

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

IN THE MATTER OF YELLOWSTONE PETROLEUMS, INC.
INACTIVE WELLS IN CARBON, GLACIER PONDERA,
AND TOOLE COUNTIES, MONTANA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 9-A-2023

Yellowstone Petroleum, Inc. (Yellowstone) is the bonded operator of 36 producing wells and two injection wells in Carbon, Glacier, Pondera, and Toole Counties, Montana. Of the 36 producing wells, 26 wells have been inactive for two or more years.

On February 28, 2023, a letter was mailed to Yellowstone requesting a plan and schedule of abandonment for the inactive wells or justification with supporting documentation for leaving the inactive wells unplugged. This request was made in accordance with ARM 36.22.1307. No response was received.

On June 19, 2023, a follow up letter was sent. This letter was delivered on June 22, 2023.

On July 5, 2023, Yellowstone left a voicemail for staff and the following day sent an email with a list of wells it intended to plug.

On September 8, 2023, a follow up email was sent to Yellowstone for a status update on the 26 inactive wells. No response was received.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Yellowstone must show cause at the December 7, 2023, public hearing, as to why it should not immediately plug and abandon its inactive wells in Carbon, Glacier, Pondera, and Toole Counties, Montana.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2023

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Benjamin Jones, Administrator