

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

IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE)	CAUSE NO. 1V
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COLORADO)	
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION BY)	DOCKET NO. 150500190
BENCHMARK ENERGY LLC, LOGAN COUNTY,)	TYPE: ENFORCEMENT
COLORADO)	

NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to Rule 522.e.(2), the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission" or "COGCC") Staff will apply to the Commission at its May 18 & 19, 2015 hearing for an Order Finding Violation ("OFV") against Benchmark Energy LLC ("Benchmark") (Operator No. 10380). This Notice and Application is being served to adjudicate the allegations made in the below-described Notices of Alleged Violation ("NOAVs"), the allegations of which are incorporated herein.

Benchmark is the operator of the following Wells in Logan County: Logan J Sand Unit 2-5 Well (API No. 05-075-06004), Mount Hope Green 4 Well (API No. 05-075-06464), Mount Hope Unit 49 Well (API No. 05-075-06343), NW Graylin D Sand Unit 8 Well (API No. 05-075-06002), NW Graylin D Sand Unit 9 Well (API No. 05-075-06016), and NW Graylin D Sand Unit 12 Well (API No. 05-075-06129).

On July 23, 2014, COGCC Staff inspected these Wells and observed violations of Commission rules. On November 18, 2014, follow-up inspections determined that none of the violations listed below had been corrected.

On January 15, 2015, COGCC Staff issued NOAV Nos. 200421709, 200421712, 200421713, 200421714, 200421715, and 200421716 for violations at the above listed Wells of the following COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1 ("Rule" or "Rules"):

- a. Rule 210 (Signs & Markers);
- b. Rule 603.f. (Equipment, Weeds, Waste, & Trash);
- c. Rule 605.a.(4) (Berms);
- d. Rule 605.d. (Mechanical Conditions);
- e. Rule 906.a. (Spills & Releases, General);
- f. Rule 1002.f. (Stormwater Management); and
- g. Rule 1003.a. (Interim Reclamation, General).

COGCC staff requests that Benchmark be found in violation of rules cited above and assessed a penalty pursuant to Rule 523.

<u>NOAV No.</u>	<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Violation Rule No.</u>						
		210	603.f.	605.a.(4)	605.d.	906.a.	1002.f.	1003.a.
200421709	Logan J Sand Unit 2-5	X	X	X				
200421712	Mount Hope-Green 4		X					
200421713	Mount Hope Unit 49		X					X
200421714	NW Graylin D Sand Unit 8	X	X	X				X
200421715	NW Graylin D Sand Unit 9		X					
200421716	NW Graylin D Sand Unit 12	X	X		X	X	X	

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, May 18, 2015
Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

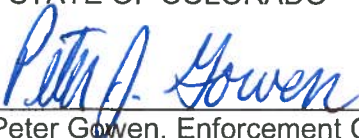
Place: Aims Community College, Fort Lupton Campus
Community Room in the Platte Building, Room PL111 & PL113
260 College Avenue
Fort Lupton, CO 80621

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 May 4, 2015, 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 May 4, 2015. 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 
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Dated: April 2, 2015

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