

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF XTO ) CAUSE NO. 112  
ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO APPROVE UP TO )  
FOUR WELLS IN THREE APPROXIMATE 320-ACRE ) DOCKET NO. 1312-AW-80  
DRILLING AND SPACING UNITS ESTABLISHED FOR )  
SECTIONS 35 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, )  
RANGE 9 WEST, N.M.P.M., FOR THE FRUITLAND )  
COAL SEAM FORMATION, IGNACIO-BLANCO FIELD, )  
LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO )

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On June 15, 1988, the Commission entered Order No. 112-60 which, among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for production of gas from the Fruitland Coal Seam Formation with 990 foot setbacks to the outer boundary of each unit and 130 foot setbacks to the interior quarter section line. Sections 35 and 36, Township 33 North, Range 9 West, N.M.P.M. are subject to Order No. 112-60 for the Fruitland Coal Seam Formation.

On August 15, 1988, the Commission entered Order No. 112-61 which amended parts of Order No. 112-60 and established additional rules for production from the Fruitland Coal Seam Formation. Sections 35 and 36, Township 33 North, Range 9 West, N.M.P.M. are subject to Order No. 112-61 for the Fruitland Coal Seam Formation.

On October 21, 1997, the Commission entered Order No. 112-136 which, among other things, allowed an additional well in certain 320-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order Nos. 112-60 and 112-61, with permitted wells in Township 33 North to be located in the center of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Section, and no closer than 990 feet to any out boundary of the unit, nor closer than 130 feet to any interior quarter section line, without exception by the Director. Sections 35 and 36, Township 33 North, Range 9 West, N.M.P.M. are subject to Order No. 112-136 for the Fruitland Coal Seam Formation.

On October 17, 2013, XTO Energy Inc. ("Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to approve up to four wells within each of three approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing units established for the below-described lands ("Application Lands") for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fruitland Coal Seam Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 660 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director:

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| <u>Township 33 North, Range 9 West, N.M.P.M.</u> |                 |                     |
| Section 35:                                      | E $\frac{1}{2}$ | (DSU #1, 320-acres) |
| Section 35:                                      | W $\frac{1}{2}$ | (DSU #2, 320-acres) |
| Section 36:                                      | E $\frac{1}{2}$ | (DSU #3, 320-acres) |

Applicant requests to eliminate interior quarter section line setbacks to enable the drilling of horizontal wells.

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, December 16, 2013  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

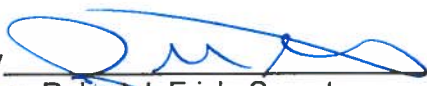
Place: Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center  
1300 Broadway, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 1E  
Denver, Colorado 80203

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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 December 2, 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 December 3, 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 **December 2, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning December 3, 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  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By   
FOR Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: November 20, 2013

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