

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Board members Attn: Jim Halvorson, Administrator 2535 St. Johns Avenue Billings, MT 59102

August 9, 2017

Re: Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Rulemaking

Dear Members of the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation,

Northern Plains Resource Council looks forward to participating as the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation updates its Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Rule. Northern Plains supports transparency and the timely accessibility of information on chemicals used during oil and gas development and exploration. This would enable pre-drilling baseline water testing based on disclosed chemicals and eliminate uncertainty in pre-drilling water quality conditions. Mutually acknowledged baseline water quality conditions protects all parties by providing landowners a foundation for recourse in cases of legitimate and provable water contamination while shielding operations from unfounded contamination claims.

Northern Plains supports the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation in soliciting robust public input as the Board revises the rule. In addition to accepting written public comment and public comment during the Board's regularly scheduled meetings, Northern Plains encourages the Board to host hearings on the revisions to the Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Rule in Billings, Columbus, and Sidney.

Northern Plains looks forward to participating in the process to update the Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Rule.

Sincerely,

Deborah Hanson

Chair, Northern Plains Resource Council Oil and Gas Task Force 220 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A Billings, MT 59101

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation 2535 St. Johns Avenue Billings, MT 59102

### By first class mail and electronic mail to jhalvorson@mt.gov

August 4, 2017

Re: Public Comments on Agenda Item for August 9, 2017, Business Meeting — Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Rulemaking Procedures

To the Members of the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation:

Please accept the following comments regarding the Board's forthcoming rulemaking to address the public disclosure of hydraulic fracturing chemical information.

We appreciate the Board's interest in soliciting public input on the appropriate scope of its chemical disclosure rulemaking. Expanding access to information about the chemicals used for hydraulic fracturing in our state is an issue of substantial public interest and importance, as it affects Montanans' ability to protect their health, property, water supplies, and livelihoods from the potential adverse effects of hydraulic fracturing. The Legislature took an important step forward this year in enacting SB 299, which concerns requests by oil and gas operators to exempt alleged trade secret material from existing chemical-disclosure requirements, and the Board has the opportunity to address significant public concerns over access to hydraulic fracturing chemical information through rulemaking to implement SB 299. At the same time, we believe there are additional issues the Board can and should address in its rulemaking, beyond those mandated by SB 299, to improve public access to important hydraulic fracturing fluid information.

To facilitate meaningful public input on the scope of the Board's rulemaking, we respectfully request that the Board convene (1) a public hearing in Billings, (2) a public listening session in Columbus, and (3) a public listening session in Sidney so that landowners and others affected by hydraulic fracturing can comment on the issues the Board should address in its chemical disclosure rulemaking. We believe that a hearing in Billings, while necessary, is not alone sufficient to permit landowners and others directly interested in accessing hydraulic fracturing chemical information to share their views with the Board on this important issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Board's rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Mercer 550 Elbow Creek Road Roberts, MT 59070 (Roberts, MT landowner and Richland County, MT mineral interest owner) Matt Skoglund Natural Resources Defense Council 317 East Mendenhall Street, Suites D&E Bozeman, MT 59715

(additional signatures on following page)

David Katz and Anne Moses 1473 Stillwater River Road Nye, MT 59061

Bonnie and Jack Martinell 157 Hergenrider Road Bridger, MT 59014 Dr. David Lehnherr P.O. Box 2469 Red Lodge, MT 59068

Derf Johnson Montana Environmental Information Center P.O. Box 1184 Helena, MT 69601

# STATE OF MONTANA PROPOSED Meeting Schedule

2018

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# MONTANA BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As of 6/30/2017

Fiscal Year 2017: Percent of Year Elapsed - 100%

		Budget	Expends	Remaining	%
Regulatory	Personal Services	1,312,453	975,129	337,324	74.3
UIC	Personal Services	211,630	190,989	20,641	90.2
	Total Expended	1,524,083	1,166,118	357,965	76.5
Regulatory	Equipment & Assets	39,477	35,376	4,101	89.6
UIC	Equipment & Assets	17,073	7,765	9,308	45.5
	Total Expended	56,550	43,141	13,409	76.3
Regulatory	Operating Expenses:				
	Contracted Services	175,279	105,591	69,688	60.2
	Supplies & Materials	48,500	41,252	7,248	85.1
	Communication	49,835	43,485	6,350	87.3
	Travel	38,000	20,406	17,594	53.7
	Rent	33,000	21,793	11,207	66.0
	Utilities	20,615	15,998	4,617	77.6
	Repair/Maintenance	21,234	28,829	(7,595)	135.8
	Other Expenses	25,614	14,869	10,745	58.0
	Total Operating Expenses	412,077	292,223	119,854	70.9
UIC	Operating Expenses:				
	Contracted Services	16,152	13,752	2,400	85.1
	Supplies & Materials	12,561	8,198	4,363	65.3
	Communication	8,350	8,317	33	99.6
	Travel	9,213	5,225	3,988	56.7
	Rent	4,175	3,059	1,116	73.3
	Utilities	7,000	2,925	4,075	41.8
	Repair/Maintenance	9,000	6,056	2,944	67.3
	Other Expenses	15,052	4,441	10,611	29.5
	Total Operating Expenses	81,503	51,973	29,530	63.8
	Total Expended	493,580	344,196	149,384	69.7

Funding Breakout	Regulatory Budget	Regulatory Expends	UIC Budget	UIC Expends	2017 Total Budget	2017 Total Expends	%
State Special	1,764,007	1,302,728	310,206	250,727	2,074,213	1,553,455	74.9
Federal 2016 UIC (10-1-2015 to 9-30-2016)			108,000	108,000	108,000	108,000	100.0
Federal 2017 UIC (10-1-2016 to 9-30-2017)			105,676	51,148	105,676	51,148	48.4
Total	1,764,007	1,302,728	523,882	409,875	2,287,889	1,712,603	74.9

	Budget Expends Remaining		Remaining	%
Carryforward FY15				
Personal Services	40,249	91,754	(51,505)	228.0
Operating Expenses	497	23	474	4.6
Equipment & Assests	80,497	29,466	51,031	36.6
Total	121,243	121,243	-	100.0
Carryforward FY16				
Personal Services	21,416	(=)	21,416	0.0
Operating Expenses	42,833	15.	42,833	0.0
Equipment & Assests	42,833		42,833	0.0
Total	107,082		107,082	0.0

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REVENUE INTO STATE SPECIAL RE	VENUE AC	COUNT as o	f 6/.	30/17
		FY 17		FY 16
Oil & Gas Production Tax	\$	1,703,125	\$	813,345
Oil Production Tax		1,556,410		758,083
Gas Production Tax		146,715		55,261
Drilling Permit Fees		12,575		15,025
UIC Permit Fees		242,800		239,600
Interest on Investments		8,826		10,513
Copies of Documents		541		1,407
Public Information Request		221		
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	-	6,801		37,500
TOTAL	\$	1,974,889	\$	1,117,390

REVENUE INTO DAMAGE MITIGATION AC	COUN	T as of 6/30	/17	
		FY 17		FY 16
RIT Investment Earnings:	\$	9	\$	490,672
July				0.7.
August		*		(9 <del>4</del> )
September		~		49,110
October		3		40,670
November		*		37,753
December		~		49,344
January		3		37,052
February				37,189
March		120		47,949
April		2		35,271
May				36,482
June		-		119,853
Bond Forfeitures:		15,000		234,904
Interest on Investments		7,562	_	2,016
TOTAL	\$	22,562	\$	1,218,264

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCES as	s of 6/30/1	7	
Regulatory Account Damage Mitigation Account	\$ \$	603,227 869,738	

REVENUE INTO GENERAL FUND FROM FINES as of 6/30/17			
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STEALTH ENERGY INC	7/1/16		Y 17 1,420
ENERGY QUEST II LLC	7/8/16	Ψ	80
HOFLAND JAMES D	7/8/16		70
MONTANA LAND AND MINERAL COMPANY	7/8/16		60
UNIT PETROLEUM COMPANY	7/8/16		60
VECTA OIL AND GAS LTD	7/8/16		60
TNT OIL LLC	7/15/16		60
STATOIL & GAS LP	8/1/16		420
RINCON OIL AND GAS LLC	8/19/16		70
MONTANA LAND AND EXPLORATION INC	9/2/16		60
WHITING OIL AND GAS CORP	9/9/16		250
GRASSY BUTTE LLC	9/16/16		70
TEMPEL CONTRACTING INC	9/16/16		80
SOLOMON EXPLORATION/SOLOMON, TED / GAIL	9/23/16		60
RANCH OIL CO INC	9/30/16		60
YELLOWSTONE PETROLEUMS INC	10/6/16		50
BRAINSTORM ENERGY INC	10/7/16		60
BRAINSTORM ENERGY INC	10/7/16		60
YELLOWSTONE PETROLEUMS INC	10/7/16		70
MOUNTAIN VIEW ENERGY INC	10/11/16		120
SHADWELL RESOURCES GROUP LLC	10/11/16		1,000
HERCO EXPLORATION LLC	10/14/16		70
COALRIDGE DISPOSAL AND PETROLEUM	10/21/2016		90
JUSTICE SWD LLC	10/21/2016		80
MONTANA OILFIELD ACQUISITION I LLC	10/28/2016		220
BALLANTYNE VENTURES LLC	11/4/2016		90
MCOIL MONTANA ONE LLC	11/9/2016		110
SLOHCIN INC	11/9/2016		70
WIND RIVER HYDROCARBONS	11/9/2016		70
SDOCO LLC	11/18/2016		60
SHADWELL RESOURCES GROUP LLC	11/18/2016		90
SEYMOUR OIL & GAS	12/5/2016		140
WHITING OIL AND GAS CORP	12/22/2016		250
BENSUN ENERGY LLC	1/9/2017		120
MOUNTAINVIEW ENERGY INC	1/10/2017		70
HINTO ENERGY INC	1/30/2017		160
MONTANA LAND AND MINERAL COMPANY	1/30/2017		120
TYLER ROCKIES EXPLORATION LTD	1/30/2017		70
SEYMOUR OIL AND GAS	2/1/2017		1,380
HEAVY WATER HAULERS INC	2/1/2017		60
SLEEPY HOLLOW OIL & GAS LLC / KYKUIT RESOURCES, LLC	2/2/2017		520
ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORPORATION	2/17/2017		70
HAWLEY OIL LLP GUDINO SERVICES LLC / FAIRWAYS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION LLC	2/24/2017 3/3/2017		420
DRAWINGS LLC	3/3/2017		70 70
JP OIL INC / ANTELOPE RESOURCES INC	3/17/2017		260
SHADWELL RESOURCES GROUP LLC	4/5/2017		2,000
HOFLAND, JAMES D.	4/21/2017		90
MCPHILLIPS, R. D. / MCPHILLIPS, BERNICE	4/21/2017		110
UNITED STATES ENERGY CORP	4/21/2017		90
SLOW POKE PRODUCTION / DOBSON, GEORGE	4/28/2017		70
SONKAR INC	5/3/2017		90
NINE POINT ENERGY LLC	5/15/2017		230
TOTAL		\$	11,650
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GRANT BALANCES - 6/30/17						
<u>Name</u>	<u>Autho</u>	rized Amt*	<u>E</u> 2	xpended	<u>Balance</u>	Expiration Date
2011Southern - TankBattery2 RIT 12-8723	\$	204,951	\$	204,951	\$	9/30/2016
2011 Northern/Eastern RIT 13-8753	7	332,642	7	332,642	-	9/30/2016
TOTAL	\$	537,593	\$	537,593	\$ 550	
* includes match requirement for grant						

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CONTRACT BALANCES - 6/30/17							=	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Au</u>	thorized Amt		<u>Expended</u>		<u>Balance</u>	<u>Status</u>	Expiration Date
MT Tech - Elm Coulee EOR Study (MOU 127220)	\$	863,905	\$	635,514	\$	228,391	Under Contract	12/31/2017
Central Avenue Mall FY '16 (9/1/15 - 8/31/16)		400		400		2	Completed	8/31/2016
Central Avenue Mall FY '17 (9/1/16 - 8/31/17)		400		400		=	Completed	8/31/2017
Agency Legal Services 2017		70,000		48,770		21,230	Completed	6/30/2017
COR Enterprises - Billings Janitorial		15,688		15,590		98	Completed	6/30/2017
Kelly #1 Well		19,360		12,744		6,616	Completed	7/31/2016
Big Wall Site		18,451		18,450		=	Completed	9/30/2016
Re-Enter, Re-Plug, and Reclaim Kopp #1 Well		263,930		249,937		13,993	Completed	11/1/2016
Flack #1 Plugging		45,493		44,506		988	Under Contract	12/30/2017
O&G Plugging FY 2017 (A)		177,504		162,404		15,101	Completed	12/31/2017
Danielson 1 Well Plug and Reclaim	·-	23,805	_		_	23,805	Under Contract	6/30/2018
TOTAL	\$	1,498,935	\$	1,188,714	\$	310,221		

Agency Legal Services						
Expenditures in FY17						
<u>Case</u>		Amt Spent				
BOGC Duties	\$	32,820				
Hekkel		162				
CCRC		866				
Ostby		-				
Interstate		3,486				
Malsam		5,716				
Hydraulic	_	5,720				
Total	\$	48,770				

## **PLUGGING PROJECTS & FIELD INSPECTOR SUMMARY**

August 9, 2017

### Orphaned Well Flack #1 (Plugged):

Plugging operations were completed 6/22/17.

### Orphaned Well Danielson 1 (Contracted):

Work to the Danielson 1 well will coincide with the Goeddertz 1 well.

## Orphaned Well Goeddertz 1: (Contracted):

Work to the Goeddertz 1 well will coincide with the Danielson 1 well.

### Orphaned Well Beery 22-24 and Beery 2 (Out to Contract):

Plugging Along was awarded the bid. Contractor is now current to work for State of Montana. The contract has been completed and is out to legal. 811 one calls were placed and completed. Surface owner will be notified when the contract goes out for signatures and a timeline for the start of operations has been established.

### Krone-Augusta 31-32 (Out for Bid):

Bidding closed 5/24/17, Liquid Gold Well Service was the only company to submit a bid. LGWS bid for plugging and reclamation totaled \$516,351.99. The RFP review committee requested some clarification to parts of the bid and answers to those questions have been received. Following review by the committee LGWS will be awarded the bid.

### **Inspector Training:**

The annual H2S re-certification course will be later in the year due to the large number of projects currently underway by both the industry and MGOGC.

# Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Summary of Bond Activity

6/14/2017 Through 8/8/2017

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# Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Summary of Bond Activity

6/14/2017 Through 8/8/2017

### **Letter Sent**

 Augusta Exploration, LLC
 773 G1
 Letter Sent
 6/28/2017

 Whitefish MT
 Amount:
 \$10,000.00

Purpose: Single Well Bond

Letter of Credit \$10,000.00 FIRST INTERSTATE BANK ACT

# Incident Report

Company	Responsibility Date		Oil Released	Water Released	d Source C Tank or Tank Battery		ed Latitude 47.95467	Longitud County -104,25585 Richland	T-R-S 26N-58E-32 SWS
Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation		17 Spill or Release	10 Barrels		Flow Line - Productio		48.98073	-104.18007 Sheridan	37N-57E-10 NENE
TAQA USA, Inc.		17 Spill or Release	80 Barrels	70 Parrole	Tank or Tank Battery		47.62214	-104.14110 Richland	22N-59E-34 NWS
Newfield Production Company		17 Fire	OF Demole	70 Barrels	•	No	47.95394	-104.24045 Richland	25N-58E-4 NENW
True Oil LLC		17 Spill or Release	35 Barrels	10 Davida	Treater		48.40195	-106.03544 Valley	31N-44E-32 SEN
Anadarko Minerals, Inc.		17 Spill or Release		10 Barrels	Flow Line - Injection	No	48.42313	-106.08365 Valley	31N-43E-24 SWS
Anadarko Minerals, Inc.		17 Spill or Release		80 Barrels	Treater	Yes	48.70257	-104.26715 Sheridan	34N-57E-16 SEN
Rim Operating, Inc.		17 Spill or Release		270 Barrels	Tank or Tank Battery				35N-57E-22 SWS
Northern Oil Production, Inc.	BOG 1/18/20				Treater	Yes	48.76938	-104.23923 Sheridan	
Citation Oil & Gas Corp.		17 Spill or Release	50 Barrels		Tank or Tank Battery		48.49539	-109.22854 Blaine	32N-19E-35 NEN
D & M Welding LLC	BOG 1/21/20		100 Barrels	200 Barrels	Tank or Tank Battery		48.74675	-111.90339 Toole	35N-2W-32 NWS
EnergyQuest II, LLC		17 Spill or Release	168 Barrels		Other	No	47.69809	-104.08484 Richland	22N-59E-1 SWNE
Somont Oil Company, Inc.		17 Spill or Release	50 Barrels	30 Barrels	Tank or Tank Battery		48.71304	-111.78656 Toole	34N-1W-7 SESW
Landtech Enterprises, LLC	BOG 3/6/20	17 Spill or Release		15 Barrels	Tank or Tank Battery		47.74963	-104.18180 Richland	23N-59E-17 SWS
MCR, LLC	BOG 3/15/20	17 Spill or Release	80 Barrels		Tank or Tank Battery		48.94486	-111.17270 Liberty	37N-4E-23 SESW
Wesco Operating, Inc.	BOG 3/17/20	17 Spill or Release		10 Barrels	Tank or Tank Battery	Yes	46.63594	-104.43111 Fallon	10N-58E-9 SENW
Carrell Oil Company Dba Coco	FED 3/21/20	17 Spill or Release			Well Head	No	47.06749	-107.99458 Petroleum	15N-29E-13 NWN
XTO Energy Inc.	BOG 3/23/20	17 Spill or Release		45 Barrels	Tank or Tank Battery	Yes	47.66293	-104.04769 Richland	22N-60E-17 SES
XTO Energy Inc.	BOG 3/30/20	17 Spill or Release	30 Barrels		Treater	Yes	47.67806	-104.04793 Richland	22N-60E-8 SESW
Abraxas Petroleum Corporation	BOG 3/30/20	17 Spill or Release	1 Barrels		Well Head	Yes	47.74179	-104.18173 Richland	23N-59E-20 SWN
Brown, J. Burns Operating Company	VAR 3/31/20	17 Spill or Release			Well Head	No	48.78181	-109.38038 Blaine	35N-18E-21 NWN
Bad Water Disposal, LLP	BOG 4/6/20	17 Spill or Release	3 Barrels		Tank or Tank Battery	Yes	47.67583	-104.05933 Richland	22N-60E-7 SESE
Samson Oil and Gas USA, Inc.	BOG 4/19/20	17 Spill or Release		500 Barrels	Flow Line - Productio	n Yes	48.31557	-104.23542 Roosevelt	30N-58E-31 NWN
Enerplus Resources USA Corporation	BOG 4/23/20	17 Spill or Release	243 Barrels		Tank or Tank Battery	Yes	47.76309	-104.40635 Richland	23N-57E-9 SWSE
Continental Resources Inc	BOG 4/25/20	17 Fire	3 Barrels		Flare Pit	No	47.74766	-104.56450 Richland	23N-56E-17 SES
Sannes, Ronald M. Or Margaret Ann	BOG 4/28/20	17 Spill or Release	20 Barrels	25 Barrels	Well Head	No	47.88415	-104.25986 Richland	25N-58E-29 SES
Sannes, Ronald M. Or Margaret Ann	BOG 4/28/20	17 Spill or Release	40 Barrels		Treater	Yes	47.68481	-104.08096 Richland	22N-59E-12 SENE
Denbury Onshore, LLC	BOG 5/1/20	17 Spill or Release	2 Barrels	20 Barrels	Flow Line - Production	n No	46.69417	-104.52600 Wibaux	11N-57E-22 SENE
Sannes, Ronald M. Or Margaret Ann	BOG 5/5/20	17 Fire	4 Barrels		Flare Pit	Yes	47.68481	-104.08096 Richland	22N-59E-12 SENE
Bad Water Disposal, LLP	BOG 5/6/20	17 Spill or Release		2 Barrels	Tank or Tank Battery	Yes	47.67583	-104.05933 Richland	22N-60E-7 SESE
Western Natural Gas Company		17 Spill or Release		30 Barrels	Tank or Tank Battery	No	48.73041	-111.19859 Liberty	34N-4E-3 NESW
Denbury Onshore, LLC		17 Spill or Release		62 Barrels	Flow Line - Production	n No	46.30525	-104.08116 Fallon	6N-61E-4 SWNE
White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC		17 Spill or Release	2 Barrels		Flare Pit	No	47.77125	-104.43639 Richland	23N-57E-8 SENW
White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC		17 Spill or Release	2 Barrels		Flare Pit	No	47.77125	-104.43639 Richland	23N-57E-8 SENW
Wesco Operating, Inc.		17 Other			Other	No	46.66235	-104.46774 Fallon	11N-58E-31 NWS
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Company	Responsibility	Date	Incident	Oil Released	Water Released	d Source	Containe	d Latitude	Longitud County	T-R-S
TAQA USA, Inc.	BOG 6	3/2/2017	Spill or Release	30 Barrels		Well Head	No	48.52506	-104.12700 Sheridan	32N-58E-13 NWS
Denbury Onshore, LLC	BOG 6	6/4/2017	Spill or Release		70 Barrels	Pump Failure	No	46.28259	-104.16978 Fallon	6N-60E-11 SESW
Petro-Hunt, LLC	BOG 6	6/6/2017	Spill or Release	2 Barrels	2 Barrels	Tank or Tank Batter	y <b>N</b> o	48.53522	-104.25790 Sheridan	32N-57E-12 SWS
Continental Resources Inc	BOG 6	6/8/2017	Spill or Release	4 Barrels	1 Barrels	Flow Line - Production	on Yes	47.77514	-104.74629 Richland	23N-54E-11 NENE
Continental Resources Inc	BOG 6	6/8/2017	Spill or Release	4 Barrels	1 Barrels	Flow Line - Production	on No	47.77514	-104.74629 Richland	23N-54E-11 NENE
Slawson Exploration Company Inc	BOG 6/	19/2017	Spill or Release	1 Barrels	3 Gallons	Well Head	Yes	48.27025	-104.06975 Roosevelt	29N-59E-17 NENE
Montana Heartland LLC	BOG 6/2	25/2017	Spill or Release		160 Barrels	Flow Line - Production	on Yes	47.82098	-104.81017 Richland	24N-54E-20 SESE
XTO Energy Inc.	BOG 6/2	29/2017	Spill or Release	18 Barrels		Treater	Yes	47.67321	-104.20483 Richland	22N-59E-18 NWN
Continental Resources Inc	BOG 7	7/6/2017	Fire			Flare Pit	No	47.73390	-104.61140 Richland	23N-55E-24 SWS
Enerplus Resources USA Corporation	n BOG 7	7/6/2017	Spill or Release	1 Barrels		Treater	No	47.86179	-104.61810 Richland	24N-55E-11 NENE
Oasis Petroleum North America LLC		/10/2017	Spill or Release	5 Barrels		Treater	Yes	47.98416	-104.19239 Richland	26N-58E-23 SWS
Genesis ST Operating LLC	BOG 7/2	/27/2017	Fire	2 Barrels		Tank or Tank Batter	y No	48.27527	-104.15474 Roosevelt	29N-58E-10 SESE

# **Docket Summary**

# 8/10/2017 Hearing

33-2017	St. Croix Operating, Inc.	Vacate or amend order 153-2009 (TSU, 32N-48E-25; SWSW, 26; SESE, 35; NENE, and 36; NWNW), Duprow Formation test well, 660' setback.	Withdrawn	Order 153-2009: TSU, 32N-48E-25: SWSW, 26: SESE, 35: NENE, and 36: NWNW, one well to be located in Sec. 35: 150' FNL/ 500' FEL	
				Application withdrawn, email received 8/7/17.	
34-2017	McCartney Family Mineral Trust	Vacate Order 240-2014, non-consent penalties for the McCartney Family Mineral Trust, Manush 1-12H well, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 29N-58E-1: all, 12: all.	Continued	Application continued, email received 8/7/17.	
35-2017	Kraken Oil & Gas LLC	Permanent spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E-35: all, 36: all (Farrah 35-36 #1H).		TSU, Order 34-2016 Related applications 35-2017, 36-2017	
36-2017	Kraken Oil & Gas LLC	Pooling, permanent spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E-35: all, 36: all (Farrah 35-36 #1H). Non-consent penalties requested.		Related applications 35-2017, 36-2017	
37-2017	Kraken Oil & Gas LLC	Permanent spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E-27: all, 28: all (Fallon 27-28 #1H).		TSU, Order 144-2015, amended by order 35- 2016 Related applications 37-2017, 38-2017	
38-2017	Kraken Oil & Gas LLC	Pooling, permanent spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E-27: all, 28: all (Fallon 27-28 #1H). Non-consent penalties requested.		Related applications 37-2017, 38-2017	
39-2017	Kraken Oil & Gas LLC	Permanent spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E-33: all, 34: all (Shayla 34-33 #1H).		TSU, Order 145-2015, amended by order 36- 2016 Related applications 39-2017, 40-2017	
40-2017	Kraken Oil & Gas LLC	Pooling, permanent spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E-33: all, 34: all (Shayla 34-33 #1H). Non-consent penalties requested.		Related applications 39-2017, 40-2017	
41-2017	Kraken Oil & Gas LLC	Amend Order 380-2011 to authorize the drilling of a horizontal wells, 500' lateral, 200' heel/toe setbacks in temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E-16: all, 21: all. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful completion. Operations must commence within one year of date of order. Default Docket requested.			
42-2017	Kraken Oil & Gas LLC	Amend Order 380-2011 to authorize the drilling of a horizontal wells, 500' lateral, 200' heel/toe setbacks in temporary spacing unit, Bakken/Three Forks Formation, 27N-57E-17: all, 20: all. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful completion. Operations must commence within one year of date of order. Default Docket requested.	,		
43-2017	Briscoe Petroleum, LLC	Exception to statewide drilling and temporary spacing rules, Amsden Formation test well, 1N-34E: 20, 2,558' FNL, 549' FEL. Apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful completion. Default docket requested.		Proposed location closer than 330' to south boundary of SE/4 NE/4 which would be the statewide temporary spacing unit for a well drilled to a depth of 6000' or less.	

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44-2017	Cline Production Company	Class II Permit, Enhanced Recovery, C.M. Federal 34-30 (API # 087-21655), Tyler "C" Formation, 12N-33E-30: 338' FSL / 1875' FEL (SWSE)	Continued	Staff continued on 7/27/17 for failure to run newspaper notice.	
19-2017	Enorplus Resources USA Corporation	Extend Class II pilot enhanced recovery project for 18 months, Bakken Formation, Bullwinkle-Yahoo #4-1-HSU, permanent spacing unit 23N-57E-3: all, 4: all. Approved for 18 months following re initiation of injection.		Continued to August, Itr received 5/12/17	
45-2017	Black Gold Energy Resource Development, LLC	Show Cause: why additional penalties should not be assessed for failure to pay the outstanding fine and for failure to submit a written plan of its proposed action to remedy the violation at the the Indian Mound 1 well located in the SW%SW% of Section 15, T23N-R55E, Richland County, Montana within 15 days of the June 15, 2017, public hearing.			
46-2017	Stealth Energy USA, Inc.	Show Cause: failure to file production reports and pay administrative fees.			
338-2014	K2 America Corporation	Show Cause: why its bond should not be forfeited for failure to provide a plan and timeline for plugging its wells. [Continued from 6/25/2015, 6/16/2016, & 6/15/17.]			
49-2016	Storm Cat Energy (USA) Operating Corporation	Show Cause: why it should not provide a plan and timeline for the plugging and abandonment or transfer of its three wells and why additional penalties should not be assessed for failure to pay the outstanding fine of \$1,340, and appear at the August 11, 2016, public hearing.			

# **GAS FLARING**

August 9, 2017

		Wells			Wells over
	Wells	Flaring over	Current		100
	Flaring over	100 w/o	Exceptions	Exception	Hooked to
Company	100	Exception	(over 100)	Requests	Pipeline
Continental	1	1	0	1	1
Petro-Hunt	2	2	0	0	0
Whiting	1	0	0	2	0
Totals	4	3	0	3	1

# Flaring Requests

# **Summary**

There are 4 wells flaring over 100 MCFG per day based on current production numbers.

1 of the 4 wells have approved exceptions due to distance, pipeline capacity issues, or time to connection.

There are 3 exceptions requested at this time.

#### **Continental**

### Revere 1-31H - API #25-083-22953, 27N-53E-31

- 1. Flaring 114 MCF/D. Sixth exception request.
- 2. Completed: 2/2013.
- 3. Estimated gas reserves: 293 MMCF.
- 4. Proximity to market: Connected to pipeline
- 5. Flaring alternatives: None.
- 6. Amount of gas used in lease operations: 8 MCF/D.
- 7. Justification to flare: Unable to sell due to H2S. Currently uneconomic to treat H2S and insufficient capacity issues at Grasslands Plant. It is estimated that it would cost \$2.92/MCF to treat the gas and could then only be sold for \$2.7/MCF.

# Whiting Oil & Gas -

### Iversen 34-32-4H - API #25-083-23238, 26N-58E-32

- 1. Flaring 87 MCF/D. Fifth exception request.
- 2. Completed: 7/2014.
- 3. Estimated gas reserves: 315 MMCF.
- 4. Proximity to market: 5280 ft to pipeline.
- 5. Estimated gas price at market: ~\$1.80/MCF.
- 6. Flaring alternatives: None.
- 7. Amount of gas used in lease operations: 2 MCF/D.
- 8. Justification to flare: Insufficient compression capacity on Oneok's system in this area.

### Sundheim 21-27-3H - API #25-083-23215, 25N-58E-27

- 1. Flaring 110 MCF/D. Third exception request.
- 2. Completed: 7/2014.
- 3. Estimated gas reserves: 480 MMCF.
- 4. Proximity to market: Connected.
- 5. Estimated gas price at market: ~\$1.80/MCF.
- 6. Flaring alternatives: None.
- 7. Amount of gas used in lease operations: 2 MCF/D.
- 8. Justification to flare: Insufficient compression capacity on Oneok's system in this area.