

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 **HUNTER** ) DOCKET NO. 161200480  
**RIDGE ENERGY SERVICES LLC**, GARFIELD 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 applies to the Commission at its December 12-13, 2016 hearing for an Order Finding Violation (“OFV”) against **Hunter Ridge Energy Services LLC** (“Hunter Ridge”) (Operator No. 10442). This Notice and Application is served to adjudicate the below-described Notice of Alleged Violation (“NOAV”), the allegations of which are incorporated herein.

Hunter Ridge is the operator of a flowline located at SW¼SW¼ of Section 14, Township 4 South, Range 96 West, 6th P.M. between SG N22 496 (Location ID 423064) and SGU-64S96W/23SWSW (Location ID 335680) in Garfield County, Colorado (“flowline”). On June 14, 2016, during a routine water sampling event, Hunter Ridge discovered a release of condensate from this flowline (Spill/Release No. 446199), which impacted soil and water resources (Doc. Nos. 401064094, 401068217 & 671000414).

On June 15, 2016, Hunter Ridge began containment, clean-up, and site investigation (Doc. No. 671000414). Hunter Ridge’s site investigation and remediation efforts remain ongoing (Remediation Project No. 9748).

On September 16, 2016, COGCC Staff issued NOAV No. 401105510 to Hunter Ridge for violations of the following Rules of the COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 C.C.R. 404-1 (“Rule” or “Rules”) at the flowline:

- a. Rule 605.d. (O&G Facilities – Mechanical Conditions) for the failure to assure all valves, pipes, and fittings are securely fastened, inspected at regular intervals, and maintained in good mechanical condition;
- b. Rule 907.a. (E&P Waste Management) for the failure to conduct E&P waste management activities in a manner that protects waters of the state from significant adverse environmental impacts from E&P waste;
- c. Rule 1101 (Installation and Reclamation) for the failure to install a flowline with materials, design, and cover sufficient to maintain structural integrity and prevent failure, and/or failed to complete pressure testing prior to operating the flowline; and
- d. Rule 1102 (Operations, Maintenance, and Repair) for the failure to take reasonable precautions to prevent failures, leakage, and corrosion of the flowline.

COGCC Staff requests that the Commission find Hunter Ridge in violation of the Rules cited above, order Hunter Ridge to return to compliance, assess a penalty pursuant to Rule 523, and impose other relief as authorized by law.

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, December 12, 2016  
Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln St., Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

Please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139 prior to the hearing if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability. Special accommodations will be provided in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

At the Commission's December 12-13, 2016 meeting, the Commission will enter orders as it deems appropriate to protect public health, safety, and welfare, including the environment and wildlife resources, and to carry out the purposes of the Act and Commission rules, orders, or permits.

A party meeting the requirements for a protestant or intervenor may file a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509. One electronic, one original and two copies of any protest or intervention must be filed with the Commission no later than November 28, 2016. A party who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of November 28, 2016.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: October 4, 2016

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