

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

IN THE MATTER OF MONTANA ENERGY COMPANY,  
LLC FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE ANNUAL INJECTION  
FEE FOR ITS 21 WELLS IN MUSSELSHELL AND  
ROSEBUD COUNTIES, MONTANA, IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH ARM 36.22.1423.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 6-A-2022

Montana Energy Company, LLC (Montana Energy) is the operator of 21 injection wells in Musselshell and Rosebud Counties, Montana. In accordance with ARM 36.22.1423, a \$200 annual injection fee is due for each permitted injection well.

At the April 13, 2022, business meeting, staff reported that Montana Energy has not paid the annual injection fee that was due on January 31, 2022. Staff made several attempts to contact the operator. At this meeting, the Board assessed Montana Energy a \$100 per well late fee for failure to submit its injection payment prior to the deadline.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Montana Energy is fined \$2,100 for failure to pay the injection well fee. The total due in injection well fees and penalties is now \$6,300.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Board that Montana Energy must appear and show cause, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be imposed for failure to pay the annual injection fee for its permitted injection wells and the late fee assessed for nonpayment. Board staff has authority to dismiss the docket if Montana Energy achieves compliance prior to the June 16, 2022, public hearing.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

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James W. Halvorson, Administrator