

**Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Hearing Wrap Up Report
November 2016**



The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission held its monthly hearing November 15, 2016 at 9 a.m. Commissioners attending were Bridget Hill, Tom Drean, Mark Doelger and Tom Fitzsimmons. Also attending the hearing were Supervisor Mark Watson and Attorneys Eric Easton and Michael Armstrong.

The following outlines the results of the hearing.

Preliminary Matters

There were no preliminary matters

Continued

Twelve applications were continued

Withdrawn

A total of 40 applications were withdrawn

Examiner Hearings

There were 114 Examiner Hearings heard

Administrative Approval

One application returned for Administrative Approval

Before the Commission

Five applications went before the Commission

Docket 257-2016: Chesapeake withdrew its request to flare above the allowed limit. Flaring will now be reduced to the allowable 60 mcf per day. New technology allows the produced gas to be utilized in water evaporation process. Commissioner Fitzsimmons asked that Chesapeake provide a reservoir management plan.

Motion was moved and seconded to withdraw request. Approved.

Docket 670-2016: Due to Bankruptcy proceedings, Storm Cat Energy requested their hearing be continued to January 2017. Counsel Easton confirmed this to be best approach. Commission moved to approve the request. It passed 4-0.

Docket 877-2016: It was approved 4-0 to revoke Royal Oil's bond of \$75,000 to plug and abandoned the company's wells. The WOGCC will first pursue a valid operator to take over the wells and continue production before plugging the wells.

Docket 1020-16: Per stipulation order, Denbury was assessed a \$17,000 *fine for flaring violation.

Commissioners Drean and Fitzsimmons would like to know the source of the oxygen leak that caused the flaring violation once Denbury has confirmed the source.

**Fines collected by the WOGCC are given to the school district where the violation occurred.*

Dockets 1033, 1034, 1037, 1038, 1041, 1042, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049 – 2016 were requested by Wold and EOG to be returned to the examiners. Passed 4-0

Docket 1099 -2016: Timberline Production sought an order from the WOGCC establishing statutory force pooling with non-consent penalties of 300 percent for their wildcat vertical well. Motion was made to deny 300 percent penalty and maintain penalty at 200 percent for a vertical well. Motion passed 4-0.

Docket 1162 -2016: With L&J Operating in full agreement, the Commission approved 4-0 that L&J's \$138,000 bond be revoked.

Docket 1166 -2016: Continued to December 2016 docket

Docket 1167 -2016: Motion was made and seconded to revoke McMinn Operating Company's bond of \$20,000 to plug and abandon four wells. Passed 4-0.