

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13 AND 24, T24N-R56E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 18 AND 19, T24N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE JOHNSON 41X-25 WELL.

ORDER 49-2024

Docket No. 66-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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, Chad Centorbi, land manager, Zack Swaney, chief geologist, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 21-2009. Applicant has completed the Johnson 41X-25 well as a producing well.

4. No protest to the application of White Rock 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 13 and 24, T24N-R56E and all of Sections 18 and 19, T24N-R57E, 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 Johnson 41X-25 well is the authorized well for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 49-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13 AND 24, T24N-R56E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 18 AND 19, T24N-R57E, 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 JOHNSON 41X-25 WELL.

ORDER 50-2024

Docket No. 67-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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, Chad Centorbi, land manager, Zack Swaney, chief geologist, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
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 49-2024.
4. At the time of hearing, the request to authorize recovery of non-consent penalties was withdrawn.
5. No protest to the application of White Rock 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 50-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 13 and 24, T24N-R56E and all of Sections 18 and 19, T24N-R57E, 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BLUEBIRD ENERGY, LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 70-2023 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 24, 25, AND 36, T29N-R57E, ROOSEVELT, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO AUGUST 10, 2025. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN SAID ORDER REMAINS UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

ORDER 55-2024

Docket No. 68-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott was absent and Member Corey Welter recused himself and took no part in this matter. 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 Josh Stanek, land supervisor, appeared on behalf of Bluebird Energy, LLC (Bluebird Energy).
3. No protest to the application of Bluebird Energy 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 70-2023 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than August 10, 2025.

BOARD ORDER NO. 55-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman (recused)

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 78-2023 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7, 18, AND 19, T24N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO AUGUST 15, 2025. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN SAID ORDER REMAINS UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

ORDER 56-2024

Docket No. 69-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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 Samuel Fonseca, 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 78-2023 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than August 15, 2025.

BOARD ORDER NO. 56-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 15 AND 22, T25N-R58E, 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 VERRENE 15-22 #2H AND VERRENE 15-22 #3H WELLS.

ORDER 57-2024

Docket No. 70-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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 Samuel Fonseca, 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 298-2012.
4. The applicant has made a good-faith attempt to voluntarily pool the interests within the permanent spacing unit but has been unsuccessful.
5. All refusing owners were given proper and sufficient notice as required under § 82-11-202, MCA.
6. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
7. 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 57-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 15 and 22, T25N-R58E, 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to recover non-consent penalties in accordance with § 82-11-202(2), MCA, with respect to the Verrene 15-22 #2H and Verrene 15-22 #3H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 16 AND 21, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE KENNEDY 16-21 #1H, KENNEDY 16-21 #2H, KENNEDY 16-21 #3H, AND KENNEDY 16-21 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 58-2024

Docket No. 71-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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 Samuel Fonseca, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 303-2010. Additional wells were authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 27-2023. Applicant has completed the Kennedy 16-21 #1H, Kennedy 16-21 #2H, Kennedy 16-21 #3H, and Kennedy 16-21 #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.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 16 and 21, T25N-R58E, 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 Kennedy 16-21 #1H, Kennedy 16-21 #2H, Kennedy 16-21 #3H, and Kennedy 16-21 #4H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 58-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 16 AND 21, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE KENNEDY 16-21 #1H, KENNEDY 16-21 #2H, KENNEDY 16-21 #3H, AND KENNEDY 16-21 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 59-2024

Docket No. 72-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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 Samuel Fonseca, 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 58-2024.
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 § 82-11-202, 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 16 and 21, T25N-R58E, 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. 59-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 6, 7, AND 18, T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE WILLARD 18-7-6 #2H AND WILLARD 18-7-6 #3H WELLS.

ORDER 60-2024

Docket No. 73-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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 Samuel Fonseca, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 97-2022. An additional well was authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 98-2022. Applicant has completed the Willard 18-7-6 #2H and Willard 18-7-6 #3H 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.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 6, 7, and 18, T28N-R59E, Roosevelt 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 Willard 18-7-6 #2H and Willard 18-7-6 #3H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 60-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 6, 7, AND 18, T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT 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 WILLARD 18-7-6 #2H AND WILLARD 18-7-6 #3H WELLS.

ORDER 61-2024

Docket No. 74-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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 Samuel Fonseca, 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 60-2024.
4. The applicant has made a good-faith attempt to voluntarily pool the interests within the permanent spacing unit but has been unsuccessful.
5. All refusing owners were given proper and sufficient notice as required under § 82-11-202, MCA.
6. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
7. 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 61-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 6, 7, and 18, T28N-R59E, Roosevelt 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to recover non-consent penalties in accordance with § 82-11-202(2), MCA, with respect to the Willard 18-7-6 #2H and Willard 18-7-6 #3H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 19, 30, AND 31, T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE WILDE 19-30-31 #2H AND WILDE 19-30-31 #3H WELLS.

ORDER 62-2024

Docket No. 75-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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 Samuel Fonseca, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 99-2022. An additional well was authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 100-2022. Applicant has completed the Wilde 19-30-31 #2H and Wilde 19-30-31 #3H 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.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 19, 30, and 31, T28N-R59E, Roosevelt 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 Wilde 19-30-31 #2H and Wilde 19-30-31 #3H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 62-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 19, 30, AND 31, T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE WILDE 19-30-31 #2H AND WILDE 19-30-31 #3H WELLS.

ORDER 63-2024

Docket No. 76-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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 Samuel Fonseca, 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 62-2024.
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 § 82-11-202, 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 19, 30, and 31, T28N-R59E, Roosevelt 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. 63-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 51-2024

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 331-2006 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T22N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE SIMONSEN 44X-5 WELL AND THAT ORDERS 60-2008 AND 60-2023 THAT AUTHORIZED AN ADDITIONAL WELL IN THAT SPACING UNIT AND AMENDED THE SETBACKS BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 238-2007 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 17 AND 20, T22N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE DARLENE 41X-20 AND MARKER 34X-20 WELLS.

Docket No. 77-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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, Chad Centorbi, land manager, Zack Swaney, chief geologist, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

BOARD ORDER NO. 51-2024

3. Sections 5 and 8, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 93-2006, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 331-2006. Sections 17 and 20, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 113-2007, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 238-2007.

4. White Rock is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Simonsen 44X-5, Darlene 41X-20, and Marker 34X-20 wells.

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 5, 8, and 17, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 331-2006 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Simonsen 44X-5 well and the pooling order established by Board Order 238-2007 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Darlene 41X-20 and Marker 34X-20 wells.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 60-2008 and 60-2023 are hereby vacated.

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. 51-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20, 29, AND 32, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 52-2024

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 238-2007 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 17 AND 20, T22N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE DARLENE 41X-20 AND MARKER 34X-20 WELLS.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 108-2008 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 29 AND 30, T22N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE YELLOWSTONE 44X-29 WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 73-2009 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 31 AND 32, T22N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE JOE G. 44X-25 WELL.

Docket No. 78-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 52-2024

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Chad Centorbi, land manager, Zack Swaney, chief geologist, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

3. Sections 17 and 20, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 113-2007, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 238-2007. Sections 29 and 30, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 183-2007, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 108-2008. Sections 31 and 32, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 13-2009, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 73-2009.

4. White Rock is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Darlene 41X-20, Marker 34X-20, Yellowstone 44X-29, and Joe G. 44X-25 wells.

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 20, 29, and 32, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 238-2007 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Darlene 41X-20 and Marker 34X-20 wells; the pooling order established by Board Order 108-2008 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Yellowstone 44X-29 well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 73-2009 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Joe G. 44X-25 well.

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. 52-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7, AND 18, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 53-2024

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 56-2007 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T22N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE GROSKINSKY 44X-6 WELL AND THAT ORDER 61-2008 THAT AUTHORIZED AN ADDITIONAL WELL IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 26-2010 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 18 AND 19, T22N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE HAFFNER 11X-18 WELL.

Docket No. 79-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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, Chad Centorbi, land manager, Zack Swaney, chief geologist, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

3. Sections 6 and 7, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 261-2006, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 56-2007. Sections 18 and 19, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 54-2007, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 26-2010.

BOARD ORDER NO. 53-2024

4. White Rock is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Groskinsky 44X-6 and Haffner 11X-18 wells.

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 6, 7, and 18, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 56-2007 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Groskinsky 44X-6 well and the pooling order established by Board Order 26-2010 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Haffner 11X-18 well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 61-2008 is hereby vacated.

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. 53-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 19, 30, AND 31, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 54-2024

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 26-2010 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 18 AND 19, T22N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE HAFFNER 11X-18 WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 108-2008 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 29 AND 30, T22N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE YELLOWSTONE 44X-29 WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 73-2009 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 31 AND 32, T22N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE JOE G. 44X-25 WELL.

Docket No. 80-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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.



BOARD ORDER NO. 54-2024

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Chad Centorbi, land manager, Zack Swaney, chief geologist, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

3. Sections 18 and 19, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 54-2007, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 26-2010. Sections 29 and 30, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 183-2007, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 108-2008. Sections 31 and 32, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 13-2009, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 73-2009.

4. White Rock is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Haffner 11X-18, Yellowstone 44X-29, and Joe G. 44X-25 wells.

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 19, 30, and 31, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 26-2010 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Haffner 11X-18 well; the pooling order established by Board Order 108-2008 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Yellowstone 44X-29 well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 73-2009 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Joe G. 44X-25 well.

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. 54-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4, 9, 16, AND 21, T27N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 65-2024

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 354-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T27N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE ELLA MARIE 2759 42-9H, ROMO BRO MARGARET 2759 43-9B, ROMO BRO RAY 2759 43-9B, AND ROMO BRO LOUISE 2759 43-9B WELLS AND THAT BOARD ORDER 113-2014 BE AMENDED TO LIMIT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS IN THE SPACING UNIT FROM SIX WELLS TO FOUR.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 93-2015 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 16 AND 21, T27N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE FALCON FEDERAL 2759 12-16H, FALCON FEDERAL 2759 44-9 4T, FALCON FEDERAL 2759 44-9 2T, AND FALCON FEDERAL 2759 44-9 3B WELLS AND THAT BOARD ORDER 117-2014 BE AMENDED TO LIMIT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS IN THE SPACING UNIT FROM SIX WELLS TO FOUR.

Docket No. 87-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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.

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2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, development geologist, and Cory Gilbert, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).

3. Sections 4 and 9, T27N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 354-2012. Additional wells were authorized within the spacing unit by Board Order 113-2014. Sections 16 and 21, T27N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 271-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 93-2015. Additional wells were authorized within the spacing unit by Board Order 117-2014.

4. Oasis is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Ella Marie 2759 42-9H, Romo Bro Margaret 2759 43-9B, Romo Bro Ray 2759 43-9B, Romo Bro Louise 2759 43-9B, Falcon Federal 2759 12-16H, Falcon Federal 2759 44-9 4T, Falcon Federal 2759 44-9 2T, and Falcon Federal 2759 44-9 3B wells.

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 4, 9, 16, and 21, T27N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the spacing order established by Board Order 354-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Ella Marie 2759 42-9H, Romo Bro Margaret 2759 43-9B, Romo Bro Ray 2759 43-9B, and Romo Bro Louise 2759 43-9B wells. The pooling order established by Board Order 93-2015 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Falcon Federal 2759 12-16H, Falcon Federal 2759 44-9 4T, Falcon Federal 2759 44-9 2T, and Falcon Federal 2759 44-9 3B wells.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 113-2014 and 117-2014 are amended to limit the authorized wells in each of the existing spacing units to four.

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. 65-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO ONE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4, 9, 16, AND 21, T27N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 66-2024

Docket No. 88-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, development geologist, and Cory Gilbert, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 65-2024.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval well in Sections 4, 9, 16, and 21, T27N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Oasis 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. 66-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Oasis is authorized to drill an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4, 9, 16, and 21, T27N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, AND 24, T27N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 67-2024

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 92-2015 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 1, 2, 11, AND 12, T27N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE AMAZING GRACE FEDERAL 11-2H, JUSTICE FEDERAL 2759 44-11T AND MERCY FEDERAL 2759 44-11B WELLS AND THAT BOARD ORDER 279-2012 / 29-2012 FED BE AMENDED TO LIMIT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS IN THE SPACING UNIT FROM SEVEN WELLS TO FIVE.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 374-2011 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 13, 14, 23, AND 24, T27N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE WILSON FEDERAL 14-23H, JIMBO FEDERAL 2759 12-14B, JIMBO FEDERAL 2759 44-11-5B, AND JIMBO FEDERAL 2759 44-11 6T AND THAT BOARD ORDER 281-2012 / 30-2012 FED BE AMENDED TO LIMIT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS IN THE SPACING UNIT FROM SEVEN WELLS TO FIVE.

Docket No. 89-2024 / 10-2024 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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.



BOARD ORDER NO. 67-2024

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, development geologist, and Cory Gilbert, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).

3. Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12, T27N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 58-2011, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 92-2015. Additional wells were authorized within the spacing unit by Board Order 279-2012. Sections 13, 14, 23, and 24, T27N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 373-2011, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 374-2011. Additional wells were authorized within the spacing unit by Board Order 281-2012.

4. Oasis is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Amazing Grace Federal 11-2H, Justice Federal 2759 44-11T, Mercy Federal 2759 44-11B, Wilson Federal 14-23H, Jimbo Federal 2759 12-14B, Jimbo Federal 2759 44-11-5B, and Jimbo Federal 2759 44-11 6T wells.

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, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, and 24, T27N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 92-2015 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Amazing Grace Federal 11-2H, Justice Federal 2759 44-11T, and Mercy Federal 2759 44-11B wells. The pooling order established by Board Order 374-2011 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Wilson Federal 14-23H, Jimbo Federal 2759 12-14B, Jimbo Federal 2759 44-11-5B, and Jimbo Federal 2759 44-11 6T wells.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 279-2012 and 281-2012 are amended to limit the authorized wells in each of the existing spacing units to five.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Oasis must provide its plans to staff for the existing well pad with no active wells or permits in Section 13, T27N-R59E prior to the drilling of the overlapping temporary spacing unit.

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. 67-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 CONVERT THE CHARLIE CREEK BN 8-23 WELL (API #25-083-21153) LOCATED IN THE SE¼NE¼ OF SECTION 23, T25N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA (CHARLIE CREEK FIELD) TO A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE KIBBEY LIMESTONE AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 7,381 – 7,538 FT, AND/OR THE DAKOTA/LAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 4,900 – 5,450 FT. AN AQUIFER EXEMPTION HAS BEEN REQUESTED SINCE THE INJECTION ZONE CONTAINS WATER WITH LESS THAN 10,000 MG/L TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS.

ORDER 64-2024

Docket No. 90-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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. No protest to the application of White Rock Oil & Gas, 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 White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 64-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF TRUE OIL LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T25N-R58E, 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 ANVICK 11-3 3-10 #B1H, ANVICK 31-3 3-10 #B2H, AND ANVICK 41-3 3-10 #B4H WELLS.

ORDER 68-2024

Docket No. 31-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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, and Shawn Herringer, land manager, appeared on behalf of True Oil LLC.
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 154-2014.
4. The applicant has made a good-faith attempt to voluntarily pool the interests within the permanent spacing unit but has been unsuccessful.
5. All refusing owners were given proper and sufficient notice as required under § 82-11-202, MCA.
6. No protest to the application of True Oil LLC was made.
7. 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 68-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3 and 10, T25N-R58E, 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to recover non-consent penalties in accordance with § 82-11-202(2), MCA, with respect to the Anvick 11-3 3-10 #B1H, Anvick 31-3 3-10 #B2H, and Anvick 41-3 3-10 #B4H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 35 WELLS IN CARBON, GARFIELD, RICHLAND, ROOSEVELT, AND GARFIELD COUNTIES, MONTANA, FROM WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO T2 OPERATING CORPORATION 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 WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 20 PRODUCING WELLS COVERED BY A MULTIPLE WELL BOND, 7 INJECTION WELLS WHICH ARE BONDED SEPARATELY, AND 6 FEDERALLY BONDED WELLS. TWO WELLS INCLUDED IN THE TRANSFER REQUEST HAVE BEEN PLUGGED AND RELEASED FROM BOND. A LIST OF THE WELLS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN THE BILLINGS OFFICE FOR REVIEW.

ORDER 69-2024

Docket No. 91-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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 Gilbert Thompson, landman, appeared on behalf of T2 Operating Corporation (T2).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed T2's change of operator request from White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC.
4. T2 proposed a \$50,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond and a \$50,000 UIC plugging and reclamation bond. After discussion, T2 will increase its proposed UIC plugging and reclamation bond to \$70,000 to cover the seven injection wells.
5. The Board determined that T2's proposed plugging and reclamation bonds are adequate and in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308(3) and ARM 36.22.1408.
6. No protest to the application of T2 was made.

BOARD ORDER NO. 69-2024

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.

Order

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 THE PICARD 1-19 WELL, API # 25-085-21230, LOCATED IN THE NE¼SW¼NW¼ OF SECTION 19, T30N-59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FROM AVERY BAKKEN DISPOSALS, LLC TO MISSOURI RIVER HOLDINGS LLC AND TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

ORDER 70-2024

Docket No. 92-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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, appeared on behalf of Missouri River Holdings LLC (Missouri River).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed Missouri River's change of operator request from Avery Bakken Disposals, LLC.
4. The Board determined that the \$10,000 plugging and reclamation bond currently covering the Picard 1-19 commercial disposal well, in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308(3), is appropriate and should be maintained.
5. No protest to the application of Missouri River was made.
6. 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 staff may proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator requests.

BOARD ORDER NO. 70-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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Roy Brown, Board Member

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Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 29 WELLS IN MUSSELSHELL COUNTY, MONTANA, FROM BEARTOOTH OIL & GAS COMPANY TO SKYDANCE RESOURCES, LLC 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 BEARTOOTH OIL & GAS COMPANY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 22 PRODUCING WELLS COVERED BY A MULTIPLE WELL BOND AND 7 INJECTION WELLS WHICH ARE BONDED SEPARATELY. A LIST OF THE WELLS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN THE BILLINGS OFFICE FOR REVIEW.

ORDER 71-2024

Docket No. 93-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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 Loren Hoekema, petroleum engineer, appeared on behalf of Skydance Resources, LLC (Skydance).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed Skydance's change of operator request from Beartooth Oil & Gas Company.
4. Skydance proposed a \$50,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond and a \$50,000 UIC plugging and reclamation bond. After discussion, Skydance will increase its proposed UIC plugging and reclamation bond to \$60,000 to cover six active injection wells and one plugged BNI 29-5 JC injection well, API # 065-21139, that will be removed from the bond once the surface reclamation is completed by the end of summer.
5. The Board determined that Skydance's proposed plugging and reclamation bonds are adequate and in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308(3) and ARM 36.22.1408.
6. No protest to the application of Skydance was made.

BOARD ORDER NO. 71-2024

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.

Order

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 BOOTSTRAP OIL LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE ANNUAL INJECTION FEE FOR ITS PERMITTED INJECTION WELL AND THE LATE FEE ASSESSED FOR NONPAYMENT. THE TOTAL DUE IN INJECTION WELL FEES AND PENALTIES IS NOW \$300. BOARD STAFF HAS AUTHORITY TO DISMISS THE DOCKET IF BOOTSTRAP ACHIEVES COMPLIANCE PRIOR TO THE JUNE 13, 2024, PUBLIC HEARING.

ORDER 74-2024

Docket No. 94-2024

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE BOOTSTRAP OIL LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON OR TRANSFER ITS THREE WELLS IN SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA.

Docket No. 99-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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. Members Roy Brown and Mac McDermott were 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. No one appeared on behalf of Bootstrap Oil LLC (Bootstrap Oil).
3. Docket 94-2024 and 99-2024 were combined for hearing.
4. Bootstrap Oil has an outstanding fine of \$2,520. This fine amount includes a \$220 penalty for delinquent reporting, \$300 annual well injection operating fee and penalty, and \$2,000 for failure to appear at the February 15, 2024, and April 11, 2024, public hearings.
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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 74-2024

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the respondent has not demonstrated that the requirements of Title 82, Chapter 11, MCA and ARM 36.22.101, et seq. have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Bootstrap is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the June 13, 2024, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Bootstrap must begin to plug and abandon or transfer its wells capable of production prior to the August 15, 2024, public hearing. Failure to begin to plug and abandon or transfer the wells may result in additional penalties or the forfeiture of the plugging and reclamation bonds in its entirety, as permitted by § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 COALRIDGE DISPOSAL & PETROLEUM TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE ANNUAL INJECTION FEE FOR ITS PERMITTED INJECTION WELLS AND THE LATE FEE ASSESSED FOR NONPAYMENT. THE TOTAL DUE IN INJECTION WELL FEES AND PENALTIES IS NOW \$600. BOARD STAFF HAS AUTHORITY TO DISMISS THE DOCKET IF COALRIDGE DISPOSAL & PETROLEUM ACHIEVES COMPLIANCE PRIOR TO THE JUNE 13, 2024, PUBLIC HEARING.

ORDER 72-2024

Docket No. 95-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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. No one appeared on behalf of Coalridge Disposal & Petroleum (Coalridge).
3. Coalridge has not paid the outstanding injection well fees and penalties of \$600.
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 the respondent has not demonstrated that the requirements of Title 82, Chapter 11, MCA and ARM 36.22.101, et seq. have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Coalridge is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the June 13, 2024, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Coalridge is to appear at the August 15, 2024, public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why its two injection permits should not be revoked and why it should not be required to provide a plan and timeline for the plugging of its inactive wells in Sheridan County, Montana.

BOARD ORDER NO. 72-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 MONTANA ENERGY COMPANY, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY PENALTIES, INCLUDING RESPONDENT'S PRODUCTION BEING DECLARED ILLEGAL UNDER ARM 36.22.1245, SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO REMEDY THE FIELD VIOLATIONS AT ITS CTSU D116 WELL, LOCATED IN SECTION 16, T11N-R32E, ROSEBUD COUNTY, MONTANA AS REQUIRED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 4-A-2024.

ORDER 73-2024

Docket No. 96-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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 Mac McDermott 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 Carlos de la Torre, petroleum engineer, appeared on behalf of Montana Energy Company, LLC (MEC).
3. On January 9, 2024, a spill was discovered near the wellhead of the CTSU D116 well, suspected to be due to a leak around the tubing head collar. The leak persisted with minor impact until it was discovered to have worsened significantly on March 15, 2024, leading to the construction of emergency pits to contain the leaking fluid.
4. Administrative order 4-A-2024, issued on April 10, 2024, directed MEC to repair the leak at the CTSU D116 well by the May 9, 2024, deadline or is subject to a \$100 fine for each day after the deadline that the violation remains unresolved.
5. At the time of hearing, the outstanding field compliance issues remain unresolved, and the daily fine totals \$3,400.
6. MEC stated that the CTSU D116 well has not been repaired due to weather delays.
7. Staff recommended the emergency pits constructed to contain the leak be fenced immediately. The well location is on an active grazing lease.
8. 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. 73-2024

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the respondent has not demonstrated that the requirements of Title 82, Chapter 11, MCA and ARM 36.22.101, et seq. have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that MEC must repair the CSTSU D116 well to the extent no more fluids are leaking to the surface by the July 11, 2024, hearing application deadline or MEC's wells are to be immediately shut-in for illegal production per ARM 36.22.1245.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that MEC must fence the pit by June 20, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the \$100 daily fine remains in effect until compliance is achieved and confirmed by inspection.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket 96-2024 is continued until the August 15, 2024, public hearing.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

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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 INTERSTATE EXPLORATIONS, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A PLAN AND TIMELINE FOR THE PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT OF ITS INACTIVE WELLS IN DAWSON AND WIBAUX COUNTIES, MONTANA.

ORDER 75-2024

Docket No. 104-2023

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on June 13, 2024, 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. Members Roy Brown and Mac McDermott were 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, appeared on behalf of Interstate Explorations, LLC (Interstate).
3. Interstate plugged the Michels 1-3-10H and Nelson 10-1 wells and filed the required completion reports. The Nelson 2-1 well was partially plugged so that it can be converted to a water well. Interstate is working on filing the water well conversion paperwork.
4. Interstate testified that the landowner / surface owner offered to purchase the permitted MBA 2 disposal well along with the producing MBA Consultants 1-1 well. Interstate requested additional time to work out an agreement.
5. Staff recommended the docket be dismissed.
6. 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 Docket 104-2023 is dismissed.

BOARD ORDER NO. 75-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
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