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

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FIELD, LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO )						

### NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

#### APPLICATION LANDS

Township 33 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M. Section 4: S½

#### **APPLICATION**

On August 27, 2015, BP America Production Company (Operator No. 10000) ("BP" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to § 34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Pool all interests in an approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Fruitland Coal Formation; and
- 2) Subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of § 34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in § 34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., were first incurred for the drilling of the Martinez A #1 Well (API No. 05-067-09823), Martinez A #2 Well (API No. 05-067-09826), Martinez A #3 Well (API No. 05-067-09822), and Martinez A #4 Well (API No. 05-067-09827).

#### APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

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

- On June 17, 1988, the Commission entered Order No. 112-60 which established 320-acre drilling and spacing units, including the Application Lands, for the production of gas from the Fruitland coal seams, with the permitted well located, when north of the north line of Township 32 North, in the NW¼ and SE¼ of the section, and south of the north line of Township 32 North, in the NE¼ and SW¼ of the section, and no closer than 990 feet to any outer boundary of the section, nor closer than 130 feet to any interior guarter section line.
- On August 15, 1988, the Commission entered Order No. 112-61 which approved the drilling of the first well in 320-acre drilling and spacing units, including the Application Lands, not in the permitted location, but rather in the other quarter section, and established additional field rules for the Fruitland coal seams.

- On December 17, 1990 (Corrected November 7, 1999), the Commission entered Order No. 112-85 which established additional field rules for the Fruitland coal seams in 320acre drilling and spacing units, including the Application Lands.
- On July 11, 2000, the Commission entered Order No. 112-157 which approved an
  optional additional well to be drilled for production of gas from the Fruitland coal seams
  in 320-acre drilling and spacing units, including the Application Lands, with the permitted
  well to be located in any undrilled quarter section no closer than 990 feet from the
  boundaries of the quarter section, nor closer than 130 feet to any interior quarter section
  line.
- On July 10, 2006, the Commission entered Order No. 112-190 which approved a total of four (4) wells to be drilled for production of gas from the Fruitland coal seams in 320-acre drilling and spacing units, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 660 feet to any outer boundary of the unit with no interior line setback, utilizing a common or expanded pad with an existing well, such that a total of 4 Fruitland coal well pads are authorized in each governmental section.

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, October 26, 2015

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801

Denver, CO 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.

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 October 9, 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 October 12, 2015. 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

Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: September 18, 2015

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