

# The Daily Journal

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## Publisher's Affidavit

STATE OF COLORADO

City and County of Denver

I John Rhoades of the City and County of Denver State of Colorado being duly sworn upon oath say that I am the Publishing Director of The Daily Journal that I have personal knowledge of all the facts set forth in this affidavit that said The Daily Journal is a public newspaper of general circulation having its principal office and place of business situated in said City and County of Denver that said The Daily Journal is printed and published daily except Saturdays Sundays and legal holidays that said The Daily Journal is a daily newspaper within the meaning of the act of the General Assembly of the State of Colorado approved April 7 1921 and entitled "An Act Concerning Legal Notices Advertisements and Publications and the Fees of Printers and Publishers Thereof and to Repeal All Acts and Parts of Acts in Conflict with the Provisions of This Act and as amended by an act of said General Assembly entitled An Act to Amend An Act Entitled An Act Concerning Legal Notices Advertisements and Publications and the Fees of Printers and Publishers Thereof and to Repeal All Acts and Parts of Acts in Conflict with the Provisions of this Act" approved March 30 1923 and as amended by an act of said General Assembly approved May 18 1931 entitled "An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 139 Session Laws of Colorado 1923 Relating to Legal Notices and Advertisements which said Act took effect on and after the first day of January 1932 and as amended by an act of said General Assembly entitled An Act to Amend Chapter 139 of the Session Laws of 1923 Relating to Legal Notices and Advertisements to Define Newspapers Qualified to Publish Legal Notices and Advertisements and the Fees of Printers and Publishers Thereof and to Provide That the Costs of Such Legal Notices and Advertisements Shall Be Taxed as Fees approved March 5 1935 and as amended by an act of said General Assembly entitled "An Act Relating to Legal Notices and Advertisements and Amending Section 1 of Chapter 139 Session Laws of 1923 approved March 25 1935 and "An Act to Amend and as Amended by the General Assembly concerning Rates for Legal Publications 109.17 C.R.S. 1963 as amended approved May 22 1971 and effective January 1 1972 that said newspaper had prior to January 1 1936 and has ever since said date 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 that said newspaper is printed and published in whole in said City and County of Denver and has a general circulation therein that said newspaper has been so printed and published as a public daily newspaper of general circulation in said City and County of Denver uninterruptedly and continuously during the period of more than fifty two consecutive weeks next prior to the first issue thereof containing the annexed legal notice and advertisement that said legal notice and advertisement was published daily except Saturdays Sundays and legal holidays in the regular edition of said newspaper for one day that the publication of said legal notice and advertisement appeared in the regular

edition of said newspaper on the 3rd day of August A.D. 2007 and that therefore said legal notice and advertisement was duly published in a newspaper duly qualified for the purpose within the meaning of said above-mentioned acts of the General Assembly of the State of Colorado.

Subscribed and sworn to at the City and County of Denver State of Colorado before me a Notary Public this 3rd day of August 2007.

John Rhoades  
Publishing Director of The Daily Journal

My Commission Expires July 9 2011  
1114 West Avenue  
Denver Colorado 80204 4455  
My Commission Expires 07-09-2011

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## NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO CAUSE NO 527

DOCKET NO 0708-SP-20

IN THE MATTER OF PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE SULPHUR CREEK FIELD, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO  
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

On March 20 2006 corrected July 31 2006 the Commission issued Order No 527-1 which among other things allowed to be optionally drilled ten (10) acre density for production from the Williams Fork Formation of the Mesaverde Group for the below-described lands with the permitted well to be located downhole anywhere upon the lands but no closer than 100 feet from the outside boundary of the application lands

Township 2 South Range 27 West 6th P.M.

Section 19 SW1/4 SW1/4, S1/2 SW1/4, Lot 4

Section 20 SW1/4 SW1/4

Section 29 NW1/4 NW1/4

Section 30 E1/2 NE1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4

Township 2 South Range 28 West 6th P.M.

Section 23 S1/2 S1/2

Section 24 S1/2 S1/2

Section 26 NW1/4 NW1/4

Section 27 NE1/4 SW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4, S1/2 NE1/4

Section 28 SW1/4 SW1/4

Section 32 S1/2 SW1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4

Section 33 S1/2 NW1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, N1/2 NE1/4

Township 3 South Range 28 West 6th P.M.

Section 5 S1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4

Section 6 E1/2 SW1/4

Section 7 NE1/4 NE1/4

On August 16 2006 the Commission issued Order No 527-2 which among other things allowed 10-acre density for wells to be drilled for production from the Iles and Sego Formations for the above-described lands with each well to be located downhole anywhere upon such lands provided no such well shall be located downhole any closer than 400 feet from the outside boundary of the application lands

On June 22 2007 Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation ("Whiting"), by its attorney filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to amend the setback rules as established in Order No 572-2 such that the permitted well may be located downhole anywhere upon the application lands but no closer than 100 feet from the outside boundary of the application lands unless such boundary abuts or corners lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10-acre density wells for the Iles and Sego Formations in which event the Iles Formation and Sego Formation wells to be drilled upon the application lands should be drilled downhole no closer than 200 feet from that portion of the boundary which so abuts or corners the lands in respect of which 10-acre density downhole drilling for Iles Formation and Sego Formation wells has not been ordered by the Commission It is understood that Iles Formation and Sego Formation wells may be drilled and completed only within wellbores drilled to the Williams Fork Formation and may not be drilled as separate wells

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, August 27, 2007

Time Tuesday, August 28, 2007

Place 9 00 a.m.

Southwest Weld County Services Complex, South Wing

4209 Weld County Road 24 1/2

Longmont Colorado 80504

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) 864-2100 ext 139, 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 protect the health safety and welfare of the public and 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

In accordance with Rule 509, any interested party desiring to protest the granting of the application or to intervene on the application should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention no later than August 13, 2007, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. Such interested party shall at the same time serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. An original and nine (9) copies shall be filed with the Commission (Rule 503). Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of August 13, 2007. Pursuant to Rule 503 f, if a party who has received notice under Rule 503 b wishes to receive further pleadings in the above-referenced matter, that party must file a protest or intervention in accordance with these rules. In accordance with the practices of the Commission, should no protests or interventions be filed in this matter by August 13, 2007, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of August 13, 2007. In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511 b if the matter is uncontested, the applicant may request, and the Director may recommend approval on the basis of the merits of the verified application and the supporting exhibits

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

By Patricia C Beaver, Secretary

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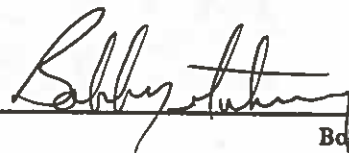
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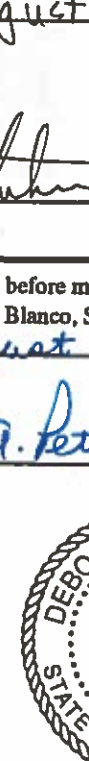
I, BOBBY GUTIERREZ, do solemnly swear that I am the editor of the Rio Blanco Herald Times, formerly known as The Meeker Herald and The Rangely Times weekly newspapers; that the same is a weekly newspaper published in the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, and has a general circulation therein; that said newspaper has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said County of Rio Blanco for a period of more than fifty-two consecutive weeks next prior to the first publication of the annexed legal notice or advertisement; that said newspaper has been admitted to the United States mails as second-class matter under the provision of the Act of March 3, 1879, or any amendments thereof; and that said newspaper is a weekly newspaper duly qualified for publishing legal notices and advertisements within the meaning of the laws of the State of Colorado.

That the annexed legal notice or advertisement was published in the regular and entire issue of every number of said weekly newspaper for the period of 1 consecutive insertions; and that the first publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated August 2 A.D., 2007, and that the last publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated, August 2 A.D. 2007.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of August A.D., 2007.

  
Bobby Gutierrez

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, this 2nd day of August A.D., 2007.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires  
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OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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