

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T30N-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. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE NW¼ OF SECTION 17, T30N-R59E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 76-2024

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 85-2010 THAT CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T30N-R59E, BE VACATED.

Docket No. 100-2024 / 11-2024 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, Brandon Allen, reservoir engineer, and Nick Daniele, vice president of geology, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. No protest to the application of Phoenix 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 76-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T30N-R59E, Roosevelt, Montana, is designated a 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, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 85-2010 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T30N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, 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. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE NW¼ OF SECTION 17, T30N-R59E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 77-2024

Docket No. 101-2024 / 12-2024 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, Brandon Allen, reservoir engineer, and Nick Daniele, vice president of geology, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
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 76-2024.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 5, 8, and 17, T30N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix 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. 77-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Phoenix is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T30N-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 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20, 29, AND 32, T30N-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. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE SW¼ OF SECTION 20, T30N-R59E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 78-2024

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 130-2010 THAT CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T30N-R59E, BE VACATED.

Docket No. 102-2024 / 13-2024 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, Brandon Allen, reservoir engineer, and Nick Daniele, vice president of geology, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. No protest to the application of Phoenix 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 78-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 20, 29, and 32, T30N-R59E, Roosevelt, Montana, is designated a 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, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 130-2010 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20, 29, AND 32, T30N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, 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. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE SW¼ OF SECTION 20, T30N-R59E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 79-2024

Docket No. 103-2024 / 14-2024 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, Brandon Allen, reservoir engineer, and Nick Daniele, vice president of geology, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
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 78-2024.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 20, 29, and 32, T30N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix 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. 79-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Phoenix is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 20, 29, and 32, T30N-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 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4, 9, AND 16, T30N-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. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND THE S½NW¼ OF SECTION 4, T30N-R59E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 80-2024

Docket No. 104-2024 / 15-2024 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, Brandon Allen, reservoir engineer, and Nick Daniele, vice president of geology, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. No protest to the application of Phoenix 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 80-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 4, 9, and 16, T30N-R59E, Roosevelt, Montana, is designated a 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, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

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

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF TWO ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4, 9, AND 16, T30N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, 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. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND THE S½NW¼ OF SECTION 4, T30N-R59E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 81-2024

Docket No. 105-2024 / 16-2024 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, Brandon Allen, reservoir engineer, and Nick Daniele, vice president of geology, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
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 80-2024.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 4, 9, and 16, T30N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix 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. 81-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Phoenix is authorized to drill up to two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4, 9, and 16, T30N-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 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23, 26, AND 35, T29N-R57E, 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 82-2024

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 230-2010 THAT CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T29N-R57E BE VACATED.

Docket No. 106-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, Brandon Allen, reservoir engineer, and Nick Daniele, vice president of geology, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. No protest to the application of Phoenix 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 82-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 23, 26, and 35, T29N-R57E, Roosevelt, Montana, is designated a 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, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 230-2010 is hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23, 26, AND 35, T29N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, 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 83-2024

Docket No. 107-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, Brandon Allen, reservoir engineer, and Nick Daniele, vice president of geology, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
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 82-2024.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 23, 26, and 35, T29N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix 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. 83-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Phoenix is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 23, 26, and 35, T29N-R57E, 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 95-2022 AND 91-2023 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 22, 27, AND 34, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 13, 2025. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN SAID ORDER REMAINS UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

ORDER 84-2024

Docket No. 108-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, 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 Orders 95-2022 and 91-2023 are hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 13, 2025.

BOARD ORDER NO. 84-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13 AND 14, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTION 18, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 86-2024

Docket No. 110-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Shea Bradley, landman, 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 a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 86-2024.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 13 and 14, T25N-R57E and Section 18, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana.
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 § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 86-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that White Rock is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 13 and 14, T25N-R57E and all of Section 18, T25N-R58E, Richland 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23 AND 24, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTION 19, T25N-58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 88-2024

Docket No. 111-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Shea Bradley, landman, 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 a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 82-2024.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 23 and 24, T25N-R57E and Section 19, T25N-58E, Richland County, Montana.
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 § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 88-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that White Rock is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 23 and 24, T25N-R57E and all of Section 19, T25N-58E, Richland 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF SCOUT ENERGY MANAGEMENT LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL VERTICAL FIREMOON FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 1, T32N-R32E, PHILLIPS COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 1,250 FROM EXISTING WELLS PRODUCING IN THE SAME FORMATION AND 990' FROM THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.702.

ORDER 89-2024

Docket No. 113-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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. Jake Haseman, attorney, Tyler Sheppard, landman, Travis Moreland, geologist, and Tobin Gay, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Scout Energy Management LLC (Scout Energy).
3. Section 1, T32N-R32E, is a temporary spacing unit for gas production from the Firemoon Formation under statewide spacing rules.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional vertical Firemoon Formation wells in Section 1, T32N-R32E, Phillips County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Scout Energy was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 89-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Scout Energy is authorized to drill up to three additional vertical Firemoon Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Section 1, T32N-R32E, Phillips County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 1,250 from existing wells producing in the same formation and 990' from the exterior boundaries thereof, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF HELL CREEK CRUDE LLC TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 60-1995 AND 5-1995 FED THAT CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 21, T30N-R45E, VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA FOR THE DRILLING OF A CHARLES FORMATION HORIZONTAL WELL. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, AND NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 21, T30N-R45E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 90-2024

Docket No. 114-2024 / 18-2024 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Jeff Wingerter, consulting geologist, and Tom Hohn, consulting petroleum engineer, appeared on behalf of Hell Creek Crude LLC (Hell Creek).
3. No protest to the application of Hell Creek 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 taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 60-1995 is hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 90-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 14-1969, WHICH APPROVED A WATERFLOOD PROJECT IN THE KEG COULEE TYLER UNIT (TYLER), MUSSELSHELL COUNTY, MONTANA. THE FEDERAL SECONDARY RECOVERY UNIT WAS TERMINATED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2021.

ORDER 91-2024

Docket No. 115-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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. State approval of the Keg Coulee Tyler Unit (Tyler) was granted under Board Order 14-1969.
3. The Bureau of Land Management terminated the unit effective August 31, 2021.
4. No protest to the application was made.
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 14-1969 is hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 91-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 39-1992, WHICH APPROVED A WATERFLOOD PROJECT IN THE RATTLER BUTTE TYLER A UNIT (TYLER "A"), ROSEBUD COUNTY, MONTANA. THE FEDERAL SECONDARY RECOVERY UNIT WAS TERMINATED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9, 2023.

ORDER 92-2024

Docket No. 116-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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. State approval of the Rattler Butte Tyler A Unit (Tyler "A") was granted under Board Order 39-1992.
3. The Bureau of Land Management terminated the unit effective January 9, 2023.
4. No protest to the application was made.
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 39-1992 is hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 92-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF OPERATOR, AND AS REQUIRED BY BOARD POLICY, THE BOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 299 WELLS IN RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FROM EMEP OPERATING, LLC TO MORNINGSTAR OPERATING 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 EMEP OPERATING, LLC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 288 PRODUCING WELLS COVERED BY A MULTIPLE WELL BOND, 1 INJECTION WELL WHICH IS BONDED SEPARATELY. TEN 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 93-2024

Docket No. 117-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, and Law Armstrong, vice president of land, appeared on behalf of MorningStar Operating LLC (MorningStar).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed MorningStar's change of operator request from EMEP Operating, LLC.
4. MorningStar proposed the equivalent bonding as the current operator that includes three separate multiple well plugging and reclamation bonds in the amounts of \$100,000, \$50,000 and \$50,000 and two UIC plugging and reclamation bonds in the amount of \$10,000 each.
5. Due to the number of wells on the multiple well bond and the potential for significant future plugging liability, the Board discussed limiting the \$100,000 multiple well bond to 208 wells and one of the \$50,000 multiple well bonds to 76 wells, in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308(3). The remaining \$50,000 multiple well bond would not be limited.
6. No protest to the application of MorningStar was made.

BOARD ORDER NO. 93-2024

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 MorningStar's \$100,000 multiple well bond is limited to 208 producing wells and one of the \$50,000 multiple well bonds is limited to 76 producing wells.

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13 AND 14, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTION 18, T25N-R58E, 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 85-2024

Docket No. 81-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Shea Bradley, landman, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
3. No protest to the application of White Rock was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

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 14, T25N-R57E and all of Section 18, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said temporary spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 85-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23 AND 24, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTION 19, T25N-58E, 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 87-2024

Docket No. 82-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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, Shea Bradley, landman, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
3. No protest to the application of White Rock was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

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 23 and 24, T25N-R57E and all of Section 19, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said temporary spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 87-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE JUSTICE SWD, LLC APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT INJECTION REPORTING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY THE AMOUNT DUE NOW IS \$120. THIS DOCKET WILL BE DISMISSED IF PAYMENT IS RECEIVED TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING OR TO MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO SAID HEARING SUBJECTS JUSTICE SWD, LLC TO FURTHER PENALTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY BOARD POLICY.

ORDER 94-2024

Docket No. 118-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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 Justice SWD, LLC (Justice).
3. Justice filed the delinquent reports, but the reports have errors that need correction. Staff has attempted unsuccessfully to contact Justice for filing corrections.
4. The fine of \$120 was paid, but payment was not received 10 days prior to the hearing as required by Board policy.
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 94-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Justice is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the August 15, 2024, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Justice is to appear at the October 10, 2024, public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be assessed for failure to file correct injection reports and failure to pay the penalty assessed for delinquent reporting in accordance with Board policy.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE POWDER BATTALION HOLDINGS LLC APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO FILE REPORTS AND TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT PRODUCTION REPORTING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY THE AMOUNT DUE NOW IS \$140. THIS DOCKET WILL BE DISMISSED IF PAYMENT AND REPORTS ARE RECEIVED TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING OR TO MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO SAID HEARING SUBJECTS POWDER BATTALION HOLDINGS LLC TO FURTHER PENALTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY BOARD POLICY.

ORDER 95-2024

Docket No. 120-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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 Powder Battalion Holdings LLC (Powder Battalion).
3. Powder Battalion has not filed the delinquent reports or paid the outstanding fine of \$140 assessed for delinquent reporting.
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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 95-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Powder Battalion is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the August 15, 2024, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Powder Battalion is to appear at the October 10, 2024, public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be assessed for failure to file delinquent production reports and failure to pay the penalty assessed for delinquent reporting.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE SUMMIT GAS RESOURCES, INC. APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO FILE REPORTS AND TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT PRODUCTION AND INJECTION REPORTING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY THE AMOUNT DUE NOW IS \$640. THIS DOCKET WILL BE DISMISSED IF PAYMENT AND REPORTS ARE RECEIVED TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING OR TO MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO SAID HEARING SUBJECTS SUMMIT GAS RESOURCES, INC. TO FURTHER PENALTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY BOARD POLICY.

ORDER 96-2024

Docket No. 121-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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 Summit Gas Resources, Inc. (Summit).
3. Summit has not filed the delinquent reports or paid the outstanding fine of \$640 assessed for delinquent reporting.
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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 96-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Summit is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the August 15, 2024, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Summit is to appear at the October 10, 2024, public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be assessed for failure to file delinquent production and injection reports and failure to pay the penalty assessed for delinquent reporting.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE BOOTSTRAP OIL LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED ADDITIONAL PENALTIES OR HAVE ITS PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND FORFEITED AS PERMITTED BY § 82-11-123(5), MCA FOR FAILURE TO BEGIN TO PLUG AND ABANDON OR TRANSFER ITS WELLS LOCATED IN SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, PRIOR TO THE AUGUST 15, 2024, PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY BOARD ORDER 74-2024.

ORDER 97-2024

Docket No. 122-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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 Bootstrap Oil LLC (Bootstrap Oil).
3. Bootstrap Oil has an outstanding fine of \$3,520. This fine amount includes a \$220 penalty for delinquent reporting, \$300 annual well injection operating fee and penalty, and \$3,000 for failure to appear at the February 15, 2024, April 11, 2024, and June 13, 2024, public hearings.
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, and has not shown cause why its bond should not be forfeited.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the plugging and reclamation bonds for Bootstrap Oil are hereby forfeited.

BOARD ORDER NO. 97-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE COALRIDGE DISPOSAL & PETROLEUM TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ITS INJECTION PERMITS FOR THE ASTRUP 1 SWD WELL, API # 25-091-21397, AND THE SPOKLIE 2-43 WELL, API # 25-091-21227, 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.

ORDER 98-2024

Docket No. 123-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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 fee in the amount of \$1,600. This includes the annual \$200 injection fee due for each of its two permitted injection wells, the \$100 per well late fee for failure to submit its injection fee payment prior to the deadline, and the \$1,000 for failure to appear at the June 13, 2024, public hearing.

4. Staff recommended the two UIC permits be revoked.

5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

BOARD ORDER NO. 98-2024

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Coalridge's injection permits for the Astrup 1 SWD well, API # 25-091-21397, and the Spoklie 2-43 well, API # 25-091-2122, in Sheridan County, Montana are hereby revoked.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Coalridge must show cause at the October 10, 2024, public hearing for why it should not immediately plug and abandon its wells in Sheridan County, Montana.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Coalridge is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at 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 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE 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 99-2024

Docket No. 96-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 15, 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. Chairman Steven Durrett 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. At the time of hearing, the outstanding field compliance issues with the CTSU D116 well were addressed.
4. The daily fine totals \$4,500. MEC requested an abatement of the fine. Staff recommended the fine be no less than \$2,500. The Board deliberated and found it appropriate to partially waive the fine, but retain a portion due to the operator's untimely response to the leaking wellhead and the staff's time spent monitoring compliance with this issue.
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the outstanding fine of \$4,500 is reduced to \$2,500 and immediately payable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket 96-2024 is dismissed.

BOARD ORDER NO. 99-2024

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman (absent)

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ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist