

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
SUPERVISOR OF WELLS

IN THE MATTER OF

THE PETITION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS)
CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER FROM THE)
SUPERVISOR OF WELLS APPROVING AN EXCEPTION) CAUSE NO. 11-2009
TO THE WELL SPACING PATTERN ESTABLISHED BY)
SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1-86 FOR A 665.86-ACRE PRAIRIE)
DU CHIEN FORMATION DRILLING UNIT.)

NOTICE OF HEARING

Take notice that a hearing will be held before the Supervisor of Wells (Supervisor) in the city of Lansing, Michigan, on the TENTH DAY OF DECEMBER (DECEMBER 10) 2009, BEGINNING AT 1:30 P.M., AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY STEPHEN NISBET HEARING ROOM, ATRIUM LEVEL, SOUTH TOWER, CONSTITUTION HALL, 525 WEST ALLEGAN STREET, LANSING, MICHIGAN. The hearing will be conducted pursuant to Part 615, Supervisor of Wells, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), MCL 324.61501 et seq.; the administrative rules, 1996 AACS, 2001 MR 2, 2002 MR 23, R 324.101 et seq.; and the Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; MSA 3.560(101) et seq.

The hearing is for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence pertaining to the need or desirability of issuing an order in the matter of the petition of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Petitioner).

Petitioner seeks an order of the Supervisor to abrogate the existing Prairie du Chien Formation drilling unit for the proposed Riverside 14-36 well, consisting of all of Section 36, T21N, R7W, Riverside Township, Missaukee County; and establish an off-pattern 665.86-acre drilling unit for the well, as an exception to the well spacing pattern established under Special Order No. 1-86. The proposed drilling unit consists of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 35; the SW 1/4 and W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 36, T21N, R7W, Riverside Township, Missaukee County; Gov't. Lot 4 of Section 1 and the NE 1/4 of Section 2, T20N, R7W, Marion Township, Osceola County, Michigan. In addition, Petitioner requests changing the offset drilling unit described as all of Section 1, T20N, R7W, Marion Township, Osceola County, to all of Section 1, except Gov't Lot 4, T20N, R7W, Marion Township, Osceola County; and establishing the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 35, Riverside Township, Missaukee County as a building block for purposes of constructing a future unit under Special Order No. 1-86.

You can obtain a copy of the written petition by requesting it in writing from Ms. Janet DeFur, Landman for Petitioner, 1700 Broadway, Suite 2300, Denver, CO 80290, telephone number 303-390-5576.

Take note that if you wish to participate as a party in the hearing by presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses, you shall prepare and mail or otherwise deliver to the Petitioner and Supervisor, not less than 5 days before the hearing date, an answer to the petition in the manner set forth in R 324 1204(6). Proof of mailing or delivering the answer shall be filed with the Supervisor on or before the date of the hearing. The answer shall state with specificity the interested person's position with regard to the petition. Failure to prepare and serve an answer in a timely manner shall preclude you from presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at the hearing. If an answer to the petition is not filed, the Supervisor may elect to consider the petition and enter an order without oral hearing. Mail the answer to the petition to Ms. Janet DeFur at the above address, and to the Supervisor in care of the Assistant Supervisor of Wells, Mr. Harold R. Fitch, Office of Geological Survey (OGS), P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7756.

Questions regarding Notice of Hearing should be directed to Ms. Susan Maul, OGS, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7756, phone 517-241-1552. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this hearing should call or write Ms. Maul at least a week in advance of the hearing date to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Dated: *Nov. 2, 2009*


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