

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. 150500342
SOVEREIGN OPERATING COMPANY LLC, BACA)	
COUNTY, COLORADO)	TYPE: ENFORCEMENT

NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to Rule 522.e.(2)(B), 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 Sovereign Operating Company LLC ("Sovereign") (Operator No. 10383). This Notice and Application is being served to adjudicate the allegations made in the below-described Notice of Alleged Violation ("NOAV"), the allegations of which are incorporated herein.

Sovereign is the operator of record of the following inactive wells, located in Baca County, Colorado: DUNIVAN 1-11 (API # 05-009-06644), GIBSON 1-19 (API # 05-009-06647), SHARP GIBSON 1-24 (API # 05-009-06652), ROBBINS 1-16 (API # 05-009-06651), COTTRELL-RUTHERFORD 2-17 (API # 05-009-06599), THOMPSON-JEFFREY 1-13 (API # 05-009-06600), COGBURN-WECO A 1 (API # 05-009-06398), STATE-ST JOHN 1-36 (API # 05-009-05308), COGBURN 1 (API # 05-009-06159), BURHENN 1-12 (API # 05-009-06645), MOORE 'C' 1 (API # 05-009-06140), MURRAY C 2 (API # 05-009-06586), FULBRIGHT 1-20 (API # 05-009-06653), GIBSON 1-25 (API # 05-009-06646), MURRAY 'C' 1 (API # 05-009-06135), WRIGHT 1-7 (API # 05-009-06650), STATE 267-S 1 (API # 05-009-06173), BAR-B-4 RANCH 1-15 (API # 05-009-06648), HEFLEY 'A' 1 (API # 05-009-06162), MURRAY B 1 (API # 05-009-06131), SMITH 'H' 1 (API # 05-009-06142), ROBBINS RANCH 'C' 1 (API # 05-009-06268), COMMERCE RANCH INC. 'B' 1 (API # 05-009-06215), LOFLIN-FEDERAL 1-21 (API # 05-009-06035), HARTMETZ 1-9 (API # 05-009-06158), HEFLEY 2 (API # 05-009-06189), STATE 267-S 2 (API # 05-009-06175), LOFLIN 1-8 (API # 05-009-06322), TRAHERN 'A' 1 (API # 05-009-06174), TOLBERT 1 (API # 05-009-06231), TRAHERN 1 (API # 05-009-06146), BURCHFIELD 1-33 (API # 05-009-06147), and the STATE OF COLORADO 1-16 (API # 05-009-06176). Pursuant to Rule 707.a, Sovereign is obligated to post additional financial assurance to cover these wells.

On April 13, 2015, Commission Staff issued a Notice of Alleged Violation ("NOAV") (No. 200429283) to Sovereign for violations of COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, Rule 707.a (Inactive Wells).

COGCC staff requests that Sovereign be found in violation of Rule 707.a 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, May 18, 2015
Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Aims Community College, Fort Lupton Campus
260 College Avenue
Platte Building, Room PL 111 and PL 113
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  _____
Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: April 13, 2015

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