

Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Hearing Wrap-up Report

April 2018



The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission held its monthly hearing April 10, 2018 at 9 a.m. Commissioners present were Bridget Hill, Honorable Governor Matt Mead, Erin Campbell, Mark Doelger and Ken Hendricks. Also representing the WOGCC were Deputy Supervisor Tom Kropatsch and Attorneys Eric Easton and Michael Armstrong.

The April 2018 Hearing docket showed:

- 404 total applications
- 28 applications continued
- 25 applications withdrawn
- 19 returned for admin processing
- 232 examiner hearings
- 3 aquifer/unit hearings
- 1 pit treatment hearings
- 12 applications to be heard by the Commission
- 59 preliminary matters
- 26 sent to the APD docket

Preliminary Matters:

Docket 850-2017, 1516-2017, 1518-2017, 1721-2017, 1722-2017 1971-2017, 2169-2017, 2170-2017, 2175-2017, 2282-2017, 28-2018, 30-2018, 31-2018, 43-2018 Commission approved the request made by Anadarko and Chesapeake's legal counsel that these filings be continued to May 2018.

Docket 1611-2017, 1612-2017, 1613-2017, 1614-2017 Legal counsel for Anadarko and Chesapeake's legal counsel requested that these filings that are on the B Docket be continued for one month. WOGCC staff will discuss the process and report to the Commission next month.

Docket 2157-2017, 481-2018, 483-2018 and 539-2018 Docket 2157-2017, 481-2018, 483-2018 and 539-2018 Titan requested these filings be continued with Wold opposing. The Commission continued the matter to the May hearing date.

Docket 78-2018, 80-2018, 81-2018 Legal counsel for Helis reported that these were supplementary items and not preliminary items.

Docket 193-2018, 195-2018, 201-2018, 203-2018, 478-2018 and 712-2018 Commission approved the request made by Titan and Liberty's legal counsel that these filings be continued until May 2018.

Docket 360-2018, 603-2018 and 605-2018 Commission approved the request made by Navigation's legal counsel that these filings be continued until May 2018.

Docket 460-2018, 461-2018, 462-2018, 463-2018, 551-f2018, 552-2018, 553-2018, 554-2018, 555-2018, 556-2018, 557-2018, 558-2018, 559-2018, 560-2018, 561-2018, 562-2018, 563-2018, 564-2018, 679-2018, 680-2018, 685-2018, 686-2018, 687-2018, 688-2018, 689-2018, 690-2018, 691-2018, 692-2018, 693-2018 Commission approved the request made by Wold and Navigation's legal counsel that these filings be continued until May 2018.

Docket 479-2018 and 828-2018 Commission approved the request made by Titan and Peak's legal counsel that these filings be continued until June 2018.

Docket 533-2018 and 534-2018 Commission approved the request made by Peak's legal counsel that these filings be continued until May 2018.

Docket 708-2018, 709-2018, 710-2018 Commission approved the request made by Stout Street's legal counsel that these filings be continued until May 2018.

Docket 846-2018, 847-2018, 887-2018, 888-2018, 890-2018, 891-2018, 892-2018, 1099-2018 and 1107-2018 Commission approved the request made by XRO Energy's legal counsel that these filings be continued until July 2018.

Docket 859-2018 and 860-2018 It was noted that Docket 860-2018 instead of 859-2018 was to be heard by the Commission with 854-2018. Docket 859-2018 was to be heard by the examiners.

Docket 1138-2018 and 1139-2018 Commission approved the request made by Anschutz's legal counsel that these filings be continued until May 2018.

Docket 1157-2018 and 1159-2018 Commission approved the request made by SM's legal counsel that these filings be continued until May 2018.

Docket 1166-2018, 1167-2018, 1168-2018 and 1178-2018 Commission approved the request made by Anschutz's legal counsel that these filings be withdrawn.

Extended Preliminary Matters

Docket 373-2018 The Commission granted the parties stipulated request to appoint a hearing examiner to oversee Docket 373-2018 and any related APD protests received by the Commission on or before April 10, 2018. These dockets involve protests of Anadarko APDs by mineral interest owners in Laramie County, WY. The matters will be referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). A hearing examiner from the OAH will handle the preliminary scheduling matters, will marshal discovery, will make a determination regarding whether the matters should be consolidated, and will make a recommended decision on any dispositive motions filed by the parties. Once the parties are prepared for hearing, the Commission will hear the matter(s) and issue a final ruling.

Docket 1109-2018 and 1112-2018 Commission granted Titan's request for a continuance

Before the Commission:

Docket 2370-2017 Southland Royalty Co. was fined \$150,000, with \$125,000 of the fine due in 60 days and \$25,000 of the fine to be held in abeyance for one year, for failure to obtain approval to stimulate the Chain Lakes 15-31-1H well in Sweetwater County in violation of Commission rules and regulations, Chapter 3, Section 45. If Southland does not incur any further violations for one year, they will not be required to pay the \$25,000.

Docket 2377-2017 Commission approved WOGCC staff's recommendation to revoke Nextraction Energy (US) Inc.'s bond and plug and abandon the wells in Sublette County for failure to update bonding in violation of WOGCC rules and regulations, Chapter 3, Section 4.

Docket 744-2018 Commission approved WOGCC staff's recommendation for surface and subsurface equipment of Medallion Exploration wells in Niobrara County to be abandoned and authorized the WOGCC to dispose of the abandoned property.

Docket 854 -2018 Commission approved one 6,279.61-acre drilling and spacing unit within the Jonah field in the Lance Pool in Sublette County.

Docket 860- 2018 Commission authorized two additional horizontal wells in a 1280 acre DSU for the Lance Pool in Sublette County. For this specific application, the Commission authorized volumetric drainage calculations opposed to using a 2-D map view to determine drainage.

Docket 913-2018 Protest related to the proposed water disposal well to be known as the Oliverius 42-33 WDW in Laramie County has been continued to May 2018 hearing.

Docket 1131-2018 Finley agreed to withdraw its protest based upon a settlement between the parties and the pooling application was approved with stipulations.