

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF TEXAKOMA EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 181-2001 AND VACATE THE EXISTING SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 36, T31N-R43E, VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 89-2023

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO DESIGNATE THE E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 36, T31N-R43E, VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA, AS THE SPACING UNIT TO DRILL A VERTICAL MADISON GROUP WELL AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 330' FROM THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LUSTRE FIELD RULES. (LUSTRE FIELD)

Docket No. 106-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Hagen Vasek, senior landman, and Michael Christie, senior geophysicist, appeared on behalf of Texakoma Exploration & Production LLC (Texakoma).
3. The N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, T31N-R43E, was designated a spacing unit for production from the Madison Formation under Lustre Field rules established by Order 181-2001.
4. Applicant proposes to drill a Madison Formation well at a location in compliance with Lustre Field rules.
5. No protest to the application of Texakoma was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 89-2023

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Order 181-2001 is amended to vacate the existing spacing unit comprised of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, T31N-R43E, Valley County, Montana.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Board that the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, T31N-R43E, Valley County, Montana, is designated a spacing unit to drill a vertical Madison Group well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 330' to the exterior boundaries thereof, in accordance with Lustre Field rules.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF TEXAKOMA EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION LLC TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 71-1997 THAT CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE N½ OF SECTION 10, T30N-R44E, VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 90-2023

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO DESIGNATE THE E½NE¼ OF SECTION 10, T30N-R44E, VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA, AS THE SPACING UNIT TO DRILL A VERTICAL MADISON GROUP WELL AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 330' FROM THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LUSTRE FIELD RULES. (LUSTRE FIELD)

Docket No. 107-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Hagen Vasek, senior landman, and Michael Christie, senior geophysicist, appeared on behalf of Texakoma Exploration & Production LLC (Texakoma).
3. The N½ of Section 10, T30N-R44E, was designated a temporary spacing unit for production from a horizontal well in the Madison Formation by Order 71-1997 as an exception Lustre Field rules. To date, no horizontal well has been drilled in the designated temporary spacing unit.
4. Applicant proposes to drill a vertical Madison Formation well at a location in compliance with Lustre Field rules.
5. No protest to the application of Texakoma was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 90-2023

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the E½NE¼ of Section 10, T30N-R44E, Valley County, Montana, is designated the spacing unit to drill a vertical Madison Group well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 330' to the exterior boundaries thereof, in accordance with Lustre Field rules.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 71-1997 is hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 95-2022 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 22, 27, AND 34, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 13, 2024. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN SAID ORDER REMAINS UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

ORDER 91-2023

Docket No. 110-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 95-2022 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 13, 2024.

BOARD ORDER NO. 91-2023

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 103-2022 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN ALL OF SECTIONS 24, 25, AND 36, T26N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 19, 30, AND 31, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 13, 2024. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN SAID ORDER REMAINS UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

ORDER 92-2023

Docket No. 111-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 103-2022 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 13, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 92-2023

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 101-2022 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 12, 13, AND 24, T26N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 13, 2024. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN SAID ORDER REMAINS UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

ORDER 93-2023

Docket No. 112-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 101-2022 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 13, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 93-2023

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 104-2022 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12, AND 13, T26N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7, AND 18, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 13, 2024. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN SAID ORDER REMAINS UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

ORDER 94-2023

Docket No. 113-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 104-2022 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 13, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 94-2023

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 25-2022 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 9, 16, 21, 28, T27N-R57E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO APRIL 14, 2025. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN SAID ORDER REMAINS UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

ORDER 95-2023

Docket No. 114-2023 / 1-2024 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 25-2022 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than April 14, 2025.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 95-2023

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T28N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T28N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T28N-R59E, WITH A 200' HEEL/TOE SETBACK TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, AND APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 97-2023

Docket No. 115-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Sections 1 and 12, T28N-R58E were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 181-2012 and Sections 6 and 7, T28N-R59E were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 144-2013.
4. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 1 and 12, T28N-R58E and all of Sections 6 and 7, T28N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well at a location proximate to the common boundary between the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1 and 12, T28N-R58E and the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 6 and 7, T28N-R59E but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF HYDRA MT, LLC TO DRILL THE DON 17-1H SWD WELL IN THE SE¼SW¼ OF SECTION 17, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA (COTTONWOOD FIELD) AS A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 4,900 – 5,851 FT TVD. AN AQUIFER EXEMPTION IS BEING REQUESTED SINCE THE INJECTION ZONE CONTAINS WATER WITH LESS THAN 10,000 MG/L TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS.

ORDER 102-2023

Docket No. 116-2023

Report of the Board

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Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No protest to the application of Hydra MT, LLC was made.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of ARM 36.22.1403 have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the application of Hydra MT, LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 102-2023

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO APPROVE AND CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING WELLS IN RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AS HORIZONTALLY RECOMPLETED WELLS (RECOMPLETED EXISTING HORIZONTAL DRAIN HOLES) ENTITLED TO APPLICABLE SEVERANCE TAX REDUCTIONS THROUGH THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TO CERTIFY PRODUCTION DECLINE RATES TO BE USED IN THE CALCULATION OF INCREMENTAL PRODUCTION.

ORDER 103-2023

API NUMBER	WELL NAME	LOCATION	RECOMPLETION DATE (REFRAC)
25-083-22095	4-J RANCH 44X-27	T24N-R57E-27	OCTOBER 2022
25-083-22191	ALBIN 13X-33	T24N-R57E-33	OCTOBER 2022
25-083-22265	ALBIN 24X-28	T24N-R57E-28	OCTOBER 2022
25-083-21937	ALBIN FARMS 31X-31	T24N-R57E-31	NOVEMBER 2022
25-083-21972	ALBIN FARMS 34X-32	T24N-R57E-32	OCTOBER 2022
25-083-22558	BR 21-33H 52	T25N-R52E-33	DECEMBER 2022
25-083-22505	BR 24-27H 52	T25N-R52E-27	JANUARY 2023
25-083-22101	BR 31-7H	T23N-R55E-7	JANUARY 2023
25-083-22095	BR 41-33H 52	T24N-R57E-27	FEBRUARY 2023
25-083-22159	BR 44-36H	T24N-R54E-36	FEBRUARY 2023
25-083-22047	PUTNAM 24X-20	T23N-R57E-20	DECEMBER 2022
25-083-22588	BR 31-14H 54	T25N-R54E-14	AUGUST 2023

Docket No. 117-2023

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Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock) requested the BR 41-33H 52 well be withdrawn from the application due to publishing the wrong API number and location. A new application will be filed for this well.
3. No protest to the application of White Rock was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

BOARD ORDER NO. 103-2023

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of ARM 36-22-1704 have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the application of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC is granted as applied for.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T25N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE LEAH 29-32 #1H, LEAH 29-32 #2H, LEAH 29-32 #3H, AND LEAH 29-32 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 98-2023

Docket No. 57-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 106-2019. Additional wells were authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 107-2019. Applicant has completed the Leah 29-32 #1H, Leah 29-32 #2H, Leah 29-32 #3H, and Leah 29-32 #4H wells as producing wells.
4. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 98-2023

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 29 and 32, T25N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Leah 29-32 #1H, Leah 29-32 #2H, Leah 29-32 #3H, and Leah 29-32 #4H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T25N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RECOVERY OF NON-CONSENT PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A., WITH RESPECT TO THE LEAH 29-32 #1H, LEAH 29-32 #2H, LEAH 29-32 #3H, AND LEAH 29-32 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 99-2023

Docket No. 58-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Applicant is an interest owner and operator in the spacing unit identified in the caption as established by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 98-2023.
4. At the time of hearing, the request to authorize recovery of non-consent penalties was withdrawn.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-202, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 29 and 32, T25N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

BOARD ORDER NO. 99-2023

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 67-2022 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20, 29, AND 32, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO AUGUST 18, 2024. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN SAID ORDER REMAINS UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

ORDER 96-2023

Docket No. 91-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 67-2022 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than August 18, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 96-2023

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF OPERATOR, AND AS REQUIRED BY BOARD POLICY, THE BOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THREE WELLS IN SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, FROM OKIE CRUDE COMPANY TO DIGITAL OPERATING COMPANY AND TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5), MCA. A LIST OF THE WELLS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN THE BILLINGS OFFICE FOR REVIEW.

ORDER 100-2023

Docket No. 118-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Don Lee, attorney, Fred Soliz, petroleum engineer, and Amy Close, geologist, appeared on behalf of Digital Operating Company (Digital Operating).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed Digital Operating's change of operator request from Okie Crude Company.
4. Digital Operating plans to plug three wells and return five inactive wells to production before the end of the year.
5. The Board determined that Digital Operating's existing \$50,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond is adequate and in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308.
6. No protest to the application of Digital Operating was made.
7. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

BOARD ORDER NO. 100-2023

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that staff will provide the Board an update at the April 10, 2024, business meeting of Digital Operating's progress to reduce its plugging liability.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that staff may proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator request.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF OPERATOR, AND AS REQUIRED BY BOARD POLICY, THE BOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TWO WELLS IN ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FROM DARRAH OIL COMPANY, LLC TO VECTA OIL & GAS, LTD AND TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5), MCA. A LIST OF THE WELLS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN THE BILLINGS OFFICE FOR REVIEW.

ORDER 101-2023

Docket No. 119-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Scotti Gray, attorney, and William Untiedt, executive vice president, appeared on behalf of Vecta Oil & Gas, Ltd (Vecta).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed Vecta's change of operator request from Darrah Oil Company, LLC.
4. The Sletvold 1-30 well has compliance issues that need to be addressed prior to the transfer of the well.
5. The Board determined that Vecta's existing \$50,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond is adequate and in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308.
6. No protest to the application of Vecta was made.
7. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

BOARD ORDER NO. 101-2023

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that staff may proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator request.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF OPERATOR, AND AS REQUIRED BY BOARD POLICY, THE BOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 34 WELLS IN RICHLAND, ROOSEVELT, AND SHERIDAN COUNTIES, MONTANA, FROM SAMSON OIL AND GAS USA, INC. TO SPRINGLINE OPERATING AND TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5), MCA. A LIST OF THE WELLS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN THE BILLINGS OFFICE FOR REVIEW.

ORDER 104-2023

Docket No. 120-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Don Lee, attorney, and Steven Hatcher, partner, appeared on behalf of SpringLine Operating.
3. The Board and its staff reviewed SpringLine Operating's change of operator request from Samson Oil and Gas USA, Inc.
4. SpringLine Operating plans to plug two wells per year and return five inactive wells to production in 2024.
5. The Board determined that SpringLine Operating's proposed plugging and reclamation bonds are adequate and in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308 and ARM 36.22.1408.
6. No protest to the application of SpringLine Operating was made.
7. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

BOARD ORDER NO. 104-2023

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that staff will provide the Board an update at the August 14, 2024, business meeting of SpringLine Operating's progress to reduce its plugging liability.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that staff may proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator request.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF OPERATOR, AND AS REQUIRED BY BOARD POLICY, THE BOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 26 WELLS IN TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA, FROM ENNEBERG OIL & GAS TO BRAINSTORM ENERGY, INC. AND TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5), MCA. OF THE WELLS INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER, BOARD RECORDS SHOW ENNEBERG OIL & GAS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 17 PRODUCING WELLS COVERED BY A MULTIPLE WELL BOND AND 9 FEDERALLY BONDED WELLS. A LIST OF THE WELLS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN THE BILLINGS OFFICE FOR REVIEW.

ORDER 105-2023

Docket No. 121-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Don Lee, attorney, Adam Standiford, president, and Will Stenger, vice president, appeared on behalf of Brainstorm Energy, Inc. (Brainstorm Energy).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed Brainstorm Energy's change of operator request from Enneberg Oil & Gas.
4. Brainstorm plans to plug two wells next year, evaluate all the wells from the transfer, and in the fall transfer 9-11 wells to a colony.
5. The Board determined that Brainstorm Energy's existing \$50,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond is adequate and in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308.
6. No protest to the application of Brainstorm Energy was made.
7. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

BOARD ORDER NO. 105-2023

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that staff will provide the Board an update at the June 12, 2024, business meeting of Brainstorm Energy's progress to reduce its plugging liability and its compliance with production and injection reporting.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that staff may proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator request.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE A.B. ENERGY
LLC TO APPEAR AND REVIEW THAT ITS PLUGGING AND
RECLAMATION BONDS ARE ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5),
MCA.

ORDER 106-2023

Docket No. 122-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Don Lee, attorney, and Bo Woods, managing member, appeared on behalf of A.B Energy, LLC (A.B. Energy).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed A. B. Energy's bonding levels and discussed whether maintaining the current bonding level provide adequate bond coverage.
4. Due to the number of wells on the multiple well bond and the potential for significant future plugging liability, the Board discussed limiting the \$50,000 multiple well bond, in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308(3). The multiple well bond would cover A.B. Energy's existing 318 producing wells.
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that A.B. Energy's \$50,000 multiple well bond is limited to 318 producing wells.

BOARD ORDER NO. 106-2023

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE HEAVY WATER HAULERS INC. TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY THE TRANEL 25-77 WELL, API # 25-065-21854, LOCATED IN THE SE¼SE¼ OF SECTION 25, T11N-R24E, MUSSELSHELL COUNTY, MONTANA HAS NOT BEEN PLUGGED AND THE LOCATION RECLAIMED, AS REQUIRED BY BOARD ORDER 33-2022.

CORRECTED
ORDER 107-2023

Docket No. 124-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, appeared on behalf of Heavy Water Haulers Inc. (Heavy Water Haulers).
3. Board Order 33-2022 issued at the April 14, 2022, public hearing, required Heavy Water Haulers to plug and reclaim the Tranel 25-77 well within 18 months.
4. Heavy Water Haulers testified that the well will be plugged and abandoned by the end of October 2023.
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

CORRECTED BOARD ORDER NO. 107-2023

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Heavy Water Haulers must begin the process to plug and abandon its Tranel 25-77 well, API # 25-065-21854, located in the SE¼SE¼ of Section 25, T11N-R24E, Musselshell County, Montana by November 2, 2023, or it is subject to a \$1,000 fine.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket 124-2023 is continued until the December 7, 2023, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board staff has the authority to dismiss the docket if the Tranel 25-77 well has been plugged and abandoned prior to the December 7, 2023, public hearing and no fine has been issued for failure to begin plugging operations prior to November 2, 2023.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE FAIRWAYS EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON ITS STATES 1-21 WELL, API # 25-099-21314, LOCATED IN THE NW¹/₄NW¹/₄ OF SECTION 21, T27N-R8W, TETON COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 108-2023

Docket No. 18-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 5, 2023, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Paul Gatzemeier was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Brent Kallop, president, and Bill Paddock, consultant, appeared on behalf of Fairways Exploration & Production, LLC (Fairways).
3. Fairways initially planned to plug and abandon the inactive States 1-21 well but has since decided to evaluate recompleting the well horizontally.
4. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Docket 18-2023 is continued until the December 7, 2023, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board staff has the authority to dismiss the docket if a horizontal drilling permit for this well is submitted and approved by staff prior to the December 7, 2023, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 108-2023

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 5th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
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Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist