STATE OF MONTANA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

MINUTES OF THE

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING August 12 & 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The regular business meeting of the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation was called to order by Chairman Linda Nelson at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana. Board members present were Chairman Linda Nelson, Steven Durrett, Ronald S. Efta, Paul Gatzemeier, and Peggy Ames Nerud. Staff present was John Gizicki, Jim Halvorson, George Hudak, Ben Jones, Dave Popp, Jennifer Rath, Erin Ricci, and Rob Stutz. Vice Chairman Wayne Smith and John Evans were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Gatzemeier, seconded by Mr. Durrett and unanimously passed, to approve the setback minutes and the business meeting minutes of June 24, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. David Galt, executive director of the Montana Petroleum Association (MPA), wanted to point out the significance of the certification of carbon sequestration equipment for the MPA and thank the board for its progress in rulemaking.

DISCUSSION OF WHETHER TO INITIATE RULE MAKING FOR DRILLING SETBACKS

Chairman Nelson opened public comment on setback rules, but limited discussion to individuals who hadn't had the opportunity to comment or had new information to present.

Ms. Cindy Webber with Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC) wanted to encourage setback rulemaking. She passed out an article from the Billings Gazette that was in support of setbacks, attached as Exhibit 1.

Mr. Larry Tveit from Sidney, MT served as a senator on the Natural Resource Committee in the Montana Legislature for 16 years and has 42 years of oil and gas experience. The Montana Legislature tabled the setback bill because a 1000ft setback is too extreme and would kill the industry in Montana. We cannot be radical. People in favor of a setback rule do not understand the impact the rule would have on the industry. For one thing, companies will not gamble with a well location, so if a setback rule is passed, it will take money away from cities, counties, and schools.

Ms. Debra Hanson with NPRC requested rulemaking be initiated. Ms. Hanson stated a judicially written setback rule would not constitute a regulatory taking and would serve a legitimate state interest without permanently reducing the value of mineral owner's property to zero. The rule would also promote the public's interest. Ms. Hanson passed out a Montana Supreme Court Case, Kafka LLC v. Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks, attached as Exhibit 2. Ms. Hanson believes this case is similar to

setbacks in regards to regulatory takings.

Mr. Eric Johnson has 40 years of experience in petroleum geology, of which 30 years were in Montana. He is puzzled why setbacks are being addressed. There has always has a setback requirement in leases and complaints are brought before the board and resolved.

Ms. Peggy Ames-Nerud stated the legislature did not seem to take a stance on setbacks prior to referring it to the Board. From a landowner's stance, she does not want to look at an oil and gas well in her front yard. This is a possibility for other mineral owners who might sign an oil and gas lease without the understanding or knowledge of its content.

<u>Motion</u> – Ms. Ames-Nerud made a motion to initiate rulemaking for drilling setbacks. No one seconded the motion. The motion died.

Mr. Gatzemeier likes the Board's flexibility with landowners, mineral owners, and operators. He is concerned the notice to landowners and adjacent landowners is insufficient.

Ms. Ames-Nerud proposed to modify the notification.

Mr. Halvorson stated the notification to dwelling owners is a requirement for North Dakota and Wyoming. To modify the notification process, rulemaking will be required.

Mr. Durrett said gas wells and oil wells cannot be equated. The simplest solution for setbacks is extremely complicated. Montana has the ability to protest a permit for any reason or no reason at all; no other states have this. He talked to previous board members and none could recall a time when a well was drilled over a setback protest. This setback rule would be managing for the exception.

Mr. Efta pointed out the diversity of oil exploration. He recalls only one person in several years complaining about a well location. In that instance, accommodations were made and the issue was resolved. Mr. Efta stated operators do not complain when a lessor modifies the setback in the lease prior to signing the instrument.

Chairman Nelson said this is going to be a long process to sort out setbacks and not everyone will be happy. She recommended that a subcommittee be formed of Ms. Ames-Nerud, Mr. Durrett, Mr. Efta, and Mr. Jones to come back to the board with two or three recommendations to consider at the October meeting.

Mr. Durrett voiced his support in expanding notification.

Mr. Stutz told the Board if it wants to initiate rulemaking, public comment is required. It is part of the Board's discretion, no public comment required, to initiate a subcommittee and look into notification rules.

<u>Motion</u> – Mr. Gatzemeier made the motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Efta seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

J. BURNS BROWN OPERATING CO. REQUEST FOR RE-HEARING OF DOCKET 114-2015

J. Burns Brown Operating Co., John Brown, Jr., and Travis Brown (collectively Brown) and Malsam Family, LLC and Todd Malsam (collectively Malsam) requested the rehearing of docket 114-2015. Attorney Loren J. O'Toole II represented Brown and Attorney Mr. Tom Towe represented Malsam.

Brown proposed to offer additional evidence and argument that Malsam was properly notified and that the four-day delay between the expiration of the required 180-day notice period and the commencement of activity that disturbed the land surface was justifiable due to their drilling contractor's limited window of opportunity to complete the work.

Mr. Towe handed out an Objection to Proposed Order and Motion to Reconsider, two transcription excerpts, and a revised proposed order, attached as Exhibit 3. Malsam disagreed with the Conclusions of Law in Board Order 111-2015 regarding the extent of the Board's jurisdiction, the adequacy of Brown's notice, and the Board's conclusion about the adequacy of Brown's notice. Malsam also disagreed with the amount of the fine imposed on Brown. Malsam proposed that Finding of Fact 8 be deleted or that, if the Board amended its conclusions about its jurisdiction, additional testimony be required from Board staff about the conditions at the well site.

Mr. Towe stated it was unclear when the order takes effect and when the 20 day timeline begins to file an application for rehearing; when the order is put into writing or the day of the hearing. Mr. O'Toole believes Mr. Towe did not file his motion for rehearing within the 20 days. Mr. Stutz believes Mr. O'Toole filed his rehearing request timely and that under MAPA, Mr. Towe's request was also filed timely.

It was discussed, whether Mr. Halvorson believes Board Order 111-2015 reflects testimony of the last hearing; he believes it does.

Mr. Stutz recommended the Order be approved as drafted, and the Board has the discretion to grant or deny the rehearing.

<u>Motion</u> – Mr. Durrett made the motion to deny the request for rehearing and Mr. Gatzemeier seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The request for rehearing of Docket 114-2015 was denied.

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF RULEMAKING PURSUANT TO HB 156 (2015) FOR CERTIFICATION OF CARBON SEQUESTRATION EQUIPMENT

The carbon sequestration rule has been reviewed by the DNRC, the DNRC Director, and is currently in the Governor's office for approval. Once the Governor's office indicates its approval, the bill's sponsor will be notified. The goal was to get the permanent rule in place by October 1, 2015; however, the timeline for rulemaking will likely result in a somewhat later effective date. The rule is attached as Exhibit 4.

Mr. Halvorson recommended the Board approve the adoption of rulemaking.

<u>Motion</u> – Mr. Efta made the motion to approve the recommendation and Ms. Ames-Nerud seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOUNTAIN PACIFIC GENERAL INC.

Ms. Joni Stewart, president of Mountain Pacific General Inc. (MPG) appeared before the Board. Mr. Halvorson gave a brief history of MPG. MPG was brought to the Board's attention when it had over 80 wells on a multiple well bond, many of which were shallow gas wells. The Board recognized the liability, so Board Order 1-A-2010 was issued to increase the bond to \$250,000. In order to keep MPG in business, the Board held the order in abeyance, providing that MPG continued to plug four wells per year. Over the years, the well count has gone down to 67 wells. Ideally, the Board would like to see more than four wells plugged per year.

Ms. Stewart reported that since 2010, MPG has attempted to plug four wells per year. This year, MPG has plugged one well and sold/transferred three wells. The next approved well to plug is the State 11-16 well. Ms. Stewart said MPG plans to continue to plug four wells per year, if not more. She requested Board Order 1-A-2010 be rescinded and for MPG to not have to appear every year for its mandatory progress report.

Mr. Gizicki brought to the Board's attention some compliance issues. The Pruet BNRR 29-1 well located in the SE¼NW¼NE¼ of Section 29, T24N, R54E, Richland County, Montana has an oil spill that needs cleaning and the following four wells need well identification signs.

- 1) Stimpson Eagle Twin 14-13 well located in the SW¹/₄SW¹/₄ of Section 13, T3N, R18E, Sweetgrass County, Montana
- 2) State Eagle 22-14 well located in the SE½NW¼ of Section 14, T3N, R18E, Sweetgrass County, Montana
- 3) Stimpson Eagle 21-24 well located in the NE¼NW¼ of Section 24, T3N, R18E, Sweetgrass County, Montana
- 4) Lutgen 1-34 well located in the NE¼NE¼ of Section 34, T1N, R21E, Stillwater County, Montana

Mr. Halvorson recommended the compliance issues be remedied within 60 days of the hearing or MPG will be scheduled for the October 29, 2015 hearing, at which time additional penalties will be considered.

Additionally, Mr. Halvorson recommended the Board accept MPG's performance over the last year and for MPG to continue to plug a minimum of four wells per year. In order to continue to hold the \$250,000 bond increase in abeyance, which was set forth in Board Order 1-A-2010, Mountain Pacific General Inc. must submit a written report of its progress of plugging and reclaiming its wells within the past year by September 1, 2016. Staff will verify requirements have been met.

Mr. Durrett wanted to know if any of MPG's wells would be a top priority to plug. Mr. Halverson stated no, but the Board is sensitive to landowner's complaints and wells could be moved up in priority if necessary.

<u>Motion</u> – Mr. Durrett made the motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Gatzemeier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PROPOSED HEARING SCHEDULE FOR 2016

Ms. Rath presented the proposed 2016 schedule, attached as Exhibit 5. No meetings were scheduled during the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission and Ground Water Protection Council convention dates. She asked the Board members to review the schedule and let her know of any conflicts prior to the October hearing when the 2016 schedule will be finalized.

Mr. Efta has a conflict with the February meeting/hearing and Mr. Gatzemeier has a conflict with the April meeting/hearing. Ms. Rath will work with Chairman Nelson's schedule and try to revise the February and April dates.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Ms. Rath handed out and discussed the financial statement, attached as Exhibit 6.

In October, staff plans to have a timeline of when the Board needs to raise the privilege and license tax rates; this is a result of low oil prices and the Legislature's expenditures/transfers of funds from the Board's operations account. A six-month lead for rulemaking is advisable, including the required notice of rulemaking to the Department of Revenue.

If the Board's rate is increased, cities and counties will receive a decreased share of revenue.

BOND SUMMARY & SPILL REPORT

Mr. Halvorson presented the bond report, attached as Exhibit 7. Bensun Energy, LLC (Bensun) has a pending change of operator that would increase the number of wells on its bond. Currently, there are four wells on its \$50,000 bond (approximately \$12,500/well). Bensun wants to add three additional wells to the bond (approximately \$7,100/well). The wells would come from Statoil Oil and Gas.

At its December business meeting, the Board approved an earlier change of operator request to Bensun but also directed that Bensun be scheduled for hearing to consider an increase in its required plugging and reclamation bond if the company fails to comply with Board rules. Bensun has not complied with reporting requirements after the December directive was issued.

Mr. Halvorson recommended that the change of operator request be scheduled for hearing in October. At that time the Board could deny the request, direct staff to approve the request, or require that Bensun increase its plugging and reclamation bond.

 $\underline{\textbf{Motion}}$ – Mr. Efta made the motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Durrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Halvorson discussed the spill report, attached as Exhibit 8.

DOCKET SUMMARY

Mr. Halvorson discussed the docket summary, attached as Exhibit 9.

GAS FLARING REPORT

Mr. Jones discussed the gas flaring report, attached as Exhibit 10. The Board's rule allows up to 100 mcf/day of gas to be flared based upon a monthly average.

There are 38 wells flaring in excess of 100 mcf/day at this time, down from 44 wells at the last meeting.

Mr. Jones pointed out that some operators are not filing gas flaring exceptions. Mr. Jones wants to evaluate the exception process to emphasize it is the operators responsibility to file exceptions and not have the Board tell the operator when it is flaring over the limit.

There are six flaring exception requests at this time. EOG Resources requested an exception for its Highline 3-0508H well; it has been unable to obtain a pipeline right-of-way agreement with the surface owner. Kraken Oil & Gas's newly completed Higgins 13-24 #1H well is past the 60 day test period and needs an exception. It is anticipated that the well will be hooked up to a pipeline shortly. The other four requests are due to pipeline and gas plant capacity issues or distance from a gathering system. Mr. Jones recommended a six-month flaring exception for the six wells.

<u>Motion</u> – Mr. Gatzemeier made the motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Durrett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

Jim Halvorson

In October, Mr. Halvorson wants to discuss the teacher's workshop. Montana Tech professors put on the workshop with the goal to educate teachers of the oil and gas industry. Educational activities include a field trip to a refinery, oil drilling rig, and field tour. It is a valuable program that has received positive feedback from its participants. Chairman Nelson would like to see all board members attend this program.

The Board has sponsored the workshop for the past 9 or 10 years. The legislature did not authorize funding for this program in the current budget, so in order to continue the workshop the Board would need to take the funds from the operating budget or some other funding source.

The decision of whether or not to continue funding the workshop will have to be made in October to allow adequate time to notify teachers about the opportunity.

The next meeting for the proposed carbon sequestration rule (HB156) will take place on October 5, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. The Board's attendance at the meeting is not required, and Mr. Halvorson will serve as hearing officer.

Rob Stutz

Mr. Stutz gave a litigation update. The Carbon County Resource Council case is pending and still awaiting a decision. The Hekkel settlement, reached in appellate mediation, has not been received in writing. Mr. Stutz filed an answer in the Omimex Petroleum, Inc. lawsuit and we are waiting for a scheduling conference. The Anne Ostby case is dormant.

Mr. Stutz informed the Board there have been an increase number of record requests. The requested records are open to the public, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It would save time and money if the requestor came down to the Billings office and went through the records. It can be a very costly and time consuming process for Board staff to produce a cost estimate and compile the records.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business discussed.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board reconvened on Thursday, August 13, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, to hear the matters docketed for public hearing. As a result of the discussion, testimony, and technical data placed before the Board, the following action was taken in each matter.

<u>Docket No. 123-2015</u> – A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gatzemeier and unanimously passed, to approve the application of Montana Land & Exploration, Inc. as set forth in Board Order 134-2015.

<u>Docket No. 124-2015</u> – A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Durrett and unanimously passed, to approve the application of Decker Operating Company, LLC as set forth in Board Order 135-2015.

<u>Docket No. 125-2015</u> – A motion was made by Mr. Efta, seconded by Mr. Gatzemeier and unanimously passed, to approve the application of Decker Operating Company, LLC as set forth in Board Order 136-2015.

<u>Docket No. 126-2015</u> – A motion was made by Mr. Efta, seconded by Mr. Gatzemeier and unanimously passed, to approve the application of Decker Operating Company, LLC as set forth in Board Order 137-2015.

<u>Docket No. 127-2015</u> – A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gatzemeier and unanimously passed, to approve the application of Weil Group Resources, LLC as set forth in Board Order 138-2015.

<u>Docket No. 128-2015</u> – A motion was made by Mr. Durrett, seconded by Mr. Efta and unanimously passed, to approve the application of Continental Resources Inc. as set forth in Board Order 133-2015.

<u>Docket No. 129-2015</u> – Board staff placed this application on the Default Docket for approval without hearing if no protests or requests for hearing were received by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. None were received. The application of Kraken Oil & Gas, LLC was approved as set forth in Board Order 141-2015.

<u>Docket No. 130-2015</u> – Board staff placed this application on the Default Docket for approval without hearing if no protests or requests for hearing were received by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. None were received. The application of Kraken Oil & Gas, LLC was approved as set forth in Board Order 142-2015.

<u>Docket No. 131-2015</u> – Board staff placed this application on the Default Docket for approval without hearing if no protests or requests for hearing were received by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. None were received. The application of Kraken Oil & Gas, LLC was approved as set forth in Board Order 143-2015.

<u>Docket No. 132-2015</u> – Board staff placed this application on the Default Docket for approval without hearing if no protests or requests for hearing were received by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. None were received. The application of Kraken Oil & Gas, LLC was approved as set forth in Board Order 144-2015.

<u>Docket No. 133-2015</u> – Board staff placed this application on the Default Docket for approval without hearing if no protests or requests for hearing were received by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. None were received. The application of Kraken Oil & Gas, LLC was approved as set forth in Board Order 145-2015.

<u>Docket No. 134-2015</u> – Board staff placed this application on the Default Docket for approval without hearing if no protests or requests for hearing were received by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. None were received. The application of Legacy Reserves Operating LP was approved as set forth in Board Order 146-2015.

<u>Docket No. 135-2015</u> – Board staff placed this application on the Default Docket for approval without hearing if no protests or requests for hearing were received by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. None were received. The application of Slawson Exploration Company Inc. was approved as set forth in Board Order 147-2015.

<u>Docket No. 136-2015</u> – The application of Horton B. Koessler & James H. Koessler was continued to the October 2015 hearing.

<u>Docket No. 137-2015</u> – The application of Horton B. Koessler & James H. Koessler was continued to the October 2015 hearing.

<u>Docket No. 138-2015</u> – The application of Horton B. Koessler & James H. Koessler was continued to the October 2015 hearing.

<u>Docket No. 139-2015</u> – Board staff placed this application on the Default Docket for approval without hearing if no protests or requests for hearing were received by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. None were received. The application of SOG Resources was approved as set forth in Board Order 148-2015.

<u>Docket No. 114-2015</u> – The request for the rehearing of Malsam Family LLC and Todd Malsam was denied.

<u>Docket No. 300-2014</u> – The application of Anadarko E&P Onshore, LLC was continued to the October 2015 hearing.

<u>Docket No. 2-2015</u> – The application of Interstate Explorations, LLC was continued to the October 2015 hearing.

<u>Docket No. 3-2015</u> – The application of Interstate Explorations, LLC was continued to the October 2015 hearing.

<u>Docket No. 78-2015</u> – The application of Oasis Petroleum, Inc. was continued to the October 2015 hearing.

<u>Docket No. 116-2015</u> – Board staff placed this application on the Default Docket for approval without hearing if no protests or requests for hearing were received by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. None were received. The application of Synergy Offshore LLC was approved as set forth in Board Order 149-2015.

<u>Docket No. 117-2015</u> – Board staff placed this application on the Default Docket for approval without hearing if no protests or requests for hearing were received by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. None were received. The application of Synergy Offshore LLC was approved as set forth in Board Order 150-2015.

<u>Docket No. 118-2015</u> – A motion was made by Ms. Ames-Nerud, seconded by Mr. Efta and unanimously passed, to approve the application of XTO Energy Inc. as set forth in Board Order 139-2015.

<u>Docket No. 119-2015</u> – A motion was made by Ms. Ames-Nerud, seconded by Mr. Efta and unanimously passed, to approve the application of XTO Energy Inc. as set forth in Board Order 140-2015.

<u>Docket No. 140-2015</u> – A motion was made by Mr. Durrett, seconded by Mr. Efta and unanimously passed, to forfeit Cavalier Petroleum's plugging and reclamation bond. This is set forth in Board Order 155-2015.

<u>Docket No. 141-2015</u> – A motion was made by Mr. Gatzemeier, seconded by Mr. Efta and unanimously passed, to forfeit Coastal Petroleum Company's plugging and reclamation bond for its State 7-16 well. This is set forth in Board Order 156-2015.

Docket No. 142-2015 – The show-cause hearing of Danielson, Patricia was dismissed.

<u>Docket No. 143-2015</u> – A motion was made by Mr. Gatzemeier, seconded by Mr. Efta and unanimously passed, to continue the Show-Cause Hearing for Miocene Oil Company until the Board's October 2015 hearing. This is set forth in Board Order 157-2015.

<u>Docket No. 144-2015</u> – Staff continued Montana Oil Field Acquisition I, LLC to the October 2015 hearing.

<u>Docket No. 145-2015</u> – A motion was made by Ms. Ames-Nerud seconded by Mr. Gatzemeier and unanimously passed, to have Kykuit Resources, LLC appear at the October 29, 2015 public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why it should not provide a plan and timeline for plugging its wells. Additionally, Kykuit Resources, LLC was fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the August 13, 2015 public hearing. This is set forth in Board Order 158-2015.

<u>Docket No. 146-2015</u> – The show-cause hearing of Statoil Oil & Gas LP was dismissed.

<u>Docket No. 95-2015</u> – A motion was made by Ms. Ames-Nerud, seconded by Mr. Efta and unanimously passed, to have Kelly Oil and Gas LLC appear at the October 29, 2015 public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why its UIC bond should not be forfeited for failure to properly maintain mechanical integrity of the State E-2 injection well and pay the outstanding fine of \$1,900 by October 29, 2015.

A second motion was made by Ms. Ames-Nerud, seconded by Mr. Gatzemeier and unanimously passed, to have Kelly Oil and Gas LLC remedy the field violations by October 29, 2015 and continue the outstanding non-UIC related fine of \$1,220 until the October 29, 2015 Board hearing. This is set forth in Board Order 151-2015.

<u>Docket No. 96-2015</u> – A motion was made by Mr. Gatzemeier, seconded by Mr. Durrett and unanimously passed, to continue the Show-Cause Hearing for Alturas Energy LLC until the Board's October 2015 hearing. Additionally, Alturas Energy LLC needs to come into full compliance with field violations and submit Sundry Notices for proposed well work, including any proposed abandonments, prior to the Board's October hearing. This is set forth in Board Order 152-2015.

<u>Docket No. 97-2015</u> – A motion was made by Mr. Gatzemeier, seconded by Ms. Ames-Nerud and unanimously passed, to continue Augusta Exploration, LLC to the October 2015.

<u>Docket No. 120-2015</u> – A motion was made by Mr. Gatzemeier, seconded by Mr. Efta and unanimously passed, to continue the Show-Cause Hearing for Pride Energy Company until the Board's October 2015 hearing. Additionally, the docket will be dismissed upon the completion of the plugging and abandonment of the Mable Wilson 1 well. This is set forth in Board Order 153-2015.

<u>Docket No. 121-2015</u> – A motion was made by Ms. Ames-Nerud, seconded by Mr. Gatzemeier and unanimously passed, to have Custom Carbon Processing, Inc. appear at the October 29, 2015 public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why its plugging and reclamation bonds covering the Wojahn A 5-2 and the Michels A 8-3 wells should not be forfeited. Additionally, the \$250.00 fine for each day after July 1, 2015 that the violations remain unresolved remains in effect until compliance is confirmed by inspection. Staff will determine the content of the unmarked bags on the Michels A 8-3 well location. This is set forth in Board Order 154-2015. Mr. Efta recused himself and took no part in this matter.

NEXT MEETING

ATTEST:

Jennifer Rath, Program Specialist

The next business meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana. The next regular public hearing will be Thursday, October 29, 2015, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Board's hearing room at its office at the 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana. The filing deadline for the October 29, 2015, public hearing is September 24, 2015.

Linda Nelson, Chairman
Steven Durrett, Board Member
Ronald S. Efta, Board Member
Paul Gatzemeier, Board Member
Peggy Ames-Nerud, Board Member