

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND )  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN ) CAUSE NO. 1  
OPERATIONS IN CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN AND )  
ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, ADAMS ) DOCKET NO. 1407-GA-02  
COUNTY, COLORADO )

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION

The City of Brighton ("Brighton") obtains between 70% and 100% of its municipal water supply from two networks of shallow groundwater wells, known as the Beebe Draw Wells and the South Platte Wells (collectively, the Beebe Draw Wells and South Platte Wells are referred to herein as the "the PWS Wells").

On June 26, 2014, Colorado Oil and Gas Commission Staff ("Staff") requested an order to create a system to protect the Public Water System within and adjacent to the City of Brighton in Adams County, Colorado to establish:

a) Two concentric buffer zones around the PWS Wells, described as the Internal Buffer Zone (0 to 500 feet) and the Intermediate Buffer Zone (501 to 2,640 feet).

b) Three lateral buffer zones around the Tributary Surface Water for five stream miles upstream from the intersection of a Tributary Surface Water with the concentric Intermediate Buffer Zone around the PWS Wells. These three lateral buffer zones are described as the Internal Buffer Zone (0 to 300 feet), the Intermediate Buffer Zone (301 to 500 feet), and the External Buffer Zone (501 to 2,640 feet).

c) One lateral buffer zone around portions of the Brighton Lateral and Fulton Ditch from where the ditches exit the lateral External Buffer Zone downstream to the diversion points used for augmentation. This lateral buffer zone is described as the Internal Buffer Zone (0 to 300 feet).

d) A map that depicts each of the buffer zones described above, but which also protects the precise location of the PWS Wells from public disclosure as required by Federal Law.

e) A requirement to sample one domestic groundwater well located between a new Oil and Gas Location and the closest PWS Well if any such domestic groundwater well is completed in the same alluvial aquifer in which the PWS Wells are completed. This requirement is in addition to, and does not replace or eliminate the groundwater sampling requirements in Rule 318.A.(e)4.

PRIOR RULES AND ORDERS

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "ORDERS")

- Rule 317B. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission governs drilling, completion, production and storage ("DCPS") Operations provides a regulatory mechanism for the protection of Public Water Systems, but is limited to protection of surface water intakes. Rule 317B provides three zones of protection based on distance from the surface water body. The zones of protection are applied to the surface water and tributaries upstream from the intake for 5 stream miles.

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, July 28, 2014  
Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Weld County Administration Building - Events Center  
1150 "O" Street  
Greeley, CO 80631

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.

At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. **Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509., no later than July 15, 2014.** 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](mailto: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 July 15, 2014.** Pursuant to Rule 511, if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By 

Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: June 26, 2014

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