday, July 10, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: COGCC Offices
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special 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 June 25, 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 June 25, 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 **June 25, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning June 25, 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
1120 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80203
June 15, 2012