

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) CAUSE NO. 1
SOVEREIGN ENERGY, LLC. FOR AN INACTIVE)
WELL FINANCIAL ASSURANCE VARIANCE, BACA) DOCKET NO. 150300177
COUNTY, COLORADO)
) TYPE: GENERAL
) ADMINISTRATIVE

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rule 707.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that to the extent that an operator's inactive well count exceeds such operator's financial assurance amount divided by ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for inactive wells less than three thousand (3,000) feet in total measured depth or twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for inactive wells greater than or equal to three thousand (3,000) feet in total measured depth, such additional wells shall be considered "excess inactive wells." For each excess inactive well, an operator's required financial assurance amount under Rule 706 shall be increased by ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for inactive wells less than three thousand (3,000) feet in total measured depth or twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for inactive wells greater than or equal to three thousand (3,000) feet in total measured depth. Rule 707.a requirements shall be modified or waived if the Commission approves a plan submitted by the operator for reducing such additional financial assurance requirement, for returning wells to production in a timely manner, or for plugging and abandoning such wells on an acceptable schedule.

On January 21, 2015, Sovereign Operating Company LLC. (Operator No. 10383) ("Sovereign" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a request for a Variance from Rule 707.a. for its inactive wells and requested a waiver from the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the additional bonding requirements.

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, April 13, 2015
Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

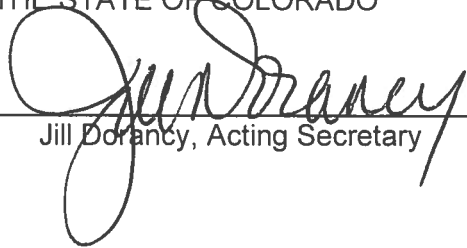
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509, no later than March 30, 2015. 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 March 30, 2015. Pursuant to Rule 511, if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

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By



Jill Dorancy, Acting Secretary

Dated: February 19, 2015

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