

Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Hearing Wrap-up Report

August 2017



The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission held its monthly hearing August 8, 2017 at 9 a.m. Commissioners present were Bridget Hill, Tom Drean, Mark Doelger and Tom Fitzsimmons. Also representing the WOGCC were Supervisor Mark Watson and Attorneys Eric Easton and Michael Armstrong.

The August 2017 Hearing docket showed:

- 426 total applications
- 39 moved to APD docket
- 21 applications continued
- 49 applications withdrawn
- 99 returned for admin processing
- 141 examiner hearings
- 4 aquifers/units hearings
- 0 pit Treatment hearing
- 61 applications to be heard by the Commission
- 12 preliminary matters

Preliminary Matters:

Docket 767-2017 Legal counsel for Chesapeake stated their filing no longer needed to be heard before the Commission and requested it be sent to the Examiners. Commission approved request.

Docket 773-2017 Legal counsel for Chipcore requested that their filing be continued to Sept. It was approved by the Commission

Docket 1005 and 1013-2017 Legal counsel for Peak stated their two filings no longer needed to be heard before the Commission and requested they be sent to the Examiners. Request was approved by the Commission.

Docket 1183, 1184, 1185, 1193 & 1194-2017 Legal counsel for EOG requested that these filings be continued to Sept. Request was approved by the Commission.

Before the Commission:

Docket 1227-2017 Commission adopted rules for Chapters 1,5,6 with amendments made by staff upon review of submitted public comments.

Docket 604-2017 Exxon Mobil provided an update per the Commission's motion to review its 2014 decision regarding the venting of non-hydrocarbon gases from the Shute Creek Gas plant. Motion was made and approved by Commission for another review in 18 months under the same conditions.

Docket 1211-2017 Commission approved Ultra Resources 1595.09-A DSU application.

Docket 1210-2017 Commission approved Ultra Resources 1277.49-A DSU application.

Docket 801 & 802-2017 Motion was made and passed to approve one additional well for each formation in each DSU: In 801, the motion was for one additional well (for a total of two wells - one original plus the one additional) for the Shannon and Frontier formations. In 802, the motion was to approve one additional well (for a total of two wells - one original plus the one additional) for the Shannon, Frontier, and Sussex. Commissioners Drean, Doelger and Fitzsimons voted in favor. Commissioner Hill opposed.

Docket 632 through 675, 855 through 858, 878 through 890, 893, 897 though 906-2017 Based on Docket 801 & 802 decisions, Commission moved to table these docket applications until Sept. 2017

Docket 732-2017 Commission approved for MCL1 Oil to force pool Peak Resources Management, Inc. and for Peak to pay according to their share 100 percent of the cost of surface equipment, 100 percent of operations costs, 200 percent of drilling and completion costs, and 100 percent of down hole equipment.

Docket 1525-2017 Commission approved WOGCC staff recommendation for surface and subsurface equipment of Ventrum Energy Corp. to be forfeited to the WOGCC for the purposes of plugging and abandoning the well.