

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 3-A-2025

Montana Energy Company, LLC (MEC) 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 9, 2025, business meeting, staff reported that MEC has not paid the annual injection fee that was due on January 31, 2025. Staff made several attempts to contact the operator. At this meeting, the Board assessed MEC a \$100 per well late fee for failure to submit its injection well payment prior to the deadline.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that MEC is assessed a \$2,100 late fee for failure to pay the annual injection well fee by January 31, 2025. The total due in injection well fees and penalties is now \$6,300.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Board that MEC 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 MEC achieves compliance prior to the June 12, 2025, public hearing.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2025

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Benjamin Jones, Administrator