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STATE OF COLORADO

COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN
OPERATIONS IN THE SULPHUR CREEK FIELD,
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 527

DOCKET NO. 1208-UP-235

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On May 16, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 527-9 which, among other things, approved the equivalent of one well per 10-acres, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Iles and Williams Fork Formations, with all future wells located no closer than 100 feet from the boundaries of any lease line unless such unit abuts or corners lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10-acre density Williams Fork wells, the well shall be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the boundaries of any lease line so abutting or cornering such lands, and wells shall be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one pad located on a given quarter quarter section, without exception being granted by the Director. Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 98 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Iles and Williams Fork Formations.

On June 21, 2012, WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC ("WPX" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Concurrent Application"), Docket No. 1208-SP-93, seeking to, among other things, establish two approximate 40-acre drilling and spacing units for Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 98 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Iles and Williams Fork Formations.

On June 21, 2012, WPX, by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to pool all interests in two approximate 40-acre drilling and spacing units, established for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the development and operation of the Iles and Williams Fork Formations, effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) were first incurred for the drilling of the Federal RG 11-23-298 Well (API No. 05-103-11902) and the Federal RG 321-23-298 Well (API No. 05-103-11898) ("Wells"), and to subject any non-consenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7):

Township 2 South, Range 98 West, 6th P.M.

Section 23: NW1/4 NW1/4 (Federal RG 11-23-298 Well - DSU #1)

Section 23: NE1/4 NW1/4 (Federal RG 321-23-298 Well - DSU #2)

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, August 20, 2012
Tuesday, August 21, 2012
Time: 9:00 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 Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, 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 6, 2012, 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 13 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

I, BOBBY GUTIERREZ, do solemnly swear that I am the editor acting on behalf of Mitch Bettis, owner/publisher 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 9 A.D. 2012 and that the last publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated, August 9 A.D. 2012

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of August A.D. 2012.

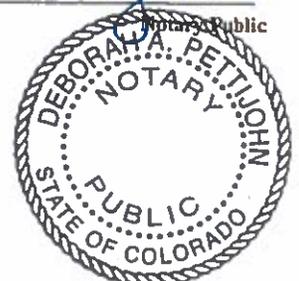
Bobby Gutierrez
Bobby Gutierrez, editor acting on behalf
of Mitch Bettis, owner/publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, this 9th day of August A., D. 2012

Deborah A. Pettijohn
Deborah A. Pettijohn, Notary Public

My commission expires

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of August 6, 2012. Pursuant to Rule 503.g., 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 6, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of August 6, 2012. In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511., 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 /s/Robert J. Frick

Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801
1120 Lincoln Street
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