

Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Hearing Wrap-up Report December 2018



The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission held its monthly hearings December 11, 2018 at 9 a.m. Commissioners present were Bridget Hill, Erin Campbell, Mark Doelger, and Ken Hendricks. Also representing the WOGCC were Supervisor Mark Watson, and Attorneys Eric Easton and Micah Christensen.

The December 2018 Hearing docket showed:

- 660 total applications
- 125 applications to be heard by the Commission (5 were continued during preliminaries)
- 349 examiner hearings
- 3 aquifer/unit hearings
- 0 pit treatment hearings
- 51 returned for admin processing
- 59 applications continued
- 48 applications withdrawn
- 14 preliminary matters
- 11 sent to the inactive B docket

Commissioner Bridget Hill was recognized for her appointment to serve as Attorney General by Governor-Elect Mark Gordon. December was her last Commission meeting. She was thanked for her service on the Commission and acting Chair.

Before the Commission:

Docket Matters 309, 373, 374, 375, 449, 609, 921, 1264, 1265, 1450, 1454, 1455, and 1456-2018.(Consolidated as Docket 309-2018) Consideration of the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Recommended Order Granting Applicant's Motions for Summary Judgment and Denying Protestor's Motions for Summary Judgment. These dockets are landowner's protests of Anadarko APD's Laramie County, Wyoming. These dockets were referred by the Commission to OAH in June, 2018 to conduct Contested Case proceedings for the Commission. The Attorney General's office recommended approval of the Recommended Order. The Commission reviewed the proposed order and exceptions filed by the Landowners, and voted to accept the Recommended Order.

Fourteen (14) additional Landowner/Anadarko APD's that were not referred to OAH, were continued to the February 2019 docket.

Docket 2706, 2709 - 2018 The Commission entered an order addressing the proper management of flash gas from liquid-rich horizontal wells. Following a presentation from both BP and Southland in September, the Commission requested staff work with the company to address flash gas capture in the Wamsutter field. Among other requirements, the order instructs BP and Southland to implement a management strategy and/or install devices to capture for sale any gas that flashes above 1-psi within 6 months. BP and Southland will report to the commission staff on its implementation in 6 months and will provide an update to the Commission at the December 2019 hearing.

Docket 3900-2018 Commission approved WOGCC staff to abandon and dispose of MTG Operating's equipment.

Docket 3901-2018 Commission approved WOGCC staff to abandon and dispose of LaBarge Mineral's equipment.

Docket 3902-2018 Commission approved WOGCC staff to abandon and dispose of Petrostar LLC's equipment.

Dockets 3394 - 3441, 2018 Commission continued this matter to allow WOGCC staff to conduct a technical review. Technical review will determine the length of the wellbore, the location of the wells, the interval depths, if the APDs meet setback requirements, and spacing requirements. The Commission will review the findings during January 2019 hearing and determine whether to approve or deny the permits.

Dockets 2786, 2787, 2793, 3258, 3269, 3270, 3271 - 2018 were continued to February 2019 for operators to potentially come to an agreement.