

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND) CAUSE NO. 440
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)
OPERATIONS FOR THE WILLIAMS FORK) DOCKET NO. 170500195
FORMATION, PARACHUTE FIELD, GARFIELD)
COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 6 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M.

Section 13: E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, and Lots 1-4

Section 23: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and Lots 1-10

Section 24: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, and Lots 1-5

Section 25: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 26: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and Lots 1, 2, 7, 8

APPLICATION

On March 2, 2017, TEP Rocky Mountain LLC (Operator No. 96850) ("TEP" or "Applicant"), filed a verified amended application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order:

1) Establishing ten-acre bottomhole well density in portions of Sections 13, 23, 24, 25 and 26, Township 6 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M., Garfield County, Colorado for the development and operation of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation underlying the Application Lands.

2) Providing that that the bottomhole location of any well within the Application Lands shall be located anywhere upon the Application Lands but no closer than 100 feet from the boundaries of the Application Lands, without exception being granted by the Director. Applicant also requests that, in cases where the Application Lands abut or corner lands where the Commission has not, at the time of drilling, allowed the right to drill ten acre density Williams Fork wells, then the permitted well should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the boundaries of the Application Lands, without exception being granted by the Director.

3) Providing that the wells drilled under this Application shall be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one wellpad per approximate 40 acres, without exception being granted by the Director.

4) Providing that ten acre bottomhole well density will allow efficient drainage of the Williams Fork Formation; will prevent waste; will not adversely affect correlative rights and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoirs.

5) For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or

advisable in this matter.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Orders" or "Rules")

- Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission requires that wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing. The Application Lands are subject to Rule 318.a. for the Williams Fork Formation.
- Lands adjacent to the Application have been approved for ten (10) acre density with 100 foot/200 foot downhole setbacks for the Williams Fork Formation, as applicable. Applicant requests that the Commission take administrative notice of Commission Order Nos. 139-64, 139-68, 510-9, 510-10, 510-12, 510-31, 440-35, 440-43 and 440-51 which allow additional wells to be optionally drilled on ten acre density for the development and operation of the Williams Fork Formation, with the permitted wells to be located downhole anywhere upon the lands but no closer than 100 feet from the outside boundary of such lands. Commission Order Nos. 139-64, 139-68, 510-9, 510-10, 510-12, 440-35, 440-43 and 440-51 further required that in cases where the respective lands abut or corner lands where the Commission has not, at the time of drilling, allowed the right to drill ten acre density wells, then the wells shall be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the boundary or boundaries of the respective lands abutting or cornering such lands without an exception being granted by the Director of the Commission.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§ 34-60-101 to -130, C.R.S., and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:

Date: May 1-2, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately 3 days before the hearing.

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 April 17, 2017. 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 April 17, 2017.** Pursuant to Rule 511, if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

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By *Peter A. Gowen*
for Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: March 17, 2017

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