

Proof of Publication

STATE OF COLORADO, { ss.
County of Logan.

Doug Knight, being duly sworn, deposes
and says: Advertising Director

1. That he is the Publisher of The Sterling Journal-Advocate, a daily newspaper printed and published in the City of Sterling, County of Logan, and State of Colorado.

2. That the said The Sterling Journal-Advocate is printed and published daily, except Sundays and legal holidays, and that it has a general circulation in the City of Sterling, and County of Logan, and elsewhere.

3. That the said The Sterling Journal-Advocate was established, and has been printed and published in said County, uninterruptedly and continuously, during a period of at least Fifty-two Weeks next prior to the first issue thereof, containing said

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a copy of which is hereunto attached.

4. That the said The Sterling Journal-Advocate is a daily newspaper of general circulation, and that the said daily newspaper is printed and published in whole or in part in said County of Logan, in which said

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is required by law to be published.

5. That the said The Sterling Journal-Advocate has been admitted to the United States Mails as second class matter under the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1879, or any amendments thereof, and that said newspaper is a daily newspaper duly qualified for publishing legal notices and advertisements within the meaning of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Colorado, approved March 5, 1935, being Chapter 156 of the Session Laws of Colorado, 1935, entitled: "An Act relating to legal notices and advertisements," and amending Section 1, Chapter 113 Session Laws of Colorado, 1931.

6. That the said annexed

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was published in the regular and entire editions of The Sterling Journal-Advocate, a duly qualified daily newspaper for that purpose, within the terms of the above named Acts.

7. That the said annexed

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is a true copy of the original which was regularly published in each of the regular and entire issues of said daily newspaper, a legally qualified paper for that purpose, once each week, on the same day of each week,

for ~~SIXTY-SIX TIMES~~ ONE insertions and that the

first publication thereof was in the issue dated APRIL 10, 1997

and the last publication was in the issue dated APRIL 10, 1997

Doug Knight
Advertising Director

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this 11th day of APRIL, 1997

Tullie K. Jousine
Notary Public

My Commission Expires OCTOBER 11, 1997

Legal Notice

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF COLORADO
CAUSE NO. 1
DOCKET NO. 4-11
IN THE MATTER OF
THE SURFACE BOND
REQUIREMENT OF
THE RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR
OIL AND GAS
OPERATIONS IN
LOGAN COUNTY,
COLORADO

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rule 1001.c. of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission established that compliance with Rules 1002, 1003, 1004.a., b., or c.(1), (2), or (3), is not necessary if the operator can demonstrate to the Director's or the Commission's satisfaction that compliance with such rules is not necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare, including prevention of significant adverse environmental impacts, and that the operator has entered into an agreement with the surface owner regarding topsoil protection and reclamation of the land.

On February 26, 1997, Argonex Company, filed with the Commission, an application requesting a hearing for the purpose of waiving the bond requirements set forth pursuant to Rule No. 1001.c. for the Nelson No. 1-10 Well located in the NW1/4SE1/4 in Section 33, Township 11 North, Range 54 West, 6th P.M., and obtaining the release of the bond. The well was plugged in October, 1996 and site restoration has occurred to the surface owner's satisfaction as indicated in a signed statement.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the above, has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date:

Monday, April 21, 1997

Tuesday, April 22, 1997

Time:

8:30 a.m.

Place:

Suite 801,

The Chancery Building

1120 Lincoln Street

Denver, Colorado 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 Mara Jauch 894-2100 ext. 114, 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 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.

Any interested party desiring to protect the granting of the application or to intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or a notice to intervene no later than April 15, 1997, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. **Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or notice to intervene to the person filing the application.** An original and nine (9) copies, accompanied by a fee of seventy dollars ~~(\$70.00)~~ shall be filed with the Commission. In accordance with the practices of the Commission, should no protests or interventions be filed in this matter by April 15, 1997, an administrative hearing will be scheduled prior to the above hearing date.

IN THE NAME OF THE
STATE OF COLORADO
OIL AND GAS
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF COLORADO
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Secretary

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