

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. 1409-OV-65
COMMISSION BY CONOCOPHILLIPS, ARAPAHOE)
COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to Rule 522.c., the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Staff") will apply to the Commission at its September 15-16, 2014 hearing for an Order Finding Violation ("OFV") against ConocoPhillips Company ("ConocoPhillips") (Operator No. 19160).

ConocoPhillips (Operator No. 19160) is the operator of record for the Tebo #33 Well ("Well") (API# 05-005-07205) in Arapahoe County.

On April 22, 2014, a fire occurred at the Well. An unexpected paraffin buildup on a high level float switch prevented the switch from operating properly, causing the emission control device to be overwhelmed. An uncontrolled fire erupted at both the emission control device and the gas flare, which required assistance of local fire departments to extinguish.

On June 12, 2014 COGCC staff issued a Notice of Alleged Violation ("NOAV") (Doc. # 400624186) to ConocoPhillips. The NOAV cited violations of the following COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1 ("Rule" or "Rules")

- a. Rule 324A.a (Pollution)
- b. Rule 605.d (Mechanical Conditions)

Staff requests that ConocoPhillips be found in violation of the rules cited above and assessed a penalty pursuant to Rule 523.

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, September 15, 2014
Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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 August 29, 2014, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. One electronic, 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 September 1, 2014. 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.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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By 

Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: August 1, 2014

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