

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

IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF) CAUSE NO. 1V
THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE)
COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION) DOCKET NO. 1011-OV-15
COMMISSION BY PREMIER OIL & GAS,)
INC., JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

According to the Colorado Secretary of State, Premier Oil & Gas, Inc. ("Premier") (Operator No. 10236) is a foreign corporation, located in Nevada. On February 25, 2008, Premier submitted a Form 1A, Designation of Agent, which lists Melvin Lloyd Richards and Allen Stout ("Payees" or "Applicants"), as Consultants for Premier.

On January 13, 2011, the Commission entered Order Finding Violation No. 1V-362 which, among other things, found Premier in violation of Rules 206., 210.b.(1), 309., 319.b.(1), 326.b.(1), 604.d., and 706., for its oil and gas operations at the Church Ranch #1W Well ("Well") located in the NW¼ SW¼ of Section 9, Township 2 South, Range 70 West, 6th P.M., and assessed a total fine of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000).

The Commission further ordered, "that a knowing and willful pattern of violation exists because Premier has failed, for more than one year, to perform the abatement and corrective actions required by the NOAVs. Until any fine assessed under this action is paid in full and all required abatement and corrective actions are performed by Premier for the Well, the Director shall not approve any application for permit-to-drill, any Certificate of Clearance and/or Change of Operator, Form 10, or other permit for conducting oil and gas operations for Premier or any entity of which Allen Stout or Melvin Richards are principals, majority owners, operational or general managers, or in which Mr. Stout or Mr. Richards otherwise exercise control."

On July 29, 2013, Payees appeared at a hearing before the Commission upon an Application to Amend Order No. 1V-362, alleging that Payees were unable, pursuant to Premier's filing for bankruptcy, to comply with Order 1V-362. The Commission voted to deny the Application.

On August 27, 2013, Payees, by their attorneys, on behalf of Premier Oil & Gas, Inc., a Nevada Corporation, filed with the Commission, a verified application ("Application") for an order to: 1) upon payment of the \$65,000 fine, modify Order No. 1V-362 by finding that Payees have satisfied the fine, in full; and 2) modify Order No. 1V-362 to allow that after payment of the \$65,000 fine, Payees or any entity of which they are principals, majority owners, operational or general managers, or otherwise exercise control, including Ranchers Exploration Partners LLC (Operator No. 10350) may apply for and receive Permits-to-Drill despite Premier's violations and subsequent fines as contained in the original Order No. 1V-362.

Applicant states that with exception to the above stated request, all terms and conditions of the original Order Finding Violation entered against Premier by Order 1V-362 shall remain in full force and effect.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado under §34-60-105 C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to §34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the State Administrative Procedures Act at §24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, October 28, 2013
Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Limon Community Center
477 D Avenue
Limon, CO 80826

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 October 11, 2013, 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. One electronic (cogcc.hearings_unit@state.co.us), one original and two 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 October 15, 2013.** 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 **October 15, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning October 15, 2013.** 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.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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By


Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: September 27, 2013

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

On September 27, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF HEARING was distributed by electronic mail upon the following:

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