

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 12, 13, AND 24, T26N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE SHIRLEY 24-13-12 #2H AND SHIRLEY 24-13-12 #3H WELLS.

ORDER 1-2025

Docket No. 1-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 101-2022. An additional well was authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 102-2022. Applicant has completed the Shirley 24-13-12 #2H and Shirley 24-13-12 #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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 1-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 12, 13, and 24, T26N-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 Shirley 24-13-12 #2H and Shirley 24-13-12 #3H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
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UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 12, 13, AND 24, T26N-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 SHIRLEY 24-13-12 #2H AND SHIRLEY 24-13-12 #3H WELLS.

ORDER 2-2025

Docket No. 2-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 1-2025.
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. 2-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 12, 13, and 24, T26N-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 Shirley 24-13-12 #2H and Shirley 24-13-12 #3H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20, 29, AND 32, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE MELDAHL 20-29-32 #2H AND MELDAHL 20-29-32 #3H WELLS.

ORDER 3-2025

Docket No. 3-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 67-2022. An additional well was authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 68-2022. Applicant has completed the Meldahl 20-29-32 #2H and Meldahl 20-29-32 #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 20, 29, and 32, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Meldahl 20-29-32 #2H and Meldahl 20-29-32 #3H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 3-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
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ORDER 4-2025

Docket No. 4-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 3-2025.
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. 4-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 20, 29, and 32, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

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 Meldahl 20-29-32 #2H and Meldahl 20-29-32 #3H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

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ORDER 5-2025

Docket No. 5-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 65-2022. An additional well was authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 66-2022. Applicant has completed the Johnson 19-30-31 #2H and Johnson 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 5-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 19, 30, and 31, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Johnson 19-30-31 #2H and Johnson 19-30-31 #3H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

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ORDER 6-2025

Docket No. 6-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 5-2025.
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. 6-2025

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, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

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 Johnson 19-30-31 #2H and Johnson 19-30-31 #3H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
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Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7, AND 18, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE STORVIK 18-7-6 #3H AND STORVIK 18-7-6 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 7-2025

Docket No. 7-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 63-2022. An additional well was authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 64-2022. Applicant has completed the Storvik 18-7-6 #3H and Storvik 18-7-6 #4H wells as producing wells.
4. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 7-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 6, 7, and 18, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Storvik 18-7-6 #3H and Storvik 18-7-6 #4H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

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ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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ORDER 8-2025

Docket No. 8-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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

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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 7-2025.
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. 8-2025

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, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

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 Storvik 18-7-6 #3H and Storvik 18-7-6 #4H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
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ORDER 9-2025

Docket No. 9-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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

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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 69-2022. Applicant has completed the Meldahl LW 20-29-32 #1H well as a producing well.
4. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 9-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Meldahl LW 20-29-32 #1H well is the authorized well for said permanent 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.

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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, 20, 29, 30, 31, AND 32, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RECOVERY OF NON-CONSENT PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A., WITH RESPECT TO THE MELDAHL LW 20-29-32 #1H WELL.

ORDER 10-2025

Docket No. 10-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 9-2025.
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. 10-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

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 Meldahl LW 20-29-32 #1H well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 24, 25, AND 36, T26N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 19, 30, AND 31, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE JOHNSON LW 19-30-31 #1H WELL.

ORDER 11-2025

Docket No. 11-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 103-2022. Applicant has completed the Johnson LW 19-30-31 #1H well as a producing well.
4. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 11-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 24, 25, and 36, T26N-R58E and all of Sections 19, 30, and 31, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Johnson LW 19-30-31 #1H well is the authorized well for said permanent 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 24, 25, AND 36, T26N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 19, 30, AND 31, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RECOVERY OF NON-CONSENT PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A., WITH RESPECT TO THE JOHNSON LW 19-30-31 #1H WELL.

ORDER 12-2025

Docket No. 12-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 11-2025.
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. 12-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 24, 25, and 36, T26N-R58E and all of Sections 19, 30, and 31, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

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 Johnson LW 19-30-31 #1H well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12, AND 13, T26N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7, AND 18, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE STORVIK LW 18-7-6 #1H WELL.

ORDER 13-2025

Docket No. 13-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 104-2022. Applicant has completed the Storvik LW 18-7-6 #1H well as a producing well.

4. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.

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

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 13-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 1, 12, and 13, T26N-R58E and all of Sections 6, 7, and 18, T26N-R59E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, 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 Storvik LW 18-7-6 #1H well is the authorized well for said permanent 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12, AND 13, T26N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7, AND 18, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, 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 STORVIK LW 18-7-6 #1H WELL.

ORDER 14-2025

Docket No. 14-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 13-2025.
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. 14-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1, 12, and 13, T26N-R58E and all of Sections 6, 7, and 18, T26N-R59E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, 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 Storvik LW 18-7-6 #1H well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 APPROVE AND CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING WELLS IN RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AS HORIZONTALLY RECOMPLETED WELLS (RECOMPLETED EXISTING HORIZONTAL DRAIN HOLES) ENTITLED TO APPLICABLE SEVERANCE TAX REDUCTIONS THROUGH THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TO CERTIFY PRODUCTION DECLINE RATES TO BE USED IN THE CALCULATION OF INCREMENTAL PRODUCTION.

ORDER 19-2025

API NUMBER	WELL NAME	LOCATION	RECOMPLETION DATE (REFRAC)
25-083-22427	BR 31-5H 27	22N-57E-5	NOVEMBER 2024
25-083-22392	BR 31-31H-37	23N-57E-31	NOVEMBER 2024
25-083-22172	FINK 42X-12	24N-55E-12	OCTOBER 2024
25-083-21956	FINK FARMS 23X-6	24N-56E-6	NOVEMBER 2024
25-083-21960	GLADOWSKI 41X-18	24N-56E-18	NOVEMBER 2024
25-083-22261	IRIGOIN STATE 13X-16	25N-54E-16	OCTOBER 2024
25-083-22080	NEVINS TRUST 41X-24	23N-56E-24	OCTOBER 2024

Docket No. 17-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 36.22.1704 have been met.

Order

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 19-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO APPROVE AND CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING WELLS IN RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AS HORIZONTALLY RECOMPLETED WELLS (RECOMPLETED EXISTING HORIZONTAL DRAIN HOLES) ENTITLED TO APPLICABLE SEVERANCE TAX REDUCTIONS THROUGH THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TO CERTIFY PRODUCTION DECLINE RATES TO BE USED IN THE CALCULATION OF INCREMENTAL PRODUCTION.

ORDER 20-2025

API NUMBER	WELL NAME	LOCATION	RECOMPLETION DATE (REFRAC)
25-083-22532	BRIDGETTE 1-6H	21N-60E-6	AUGUST 2024
25-083-22112	CHARLES NEVINS 1-12H	23N-57E-12	SEPTEMBER 2024
25-083-22057	COYOTE-CUNDIFF 10-14H	23N-57E-10	OCTOBER 2024
25-083-22387	COYOTE-DENNY 10-16H	23N-57E-10	OCTOBER 2024
25-083-22824	ED & PAUL 1-17H	25N-53E-17	SEPTEMBER 2024
25-083-22041	ED & PAUL 2-17H	25N-53E-17	AUGUST 2024
25-083-22357	FLIK-AMESTOY 12-4H	25N-53E-12	JULY 2024
25-083-22028	FLIK-LRIGOIN 13-1H	25N-53E-13	JULY 2024
25-083-22478	LEGHORN-FLORENCE 33-14H	23N-58E-33	JULY 2024
25-083-22196	LEGHORN-SATRA 33-16H	23N-58E-33	JULY 2024
25-083-22527	PEANUT EAST-HINES 11-14H	24N-57E-11	OCTOBER 2024

Docket No. 18-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 MorningStar Operating 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 36.22.1704 have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 20-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the application of MorningStar Operating LLC is granted as applied for.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 21, T30N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE SCADDEN 21-28-22 3H WELL.

ORDER 43-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 380-2011 INSOFAR AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTION 21, T30N-R59E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 40-2024 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 21, 28, AND 33, T30N-R59E AND THAT ORDER 41-2024 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 19-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. Sections 21, 28, and 33, T30N-R59E, was designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 40-2024. Due to drilling and geologic issues, applicant has completed the Scadden 21-28-22 3H well as a producing well in Section 21, T30N-R59E.
4. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 43-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Section 21, T30N-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 Scadden 21-28-22 3H well is the authorized well for said permanent spacing unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 40-2024 and 41-2024 are hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 21, T30N-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 SCADDEN 21-28-22 3H WELL.

ORDER 44-2025

Docket No. 20-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
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 43-2025.
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 Phoenix 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. 44-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Section 21, T30N-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 Scadden 21-28-22 3H well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF AN ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T26N-R53E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 45-2025

Docket No. 23-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, Law Armstrong, vice president of land, and Erin Donovan, manager of geology, appeared on behalf of MorningStar Operating LLC (MorningStar).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated a permanent spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 303-2004. An additional well was authorized within the permanent spacing unit by Board Order 30-2009.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval well in Sections 30 and 31, T26N-R53E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of MorningStar 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. 45-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that MorningStar is authorized to drill an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 30 and 31, T26N-R53E, Richland County, Montana, said well 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 6, 7, AND 8, T23N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T23N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T23N-R57E, WITH A 200' HEEL/TOE SETBACK TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, AND APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 46-2025

Docket No. 24-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, Law Armstrong, vice president of land, and Erin Donovan, manager of geology, appeared on behalf of MorningStar Operating LLC (MorningStar).
3. Section 5, T23N-R57E was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 53-2002, Section 6, T23N-R57E was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 177-2002, Section 7, T23N-R57E was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 218-2004, and Section 8, T23N-R57E was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 235-2004.
4. No protest to the application of MorningStar was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 46-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, T23N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well at a location proximate to the common boundary between all of Sections 5 and 8, T23N-R57E and all of Sections 6 and 7, T23N-R57E, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 HERITAGE ENERGY OPERATING, LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12, AND 13, T25N-R56E, 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 47-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 195-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T25N-R56E AND BOARD ORDER 166-2011 INsofar AS IT RELATES TO SECTIONS 1 AND 12 THAT ADJUSTED THE SETBACKS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 33-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 William Diggs, COO and petroleum engineer, appeared on behalf of Heritage Energy Operating, LLC (Heritage).

3. At the time of hearing, the Board discussed its previously established policy requiring the first well drilled in a Bakken/Three Forks Formation spacing unit to maintain a lateral setback of no less than 1,320' from the spacing unit boundary. Exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis, the primary exception to this policy is when an operator plans and develops multiple wells within the spacing unit as a single project.

4. No protest to the application of Heritage was made.

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

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 47-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 1, 12, and 13, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 1,320' (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 Board Order 195-2010 and 166-2011 are hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 HERITAGE ENERGY OPERATING, LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2, 11, AND 14, T25N-R56E, 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 48-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 196-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T25N-R56E AND BOARD ORDER 166-2011 INsofar AS IT RELATES TO SECTIONS 2 AND 11 THAT ADJUSTED THE SETBACKS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 34-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 William Diggs, COO and petroleum engineer, appeared on behalf of Heritage Energy Operating, LLC (Heritage).

3. At the time of hearing, the Board discussed its previously established policy requiring the first well drilled in a Bakken/Three Forks Formation spacing unit to maintain a lateral setback of no less than 1,320' from the spacing unit boundary. Exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis, the primary exception to this policy is when an operator plans and develops multiple wells within the spacing unit as a single project.

4. No protest to the application of Heritage was made.

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

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 48-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 2, 11, and 14, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 1,320' (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 Board Order 196-2010 and 166-2011 are hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 HERITAGE ENERGY OPERATING, LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 3, 10, AND 15, T25N-R56E, 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 49-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 197-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T25N-R56E AND BOARD ORDER 166-2011 INsofar AS IT RELATES TO SECTIONS 3 AND 10 THAT ADJUSTED THE SETBACKS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 360-2011 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 15 AND 22, T25N-R56E.

Docket No. 35-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 William Diggs, COO and petroleum engineer, appeared on behalf of Heritage Energy Operating, LLC (Heritage).

3. At the time of hearing, the Board discussed its previously established policy requiring the first well drilled in a Bakken/Three Forks Formation spacing unit to maintain a lateral setback of no less than 1,320' from the spacing unit boundary. Exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis, the primary exception to this policy is when an operator plans and develops multiple wells within the spacing unit as a single project.

4. No protest to the application of Heritage 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 3, 10, and 15, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 1,320' (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 Board Order 197-2010, 166-2011, and 360-2011 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE W½E½ AND E½W½ OF SECTION 4, T23N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE DUPEROW FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE CANAL 6-4 WELL.

ORDER 56-2025

Docket No. 39-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

3. The W½E½ and E½W½ of Section 4, T23N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit for production from the Red River Formation by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 367-2006 with the Canal 6-4 as the authorized well for said spacing unit. The Canal 6-4 well was subsequently recompleted in the Duperow Formation.

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 the W½E½ and E½W½ of Section 4, T23N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Duperow Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Canal 6-4 well is the authorized well for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 56-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13 AND 24, T23N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE NEVINS 24X-12 WELL.

ORDER 57-2025

Docket No. 40-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, 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 10-2024. Applicant has completed the Nevins 24X-12 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, T23N-R56E, 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 Nevins 24X-12 well is the authorized well for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 57-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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
POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13 AND 24, T23N-R56E,
RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL
AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE
FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE NEVINS 24X-12
WELL.

ORDER 58-2025

Docket No. 41-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, 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 57-2025.
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 § 82-11-202, 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 13 and 24, T23N-R56E, 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. 58-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, AND 22, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE PREWITT 41X-28 WELL.

ORDER 59-2025

Docket No. 42-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, 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 11-2024. Applicant has completed the Prewitt 41X-28 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 59-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, and 22, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Prewitt 41X-28 well is the authorized well for said permanent 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED ALL OF SECTIONS 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, AND 22, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RECOVERY OF NON-CONSENT PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A., WITH RESPECT TO THE PREWITT 41X-28 WELL.

ORDER 60-2025

Docket No. 43-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, 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 59-2025.
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 White Rock 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. 60-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, and 22, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

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 Prewitt 41X-28 well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 27, T25N-R54E, 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 61-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT STATEWIDE SPACING UNIT PERTAINING TO THE SE¼ SECTION 27, T25N-R54E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID SPACING UNIT IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE BN 9-27 WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 26-1995 THAT DESIGNATED A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE W½ OF SECTIONS 27, T25N-R54E.

Docket No. 44-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
3. The SE¼ of Section 27, T25N-R54E, was designated a spacing unit under statewide spacing rules.
4. White Rock is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit. Genesis ST Operating LLC is the operator of the BN 9-27 well.
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.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Section 27, T25N-R54E, 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 statewide spacing unit pertaining to the SE¼ of Section 27, T25N-R54E is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of BN 9-27 well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 26-1995 is hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 AN ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 15, T25N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 62-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 223-2014 THAT DESIGNATED AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 10 AND 15, T25N-R54E.

Docket No. 45-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, 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 permanent spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 259-2006.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval well in Section 15, T25N-R54E, 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. 62-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that White Rock is authorized to drill an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of 15, T25N-R54E, 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 223-2014 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, AND 36, T23N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN ALL OF SECTIONS 23, 26, AND 35, T23N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 24, 25, AND 36, T23N-R57E, WITH A 200' HEEL/TOE SETBACK TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, AND APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 63-2025

Docket No. 46-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 63-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36, T23N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well at a location proximate to the common boundary between all of Sections 23, 26, and 35, T23N-R57E and all of Sections 24, 25, and 36, T23N-R57E, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23, 26, AND 35, T25N-R52E, 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 64-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 198-2005 PERTAINING TO SECTION 23, T25N-R52E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE BR 44-23H 52 WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 410-2005 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 26 AND 35, T25N-R52E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE BR 41-35H 52 AND BR 21-35H 52 WELLS AND THAT ORDER 241-2008 THAT AUTHORIZED AN ADDITIONAL WELL IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 47-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
3. Section 23, T25N-R52E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 198-2005. Sections 26 and 35, T25N-R52E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 409-2005, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 410-2005.

BOARD ORDER NO. 64-2025

4. White Rock is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the BR 44-23H 52, BR 41-35H 52, and BR 21-35H 52 wells.

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.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 23, 26, and 35, T25N-R52E, 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 spacing order established by Board Order 198-2005 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of BR 44-23H 52 well. The pooling order established by Board Order 410-2005 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of BR 41-35H 52 and BR 21-35H 52 wells.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 241-2008 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 AN ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23, 26, AND 35, T25N-R52E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 65-2025

Docket No. 48-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, 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 64-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval well in Sections 23, 26, and 35, T25N-R52E, 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. 65-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that White Rock is authorized to drill an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 23, 26, and 35, T25N-R52E, Richland County, Montana, said well 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2, 11, 14, AND 23, T27N-R56E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, 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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 25-2025

Docket No. 51-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 all of Sections 2, 11, 14, and 23, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 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 2, 11, 14, AND 23, T27N-R56E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 26-2025

Docket No. 52-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 25-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 2, 11, 14, and 23, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2, 11, 14, and 23, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 3, 10, 15, AND 22, T27N-R56E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, 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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 27-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 290-2012 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 15 AND 22, T27N-R56E.

Docket No. 53-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 all of Sections 3, 10, 15, and 22, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well 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 290-2012 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 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 3, 10, 15, AND 22, T27N-R56E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 28-2025

Docket No. 54-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 27-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 3, 10, 15, and 22, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3, 10, 15, and 22, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4, 9, 16, AND 21, T27N-R56E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, 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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 29-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 53-2011 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T27N-R56E.

Docket No. 55-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 29-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 4, 9, 16, and 21, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well 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 53-2011 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 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 4, 9, 16, AND 21, T27N-R56E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 30-2025

Docket No. 56-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 29-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 4, 9, 16, and 21, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4, 9, 16, and 21, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T27N-R56E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T26N-R56E, 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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 31-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 361-2011 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T26N-R56E.

Docket No. 57-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 all of Sections 28 and 33, T27N-R56E and all of Sections 4 and 9, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well 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 361-2011 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 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 28 AND 33, T27N-R56E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T26N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 32-2025

Docket No. 58-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 31-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 28 and 33, T27N-R56E and Sections 4 and 9, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 32-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 28 and 33, T27N-R56E and all of Sections 4 and 9, T26N-R56E, 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.

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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 26 AND 35, T27N-R56E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T26N-R56E, 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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 33-2025

Docket No. 59-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 all of Sections 26 and 35, T27N-R56E and all of Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 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 26 AND 35, T27N-R56E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T26N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 34-2025

Docket No. 60-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 33-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 26 and 35, T27N-R56E and Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 34-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 26 and 35, T27N-R56E and all of Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R56E, 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.

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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 25 AND 36, T27N-R56E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T26N-R56E, 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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 35-2025

Docket No. 61-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 all of Sections 25 and 36, T27N-R56E and all of Sections 1 and 12, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 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 25 AND 36, T27N-R56E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T26N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 36-2025

Docket No. 62-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 35-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 25 and 36, T27N-R56E and Sections 1 and 12, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 25 and 36, T27N-R56E and all of Sections 1 and 12, T26N-R56E, 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.

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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14, 23, 26, AND 35, T28N-R56E, 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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 37-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 337-2011 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T28N-R56E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 22-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 26 AND 35, T28N-R56E.

Docket No. 69-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 37-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 14, 23, 26, and 35, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well 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 337-2011 and 22-2010 are hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 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 14, 23, 26, AND 35, T28N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 38-2025

Docket No. 70-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 37-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 14, 23, 26, and 35, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 14, 23, 26, and 35, T28N-R56E, 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 38-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 4, T27N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE LUCERO 4-33-28 #1H AND LUCERO 4-33-28 #2H WELLS.

ORDER 15-2025

Docket No. 71-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 23-2022. Additional wells were authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 24-2022. Applicant has completed the Lucero 4-33-28 #1H and Lucero 4-33-28 #2H 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 Section 4, T27N-R57E and all of Sections 28 and 33, T28N-R57E, 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 Lucero 4-33-28 #1H and Lucero 4-33-28 #2H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 15-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 4, T27N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T28N-R57E, 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 LUCERO 4-33-28 #1H AND LUCERO 4-33-28 #2H WELLS.

ORDER 16-2025

Docket No. 72-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 15-2025.
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. 16-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Section 4, T27N-R57E and all of Sections 28 and 33, T28N-R57E, 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 Lucero 4-33-28 #1H and Lucero 4-33-28 #2H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 9, 16, 21, AND 28, T27N-R57E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE FELIX 9-16-21-28 #4 AND FELIX 9-16-21-28 #5 WELLS. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE S½ OF SECTION 9, T27N-R57E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 17-2025

Docket No. 73-2025 / 5-2025 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 25-2022. Additional wells were authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 26-2022. Applicant has completed the Felix 9-16-21-28 #4 and Felix 9-16-21-28 #5 wells as producing wells.
4. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 17-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 9, 16, 21, and 28, T27N-R57E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties 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 Felix 9-16-21-28 #4 and Felix 9-16-21-28 #5 wells are the authorized wells for said permanent 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 9, 16, 21, AND 28, T27N-R57E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, 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 FELIX 9-16-21-28 #4 AND FELIX 9-16-21-28 #5 WELLS. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE S½ OF SECTION 9, T27N-R57E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 18-2025

Docket No. 74-2025 / 6-2025 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 17-2025.
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. 18-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 9, 16, 21, and 28, T27N-R57E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, 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 Felix 9-16-21-28 #4 and Felix 9-16-21-28 #5 wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 DENBURY ONSHORE, LLC TO EXPAND THE AREA OF THE AQUIFER EXEMPTION FOR THE CORAL CREEK UNIT 24-03 SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL (API #25-025-05152) IN THE SE¼SW¼ OF SECTION 3, T6N-R60E, FALLON COUNTY, MONTANA (LOOKOUT BUTTE), FROM THE CURRENTLY PERMITTED RADIUS OF 1,320 FT. TO 1,650 FT., IN THE MISSION CANYON FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 7,450 – 7,600 FT.

ORDER 21-2025

Docket No. 77-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 Denbury Onshore, 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 36.22.1418 have been met.

Order

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 21-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 DENBURY ONSHORE, LLC TO EXPAND THE AREA OF THE AQUIFER EXEMPTION FOR THE LITTLE BEAVER EAST 42X-07 SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL (API #25-025-05053) IN THE SE¼NE¼ OF SECTION 7, T4N-R62E, FALLON COUNTY, MONTANA (LITTLE BEAVER, EAST), FROM THE CURRENTLY PERMITTED RADIUS OF 1,320 FT. TO 1,650 FT., IN THE MISSION CANYON FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 6,780 – 6,810 FT.

ORDER 22-2025

Docket No. 78-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 Denbury Onshore, 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 36.22.1418 have been met.

Order

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 22-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 44 WELLS IN LIBERTY COUNTY, MONTANA, FROM THREE FORKS RESOURCES, LLC TO A. B. ENERGY 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 THREE FORKS RESOURCES, LLC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 42 PRODUCING WELLS COVERED BY A MULTIPLE WELL BOND AND 2 FEDERALLY BONDED WELLS. A LIST OF THE WELLS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN THE BILLINGS OFFICE FOR REVIEW.

ORDER 66-2025

Docket No. 80-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Don Lee, attorney, and Bo Woods, managing member, appeared on behalf of A.B Energy, LLC (A.B. Energy).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed A.B. Energy's change of operator request from Three Forks Resources, LLC.
4. A.B. Energy currently has a \$50,000 limited well bond and proposed a separate \$50,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond for the wells in this proposed transfer.
5. The Board determined that A.B. Energy's proposed plugging and reclamation bond is adequate and in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308(3).
6. No protest to the application of A.B. Energy was made.
7. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

BOARD ORDER NO. 66-2025

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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 2,733 WELLS IN FALLON, PHILLIPS, AND VALLEY COUNTIES, MONTANA, FROM SCOUT ENERGY MANAGEMENT LLC TO RIDGE ENERGY AND TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5), MCA. BOARD RECORDS SHOW SCOUT ENERGY MANAGEMENT, LLC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 1,288 PRODUCING WELLS COVERED BY A MULTIPLE WELL BOND AND 1,444 FEDERALLY BONDED WELLS. A LIST OF THE WELLS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN THE BILLINGS OFFICE FOR REVIEW.

ORDER 67-2025

Docket No. 81-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, Cody Davis, CEO, Adam Kiefer, CFO, Jordan Mullins, general counsel / landman, Mitch Capdeville, field superintendent, appeared on behalf of Ridge Energy (Ridge).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed Ridge's change of operator request from Scout Energy Management LLC.
4. Of the wells involved in the transfer, Ridge plans to plug 10-15 wells per year.
5. Staff expressed concerned about Ridge's existing RDU 4, RDU 5, and Duperow Unit 7. At the April 14, 2022, public hearing, Ridge testified it planned to reclaim these three well locations by the end of 2022. To date, the reclamation has not been completed.
6. Ridge stated that the reclamation work for its three wells will be completed prior to this summer.
7. Ridge proposed the equivalent bonding as the current operator. A \$250,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond that would cover 1,288 wells, which includes 1,203 producing wells and 85 shut-in wells. There are 1,444 wells that will be federally bonded.

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8. The Board determined that Ridge's proposed plugging and reclamation bond is adequate and in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308(3).

9. No protest to the application of Ridge was made.

10. 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 request.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ridge appear at the October 9, 2025, public hearing to provide an update of its activities including any reduction in abandonment liability by either plugging wells or returning wells to production.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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

ORDER 39-2025

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T26N-57E, 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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, AND APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 143-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 17 AND 20, T26N-R57E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE BREAKS 20-17 #1-H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 47-2012 THAT CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T26N-R57E, BE VACATED.

Docket No. 153-2024

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING 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 5 AND 8, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND 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.

Docket No. 175-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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. Dockets 153-2024, 197-2024, and 175-2024 were combined for hearing since the dockets pertained to the same lands.

3. Uriah Price, attorney, Alan White, vice president of land, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken). Kraken's requests were for: 1) designation of an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, 2) authorization to drill three additional wells in the temporary spacing unit, and 3) protest of Phoenix Operating LLC's (Phoenix) Docket 175-2024.

4. Don Lee, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix. Phoenix's requests were for: 1) the authorization to drill three additional wells in the existing temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 5 and 8, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana and 2) protest of Kraken's Dockets 153-2024 and 197-2024.

5. The applications were heard at the December 5, 2024, public hearing. The dockets were continued for the applicants to work out a mutually beneficial agreement. At the time of hearing, the applicants were unable to reach an agreement. Both applicants requested the Board make the determination of which operator would proceed and agreed to abide by that determination.

6. Kraken testified it plans to drill multiple wells within the proposed three-section spacing unit in January 2026. Kraken currently has a pending application for permit to drill filed with Board staff, contingent on the outcome of this docket.

7. Phoenix testified it plans to drill multiple wells within the existing two-section temporary spacing unit in January 2026. Phoenix has not filed an application for permit to drill but could have at any time since the spacing unit currently exists as authorized by Order 380-2011.

8. Kraken provided letters of support from the interest owners in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit.

9. Both applicants presented testimony and exhibits to support its requests. The development plans for the area, including spacing unit size, were discussed in detail to make certain the plans promote orderly development of the area and prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells required under § 82-11-201, MCA. Although both applications met the statutory requirements, Kraken's application provides efficient and orderly development of the area, minimizes surface disruption, and will soon have an established central delivery point for future wells flaring gas in the area to prevent waste of a resource.

10. 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 allowing the designation of the overlapping temporary spacing unit would protect correlative rights, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, and prevent waste of oil and gas as required under § 82-11-201, MCA.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Docket 175-2024 is denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T26N-57E, 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, 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 the pooling order established by Board Order 143-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Breaks 20-17 #1-H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 47-2012 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20, 29, AND 32, T26N-57E, 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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, AND APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 41-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 143-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 17 AND 20, T26N-R57E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE BREAKS 20-17 #1-H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 561-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T26N-R57E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE MAHLEN 24-32H WELL AND THAT ORDER 562-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 195-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, Alan White, vice president of land, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).

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3. Sections 17 and 20, T26N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 142-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 143-2013. Sections 29 and 32, T26N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 560-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 561-2012.

4. Kraken is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Breaks 20-17 #1-H well. Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation is the operator of the Mahlen 24-32H well. Kraken testified it has written consent from the operator in the underlying spacing unit consisting of Section 29 and 32, T26N-R57E.

5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.

6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 20, 29, and 32, T26N-57E, 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, 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 the pooling order established by Board Order 143-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Breaks 20-17 #1-H well. The pooling order established by Board Order 561-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Mahlen 24-32H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 562-2012 is hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 41-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20, 29, AND 32, T26N-57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELLS.

ORDER 42-2025

Docket No. 196-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, Alan White, vice president of land, and Joshua Lachner, 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 41-2025.
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, T26N-57E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 42-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 20, 29, and 32, T26N-57E, 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T26N-57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELLS.

ORDER 40-2025

Docket No. 197-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, Alan White, vice president of land, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Applicant's development plans for the area, including spacing unit size, were discussed in detail under Docket 153-2024 and 175-2024.
4. Phoenix Operating LLC protested the application of Kraken.
5. 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 39-2025.
6. 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, T26N-57E, Richland County, Montana.
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 § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 40-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T26N-57E, 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.

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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14, 23, AND 26, T26N-R54E, 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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, AND APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 50-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 221-2014 THAT DESIGNATED AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 26 AND 35, T26N-R54E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 126-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T26N-R54E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE HAROLD 1-14H WELL AND THAT ORDER 135-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 199-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, Yousef Essaili, landman, Carl Coe, operations geologist, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, and Leo Lasecki, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).
3. Sections 14 and 23, T26N-R54E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 120-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 126-2012.

BOARD ORDER NO. 50-2025

4. At the time of hearing, the applicant agreed to a 660' lateral setback from the west boundary of the proposed spacing unit to align with the previously approved setback in the adjacent spacing unit, rather than the requested 500' lateral setback.

5. Continental Resources is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Harold 1-14H well.

6. No protest to the application of Continental Resources 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 § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 14, 23, and 26, T26N-R54E, 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), 660' (lateral setback) to the west boundary, and 500' (lateral setback) to the east boundary 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 the pooling order established by Board Order 126-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Harold 1-14H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 135-2012 and 221-2014 are hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO
AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS
ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14, 23, AND 26, T26N-
R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO
THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 51-2025

Docket No. 200-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, Yousef Essaili, landman, Carl Coe, operations geologist, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, and Leo Lasecki, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).
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 50-2025.
4. At the time of hearing, the applicant agreed to a 660' lateral setback from the west boundary of the proposed spacing unit to align with the previously approved setback in the adjacent spacing unit, rather than the requested 500' lateral setback.
5. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 14, 23, and 26, T26N-R54E, Richland County, Montana.
6. No protest to the application of Continental Resources 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 § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 51-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Continental Resources is authorized to drill up to two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 14, 23, and 26, T26N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback), 660' (lateral setback) to the west boundary, and 500' (lateral setback) to the east boundary thereof.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T26N-R54E AND ALL OF SECTION 34, T27N-R54E, 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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, AND APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 52-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 474-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T26N-R54E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE KANE 1-10H WELL AND THAT ORDER 475-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 201-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, Yousef Essaili, landman, Carl Coe, operations geologist, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, and Leo Lasecki, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).
3. Sections 3 and 10, T26N-R54E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 473-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 474-2012.
4. Continental Resources is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Kane 1-10H well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 52-2025

5. No protest to the application of Continental Resources 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.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 3 and 10, T26N-R54E and all of Section 34, T27N-R54E, 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, 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 the pooling order established by Board Order 474-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Kane 1-10H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 475-2012 is hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T26N-R54E AND ALL OF SECTION 34, T27N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 53-2025

Docket No. 202-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, Yousef Essaili, landman, Carl Coe, operations geologist, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, and Leo Lasecki, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).
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 52-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 3 and 10, T26N-R54E and Section 34, T27N-R54E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Continental Resources 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. 53-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Continental Resources is authorized to drill up to two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3 and 10, T26N-R54E and all of Section 34, T27N-R54E, 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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T26N-R54E AND ALL OF SECTION 35, T27N-R54E, 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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, AND APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 54-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 432-2005 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 26 AND 35, T27N-R54E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 340-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T26N-R54E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE POTTS 1-11H WELL AND THAT ORDER 339-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 205-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, Yousef Essaili, landman, Carl Coe, operations geologist, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, and Leo Lasecki, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).
3. Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R54E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 338-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 340-2012.

BOARD ORDER NO. 54-2025

4. Continental Resources is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Potts 1-11H well.
5. No protest to the application of Continental Resources 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.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R54E and all of Section 35, T27N-R54E, 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, 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 the pooling order established by Board Order 340-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Potts 1-11H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 432-2005 and 339-2012 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T26N-R54E AND ALL OF SECTION 35, T27N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 55-2025

Docket No. 206-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, Yousef Essaili, landman, Carl Coe, operations geologist, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, and Leo Lasecki, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).
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 54-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R54E and Section 35, T27N-R54E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Continental Resources 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.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Continental Resources is authorized to drill up to two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R54E and all of Section 35, T27N-R54E, 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.

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 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 DRILL THE RONIN 1 SWD WELL IN THE SW¼SE¼ OF SECTION 35, T29N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA (WILDCAT) AS A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5,049 – 5,537 FT. AN AQUIFER EXEMPTION IS BEING REQUESTED SINCE THE INJECTION ZONE CONTAINS WATER WITH LESS THAN 10,000 MG/L TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS.

ORDER 23-2025

Docket No. 210-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 Phoenix Operating 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 and ARM 36.22.1418 have been met.

Order

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 23-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 DRILL THE SCADDEN 1 SWD WELL IN THE NE¼NW¼ OF SECTION 21, T30N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA (WILDCAT) AS A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5,332 – 5,811 FT. AN AQUIFER EXEMPTION IS BEING REQUESTED SINCE THE INJECTION ZONE CONTAINS WATER WITH LESS THAN 10,000 MG/L TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS.

ORDER 24-2025

Docket No. 211-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 Phoenix Operating 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 and ARM 36.22.1418 have been met.

Order

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 24-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 BIG SKY ENERGY, 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 \$1,840. 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 BIG SKY ENERGY, LLC TO FURTHER PENALTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY BOARD POLICY.

ORDER 68-2025

Docket 82-2025

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE BIG SKY ENERGY, LLC APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED FOR FAILURE TO FILE DELINQUENT INJECTION REPORTS, FAILURE TO PAY THE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT REPORTING, AND FAILURE TO PAY THE \$1,000 FINE ASSESSED FOR NOT APPEARING AT THE DECEMBER 5, 2024, PUBLIC HEARING

Docket No. 87-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 Big Sky Energy, LLC (Big Sky).
3. On October 4, 2024, a certified letter was sent for delinquent injection reporting. The letter was returned unclaimed on November 8, 2024.
4. On November 6, 2024, a certified letter of the show-cause hearing notice for the December 5, 2024, hearing date was mailed to Big Sky for delinquent injection reporting. The letter was returned unclaimed on December 2, 2024.

BOARD ORDER NO. 68-2025

5. On December 17, 2024, a certified letter was sent for delinquent production reporting. The letter was returned unclaimed on January 29, 2025.

6. On January 24, 2025, a certified letter of the show-cause hearing notice for the February 20, 2025, public hearing was sent for delinquent production and injection reporting. The certified letter was returned unclaimed due to closure of PO Box 2342, Cody, WY, 82414.

7. Big Sky has not filed the delinquent production and injection reports, has not paid the outstanding fine of \$1,980 assessed for delinquent reporting, and has not paid the \$1,000 fine for failure to appear at the December 5, 2024, public hearing.

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.

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 Big Sky is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the February 20, 2025, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Big Sky is to appear at the April 10, 2025, public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why additional penalties, which could include its production being declared illegal in accordance with ARM 36.22.1245, should not be assessed for failure to file delinquent production and injection reports, failure to pay the penalty assessed for delinquent reporting, failure to pay the \$1,000 fine assessed for not appearing at the December 5, 2024, public hearing, and failure to appear at the February 20, 2025, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a licensed process server retained by the Board shall serve upon Big Sky all previous unclaimed orders and a copy of this order.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 BUCKLEY, MICHAEL T. 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 INJECTION 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 BUCKLEY, MICHAEL T. TO FURTHER PENALTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY BOARD POLICY.

ORDER 69-2025

Docket No. 83-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 Michael T. Buckley (Buckley).
3. Buckley filed the delinquent injection reports and paid the outstanding fine of \$140.
4. Staff recommended the docket be dismissed.
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 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 Docket 83-2025 is dismissed.

BOARD ORDER NO. 69-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 D90 ENERGY, 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 INJECTION REPORTING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY THE AMOUNT DUE NOW IS \$1,680. 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 D90 ENERGY, LLC TO FURTHER PENALTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY BOARD POLICY.

ORDER 70-2025

Docket No. 85-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 D90 Energy, LLC (D90).
3. D90 has not filed the delinquent injection reports or paid the outstanding fine of \$1,680 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. 70-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that D90 is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the February 20, 2025, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that D90 is to appear at the April 10, 2025, public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be assessed for failure to file delinquent injection reports, failure to pay the penalty assessed for delinquent reporting, and failure to appear at the February 20, 2025, public hearing.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 AND PETROLEUM, INC. APPEAR AND SHOW-CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON ITS WELLS IN SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, AND WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO FILE REPORTS, FAILURE TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT PRODUCTION AND INJECTION REPORTING, AND FAILURE TO PAY THE OUTSTANDING FINES.

ORDER 71-2025

Docket No. 88-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 an outstanding fee in the amount of \$4,760. This fee amount includes a \$160 penalty for delinquent reporting, 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 \$4,000 fine for failure to appear at the June 13, 2024, August 15, 2024, October 10, 2024, and December 5, 2025, public hearings.
4. There is an ongoing legal dispute concerning the determination of responsibility for the company.
5. Staff recommended the docket be continued until the October 9, 2025, public hearing.
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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 71-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Docket 88-2025 is continued until the October 9, 2025, public hearing.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 D&A WATER DISPOSAL LLC APPEAR AND SHOW-CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON ITS BN 12-11 SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN MECHANICAL INTEGRITY ON THIS WELL, REMEDY FIELD VIOLATIONS, PAY ITS OUTSTANDING FINES, AND TO DISCUSS ITS PLAN FOR THE REMAINING INACTIVE BN 11-11 OIL WELL, API 25-025-21273, LOCATED IN THE NW¼NW¼ OF SECTION 11, T9N-R58E, FALLON COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 72-2025

Docket No. 89-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 D&A Water Disposal LLC (D&A).
3. Board Order 134-2024 established a \$100 per day fine beginning on November 1, 2024, for each day that D&A failed to remedy the field violations including mechanical integrity of the BN 12-11 well, the leaking tank, and contaminated soil at the BN 12-11 tank battery. The daily fine increased on January 16, 2025, to \$250. At the time of hearing, D&A has not remedied the field violations and the daily fine totaled \$16,250.
4. D&A was previously assessed fines of \$1,000 for failure to maintain mechanical integrity on the BN 12-11 well and \$2,000 for failure to appear at the October 10, 2024, and December 5, 2024, public hearings.
5. D&A's total outstanding fines amounts to \$19,250.
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 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. 72-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that D&A must begin to plug and abandon its wells prior to the April 10, 2025, public hearing. Failure to begin to plug and abandon 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that D&A must appear at the April 10, 2025, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the \$250 daily fine is stopped as of February 20, 2025.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY PENALTIES, WHICH COULD INCLUDE ITS PRODUCTION BEING DECLARED ILLEGAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARM 36.22.1245, SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO PROMPTLY REMEDY THE COMPLIANCE ISSUES OUTLINED IN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 15-A-2024 AND TO PROVIDE A PLAN FOR REMOVING THE REMAINING FLUIDS FROM THE EMERGENCY PITS.

ORDER 73-2025

Docket No. 90-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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. Administrative Order 15-A-2024, issued on December 4, 2024, directed MEC to repair nets and have adequate freeboard on the emergency pits for the Moffett D618 and the BWLTSU C519 wells by January 16, 2025. At the February 20, 2025, public hearing, MEC was to provide a plan for removing the remaining fluids from the emergency pits.

4. At the time of hearing, the outstanding field compliance issues remain unresolved.

5. MEC testified that its outstanding issues have not been addressed due to weather conditions.

6. The required work to remedy the field compliance violations is necessary for the following locations:

BWUTSU A119 API 25-065-05162 / Moffett D618 API 25-065-05172 central tank battery:

- Repair berm on the emergency pit
- Repair any pits that require netting or fencing
- Resolve flow line / leaking tank
- Submit a written plan for removing remaining fluids from the emergency pits

BWLTSU C519 API 25-065-05128 central tank battery:

- Submit a written plan for removing remaining fluids from the emergency pits

Keating 4-25 API 25-095-21047 & Keating 1A-26 API 25-095-21143:

- Stop gas leak

BOARD ORDER NO. 73-2025

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 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 is fined \$1,000 for failure to comply with Board Order 15-A-2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Board that MEC must remedy the field violations by the May 8, 2025, hearing application deadline.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that following the May 8, 2025, deadline a penalty of \$100 per day be assessed until compliance is achieved and confirmed by inspection.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Board that Docket 90-2025 is continued until the June 12, 2025, public hearing.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED ADDITIONAL PENALTIES OR HAVE ITS PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BONDS FORFEITED AS PERMITTED BY § 82-11-123(5), MCA FOR FAILURE TO BEGIN TO PLUG AND ABANDON ITS WELLS LOCATED IN BIG HORN AND POWDER RIVER COUNTIES, MONTANA, PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY 20, 2025, PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY BOARD ORDER 170-2024.

ORDER 74-2025

Docket No. 91-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, appeared on behalf of Summit Gas Resources, Inc. (Summit).

3. Summit has filed for bankruptcy and it unable to plug and abandon its wells.

4. Summit has an outstanding fine in the amount of \$1,640. This fine amount includes a \$640 penalty for delinquent reporting and \$1,000 for failure to appear at the August 15, 2024, public hearing.

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, 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 Summit are hereby forfeited.

BOARD ORDER NO. 74-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 YELLOWSTONE PETROLEUMS, INC APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED FOR FAILURE TO PLUG AND ABANDON THE ESSEX-THOMPSON 1 AND MYHRE 3-25 WELLS AS REQUIRED BY BOARD ORDER 48-2024.

ORDER 75-2025

Docket No. 92-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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 Yellowstone Petroleum, Inc (Yellowstone).
3. At the April 11, 2024, public hearing, Yellowstone testified it would plug and abandon its Essex-Thompson 1 and Myhre 3-25 wells before the end of the year. Yellowstone and the Board also agreed upon a plugging and abandonment schedule for its remaining inactive wells should the wells not be reactivated or transferred. At the time of hearing, Yellowstone has not plugged, reactivated, or transferred any wells.
4. Yellowstone is actively trying to sell its wells.
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that 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. 75-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Yellowstone is fined \$1,000 for failure to comply with Board Order 48-2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Board that Yellowstone must have an approved plan to plug and abandon its Essex-Thompson 1 and Myhre 3-25 wells by June 1, 2025.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that following the June 1, 2025, deadline a penalty of \$250 per day be assessed until the abandonment plans have been received and approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Board that Docket 92-2025 is continued until the June 12, 2025, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board staff has the authority to dismiss the docket if plugging operations have commenced prior to the June 12, 2025, public hearing.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, 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 TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, FOR WHY IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON OR TRANSFER ITS WELLS IN BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD ORDER 169-2024, STAFF HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DISMISS THE DOCKET IF PLUGGING OPERATIONS HAVE COMMENCED PRIOR TO SAID HEARING.

ORDER 76-2025

Docket No. 215-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on February 20, 2025, 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 Roy Brown 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, appeared on behalf of Powder Battalion Holdings LLC (Powder Battalion).
3. Powder Battalion has filed Sundry Notices with its intent to plug the MT State 9-42 36-06CK and convert the Remington 10-43 05-07CK well to a water well. The Remington 10-43 05-07CK will be plugged if the well is not converted to a water well.
4. Powder Battalion requested until June 2025 to complete the work.
5. Powder Battalion has an outstanding fine in the amount of \$1,140. This fine amount includes a \$140 penalty for delinquent reporting and \$1,000 for failure to appear at the August 15, 2024, public hearing.
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 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. 76-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Powder Battalion must begin the process to plug and abandon its MT State 9-42 36-06CK well and either plug and abandon or convert its Remington 10-43 05-07CK well to a water well by the July 10, 2025, hearing application deadline.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that following the July 10, 2025, deadline a penalty of \$250 per day be assessed until the above-mentioned work has commenced.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Board that Docket 215-2024 is continued until the August 14, 2025, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board staff has the authority to dismiss the docket if plugging operations have commenced prior to the August 14, 2025, public hearing.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 20th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist