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CORRECTION OF WPX SPACING ORDERS 479-14 AND 139-66

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Good Morning, Roger,

WPX has submitted a pad of 15 refiles in Garfield County located in the NWSE Section 23-T6S-R94W. After review of the applicable spacing orders, I determined that the original orders were incorrectly written pertaining to this section.

Here's a summary of the well activity in this section:

1) In 1995 WPX drilled a horizontal well, API 045-06979, Clough #31-23H in the east half of this section. Because there is a small BLM lease located in the east half of Section 23 which was crossed by this horizontal wellbore, WPX formed a CA for the east half. The only other well in the east half to date is an even older shallow Wasatch well drilled by Vaquero in 1988.

2) In 2005, WPX submitted spacing order 470-14 which established 10 acre spacing for the N/2, NE/4SW/4 for the Williams Fork. No unit designation was specified, but language in the order referred to 100' setbacks from the drilling and spacing unit. Another order submitted the same month in 2005, 510-12, also established the same 10 acre spacing for the same part of Sec. 23.

3) In 2006 WPX submitted spacing order 139-66 which established a 320 acre unit for the Williams Fork in the SE/4, W/2SW/4, SE/4SW/4 of Section 23.

4) In 2008 WPX drilled up the west half of Section 23. All permits issued listed 510-12 and a unit designation of W/2. Because there is a small BLM lease in the NWNW, a CA was formed for the W/2.

5) WPX is now submitting refiles for the east half of Section 23. These permits have spacing order 139-66 with a unit designation of E/2. This contradicts the spacing order designation of the unit being the south half. The CA in effect since 1995 for the east half should dictate that the unit designation for these wells is E/2. The spacing order needs to be corrected to reflect this. This also requires a correction of order 479-14 which established a unit of N/2. A review of spacing order 510-12 is also needed to determine if it needs correction.

I have advised WPX that the current refile permits will not be held up pending these corrections. I will just note this in the comments on the permits.

Please review, contact me with any questions, and advise as to the best course of action. Annette Apperson is your contact person at WPX.

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