

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
SUPERVISOR OF WELLS

IN THE MATTER OF

THE PETITION OF MILLER ENERGY COMPANY)	
II, LLC FOR AN ORDER OF THE SUPERVISOR)	
OF WELLS APPROVING A PLAN OF)	
UNITIZATION FOR ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY)	
BY INJECTION OF WATER, AND SUCH OTHER)	
APPROPRIATE SUBTANCES AS MAY BE)	CAUSE NO. 15-2023
APPROVED, INTO THE DUNDEE FORMATION)	
FOR THE ESSEXVILLE FIELD IN HAMPTON)	
TOWNSHIP, BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN; AND)	
ABROGATING EXISTING SPACING AND)	
PRORATION ORDERS AND RULES FOR SUCH)	
POOL)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

Take notice that an evidentiary hearing will be held before the Supervisor of Wells (Supervisor) on the TWELFTH DAY OF MARCH (MARCH 12) 2024, BEGINNING AT 1:00 P.M. The hearing will be conducted pursuant to Part 615, Supervisor of Wells; and Part 617, Unitization, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), MCL 324.61501 et seq., and the administrative rules, 1996 AACS, 2001 AACS, 2002 AACS, 2015 AACS, 2019 MR 20, 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.; MSA 3.560(101) et seq. Pursuant to the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING STANDARD No. 2023-1, the hearing will be conducted remotely. The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) will provide notice of videoconference links or phone numbers to all parties and individuals who provide a timely answer to the petition as detailed below.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony and evidence pertaining to the need or desirability of issuing an order in the matter of the petition of Miller Energy Company II, LLC (Petitioner), 10850 E. Traverse Highway, Suite 3375, Traverse City, Michigan 49684.

The Petitioner seeks an order of the Supervisor approving:

- (A) A unitized operation and the adoption of a plan for unit operations pursuant to Section 61704(4) of Part 617 for all formations lying between the top and the base of the Dundee Formation, an interval from 2,663 feet to 3,095 feet, or the stratigraphic equivalents encountered in the original, vertically drilled Wazbinsky 1-17

well (Permit No. 36329), located in the NW/4 SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Hampton Township, T14N, R6E, Bay County, Michigan (the Unitized Formation). The proposed unit area for the Essexville Unit is described as:

T14N, R6E, Hampton Township, Bay County, Michigan
Section 7: NE/4 NW/4; S FRL/2 NW/4; NW/4 NE/4; S/2 NE/4; N FRL/2 SW/4;
and SE/4
Section 8: SW/4 NW/4; SW/4; and S/2 SE/4
Section 9: SW/4 SW/4
Section 15: NW/4 NW/4; S/2 NW/4; SW/4 NE/4; NW/4 SE/4; and SW/4
Section 16: NW/4; NE/4; SE/4; N/2 SW/4; and SE/4 SW/4
Section 17: NE/4; N/2 NW/4; and SE/4 NW/4
Section 18: NE/4 NE/4

(B) An enhanced or secondary recovery operation pursuant to Section 61506(i), Part 615 of the NREPA and R 324.612. The Petitioner proposes to conduct enhanced recovery operations by injection of fresh water, recycled brine from the Unitized Formation, and other such appropriate substances as the Supervisor approves, into the Essexville Unit as described in (A).

(C) The operation of the Essexville Unit as an exception to the applicable spacing and proration provisions of Part 615, and its administrative rules.

You can obtain a copy of the written petition by requesting one in writing from Mr. CJ Miller, 10850 E. Traverse Highway, Suite 3375, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, telephone number 231-942-8134, ext. 1.

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 deliver to the Petitioner and the Supervisor, not less than five (5) business days before the hearing date, an answer to the petition in the manner set forth in R 324.61704 or 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 Mr. CJ Miller at the above address, and to the Supervisor in care of the Assistant Supervisor of Wells, Adam W. Wygant, at the address listed below and on the following page: EGLE, Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division, P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7756.

Questions regarding this Notice of Hearing should be directed to Kevin Carey, EGLE, P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7756, telephone number 989-370-1257. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this hearing should call or write Kevin Carey at least one week prior to the hearing date to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.



1/5/2024

Dated: _____

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