

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO
ESTABLISH SPECIAL STATEWIDE TEMPORARY SPACING
UNITS FOR WELLS DRILLED TO THE BAKKEN / THREE
FORKS POOL WITHIN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED
TOWNSHIPS:

ORDER 380-2011

TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGES 59 AND 60 EAST
TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGES 58 THROUGH 60 EAST
TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGES 56 THROUGH 59 EAST
TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGES 52 THROUGH 59 EAST
TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGES 53 THROUGH 59 EAST
TOWNSHIPS 28 THROUGH 32 NORTH, RANGES 54 THROUGH 59 EAST
TOWNSHIPS 33 THROUGH 35 NORTH, RANGES 56 THROUGH 58 EAST

IT IS PROPOSED THAT STAND-UP 1280-ACRE OR
TWO-SECTION TEMPORARY SPACING UNITS BE
ESTABLISHED FOR THE BAKKEN / THREE FORKS
POOL WITHIN THE DESCRIBED AREA, EXCLUDING
ANY LANDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY SUBJECT
TO TEMPORARY SPACING ORDERS. IT IS FURTHER
PROPOSED THAT THE AUTHORIZED WELL FOR
EACH SPACING UNIT BE LOCATED NO CLOSER
THAN 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) AND 200'
(HEEL AND TOE SETBACK) TO SPACING UNIT BOUNDARIES.
DESIGNATED LAY-DOWN OR EAST-WEST ORIENTED SPACING
UNITS WITHIN THE AREA WILL BE ADMINISTRATIVELY
APPROVED ONLY IF THE ORIENTATION IS REQUIRED
TO AVOID THE CREATION OF AN ORPHANED TRACT.
APPLICATIONS FOR PERMIT TO DRILL WITH
SPACING UNITS DESIGNATED UNDER A.R.M 36.22.703 WILL
BE ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED ONLY IN THOSE
CASES WHERE A SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF LESS
THAN 2 SECTIONS IS REQUIRED TO AVOID THE CREATION
OF AN ORPHANED TRACT. IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT WELL
LOCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING 2-SECTION
SPACING UNITS WITHIN THE DESCRIBED AREA BE
AMENDED TO 1320' LATERAL SETBACK AND 200' TOE
AND HEEL SETBACK.

Docket No. 462-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. Ms. Ann Ostby of Dagmar, Montana, was present to protest this application. She feels the Board needs to give notice to all interest owners in the lands covered by the proposed special statewide spacing and reflected in the caption. The Board's attorney noted the protest and directed the Board to proceed with the hearing on this matter.

3. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that special statewide temporary spacing units are hereby established for wells drilled to the Bakken/Three Forks pool in Richland, Roosevelt and Sheridan Counties, Montana, within the township/range locations listed in the caption.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the special statewide temporary spacing units be stand-up 1280-acre or two-section units within the described area, excluding any lands currently subject to temporary spacing orders.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized well for each special statewide temporary spacing unit be located no closer than 1320' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the spacing unit boundaries.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that designated lay-down or east-west oriented spacing units within the special statewide temporary spacing area will be administratively approved only if the orientation is required to avoid the creation of an orphaned tract.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applications for permit to drill with spacing units designated under A.R.M. 36.22.703 will be administratively approved only in those cases where a spacing unit comprised of less than two sections is required to avoid the creation of an orphaned tract.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that well location requirements for existing two-section spacing units within the described area be amended to 1320' lateral setback and 200' toe and heel setback.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a 500' lateral setback from the North Dakota border is authorized within existing temporary spacing units in the described area or in spacing units designated pursuant to this order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 380-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent.

Linda Nelson, Chairman

I dissent

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF FIDELITY
EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13 AND 24,
T21N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO
DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL THEREON AT ANY LOCATION
NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND
1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION
FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 381-2011

Docket No. 463-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Fidelity Exploration & Production Company is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER NO. 381-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF FIDELITY
EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION
COMPANY TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 25 AND 36, T21N-R57E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL THEREON AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200'
(HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320'
(LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE
BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS
OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 382-2011

Docket No. 465-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Fidelity Exploration & Production Company is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER NO. 382-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF FIDELITY
EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTIONS 25 AND 36, T22N-R57E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL THEREON
AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE
SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE
BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN
90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 383-2011

Docket No. 466-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney Richard Beatty suggested the north setback be 500' since the requested temporary spacing unit borders a permanent spacing unit with 660-foot setbacks.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 25 and 36, T22N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well thereon at any location not closer than 1320' (lateral setback), 200' to the south boundary, and 500' to the north boundary thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will file an application for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER NO. 383-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF FIDELITY
EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTIONS 22 AND 23, T22N-R57E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL THEREON
AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200'
(HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK)
TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL
FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 384-2011

Docket No. 467-2011

Report of the Board

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Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney Richard Beatty suggested the east setback be 500 feet since the requested temporary spacing unit borders a permanent spacing unit with 660-foot setbacks.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 22 and 23, T22N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well thereon at any location not closer than 200' to the west boundary, 500' to the east boundary, and 1320' lateral setbacks to the north and south.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will file an application for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER NO. 384-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF
PRIMARY PETROLEUM COMPANY USA, INC.
FOR A PERMIT TO DRILL AN OIL AND GAS
WELL TO THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS/NISKU
FORMATIONS AT A LOCATION 380' FSL AND
660' FEL OF SECTION 5, T28N-R4W, PONDERA
COUNTY, MONTANA. A PROTEST OF THE
APPLICATION BY STEPHEN HUTTON AND
LISA SCHMIDT OF CONRAD, MT WAS
RECEIVED ON OCTOBER 27, 2011.

ORDER 385-2011

Docket No. 469-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. Board member, Jay Gunderson recused himself and took no further part in the proceedings on this matter. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Ms. Lisa Schmidt, a surface owner in Section 5, T28N-R4W, Pondera County, Montana, was present to protest the drilling permit. She is concerned about ground water and air quality. She wants monitoring of air quality and ground water quality and quantity. She proposed the following two conditions be added to the drilling permit: a) that applicant pay for independent water quality/quantity monitoring for the life and ½ of the well; and b) that air quality monitoring equipment be installed at her home.
3. Mr. Tom Richmond, the Board's administrator, said air quality monitoring is a Department of Environmental Quality responsibility. He also suggested Ms. Schmidt obtain a pre-drilling sample of her ground water.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the requested drilling permit be issued to Primary Petroleum Company USA, Inc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a leak pan or liner be placed under fuel tanks during the drilling and completion of the well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if applicant's intent for the proposed well changes it shall notify Ms. Schmidt when the intent document is filed with the Board.

BOARD ORDER NO. 385-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF XTO ENERGY INC.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 142-2010, WHICH CREATED
A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT WITH 660' SETBACKS
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 2, T27N-R57E,
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO AUTHORIZE
APPLICANT TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE
FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE IN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL
SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
APPLICANT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 386-2011

Docket No. 470-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of XTO Energy Inc. is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 386-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF XTO ENERGY INC. TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 144-2010, WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT WITH 660' SETBACKS COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 35 AND 36, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO AUTHORIZE APPLICANT TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE IN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 387-2011

Docket No. 471-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of XTO Energy Inc. is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 387-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF
XTO ENERGY INC. TO POOL ALL INTERESTS
IN THE SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL
OF SECTION 25, T23N-R58E AND ALL OF
SECTION 30, T23N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY,
MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION OF BAKKEN
FORMATION OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL
GAS AND TO AUTHORIZE RECOVERY OF
NON-CONSENT PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A. WITH
RESPECT TO THE WITT #13X-25 WELL.

ORDER 388-2011

Docket No. 472-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Section 25, T23N-R58E and all of Section 30, T23N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that recovery of non-consent penalties in accordance with Section 82-11-202(2), M.C.A. with respect to the Witt #13X-25 well is hereby authorized.

BOARD ORDER NO. 388-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF XTO ENERGY INC.
TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 24, T23N-R58E
AND ALL OF SECTION 19, T23N-R59E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION OF
BAKKEN FORMATION OIL AND ASSOCIATED
NATURAL GAS AND TO AUTHORIZE RECOVERY
OF NON-CONSENT PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A. WITH
RESPECT TO THE SHERLOCK #13X-24 WELL.

ORDER 389-2011

Docket No. 473-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Section 24, T23N-R58E and all of Section 19, T23N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that recovery of non-consent penalties in accordance with Section 82-11-202(2), M.C.A. with respect to the Sherlock #13X-24 well is hereby authorized.

BOARD ORDER NO. 389-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T31N-R58E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE IN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 390-2011

Docket No. 474-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Marathon Oil Company is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 390-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T31N-R59E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE IN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 391-2011

Docket No. 475-2011 & 6-2012 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, T31N-R59E, Sheridan County, Montana, is Indian land. The order pertaining to those lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Marathon Oil Company is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 391-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 86-2010, WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT WITH 660' SETBACKS COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T31N-R59E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, TO ALLOW THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE IN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 392-2011

Docket No. 476-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Marathon Oil Company is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 392-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 57-2010, WHICH CREATED
A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT WITH 660' SETBACKS
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13 AND 24, T31N-R58E,
SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, TO ALLOW THE
DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE IN SAID TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE
SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE
EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL
FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 393-2011

Docket No. 477-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Marathon Oil Company is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 393-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 5-2011 AND BLM ORDER
5-2011 FED WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT WITH 660' SETBACKS COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T31N-R58E, SHERIDAN COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO ALLOW THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE
IN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER
THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL
SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
APPLICANT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 394-2011

Docket No. 478-2011 & 5-2011 Amendment #1

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14 is Indian land. The amendment to the federal order pertaining to those lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Marathon Oil Company is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 394-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BENSUN ENERGY, LLC TO
CONVERT THE BN 12-11 WELL (API #25-025-21021) IN
THE SW¹/₄NW¹/₄ OF SECTION 11, T9N-R58E, FALLON
COUNTY, MONTANA (MONARCH FIELD) TO A CLASS II
SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA
FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY
4009-4709 FT. AN AQUIFER EXEMPTION IS BEING
REQUESTED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION, AS WATER
IN THE PROPOSED INJECTION ZONE CONTAINS LESS
THAN 10,000 MG/L TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS.

ORDER 395-2011

Docket No. 480-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Bensun Energy, LLC is granted as applied for, subject to stipulations on the Sundry Notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 395-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ENERGY CORPORATION OF AMERICA TO DRILL THE FOOTHILLS #1-D WELL IN THE SE¼SE¼ OF SECTION 14, T6S-R17E, STILLWATER COUNTY, MONTANA (MACKAY DOME FIELD) AS A CLASS II SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE SUNDANCE FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 4050 FT. AN AQUIFER EXEMPTION IS BEING REQUESTED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION, AS WATER IN THE PROPOSED INJECTION ZONE CONTAINS LESS THAN 10,000 MG/L TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS.

ORDER 396-2011

Docket No. 481-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.

4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Energy Corporation of America is granted as applied for, subject to stipulations on the Sundry Notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 396-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF TAQA NORTH USA, INC.
TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTION 17, T37N-R56E, SHERIDAN COUNTY,
MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND
ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN
FORMATION FROM APPLICANT'S KAVON #17-16H WELL.

ORDER 397-2011

Docket No. 482-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Section 17, T37N-R56E, Sheridan County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation from applicant's Kavon #17-16H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 397-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF TAQA NORTH USA, INC.
TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SEC 5, T37N-R58E, SHERIDAN
COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL
AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE
BAKKEN FORMATION FROM APPLICANT'S
WESTGAARD #5-5H WELL.

ORDER 398-2011

Docket No. 483-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Section 5, T37N-R58E, Sheridan County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation from applicant's Westgaard #5-5H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 398-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF TAQA NORTH USA, INC.
TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE
ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELLS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 17, T37N-R56E,
SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY LOCATION
NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES
OF SAID SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 399-2011

Docket No. 484-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of TAQA North USA, Inc. is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 399-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF TAQA NORTH USA, INC.
TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE
ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELLS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 12, T37N-R57E,
SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY LOCATION
NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES
OF SAID SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 400-2011

Docket No. 485-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of TAQA North USA, Inc. is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 400-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF TAQA NORTH USA, INC.
TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE
ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELLS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 5, T37N-R58E,
SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY LOCATION
NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES
OF SAID SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 401-2011

Docket No. 486-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of TAQA North USA, Inc. is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 401-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF G3 OPERATING, LLC TO
CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T30N-R57E, ROOSEVELT
COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE BAKKEN FORMATION
AND TO ALLOW THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN FORMATION WELL NO CLOSER THAN 200'
(HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK)
TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 402-2011

Docket No. 488-2011 & 8-2012 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. These lands were previously spaced in Board Order 314-2010.
3. The SE ¼ of said Section 14 is Indian land and the order pertaining to such lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 314-2010 is hereby amended to allow the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all Sections 14 and 23, T30N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said well to be located no closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 1320' (lateral setback) to the boundaries of said temporary spacing unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 402-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF TOPAZ OIL AND GAS, INC.
TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE BOWDOIN FIELD RULES,
EFFECTIVE AS OF THE DATE OF FIRST PRODUCTION
FROM EACH WELL LISTED BELOW, TO PROVIDE THAT
AS FAR AS PRODUCTION FROM SAID WELLS IS
CONCERNED THE DESIGNATED PERMANENT SPACING
UNIT FOR EACH WELL IS THE RESPECTIVE 160-ACRE
GOVERNMENTAL QUARTER SECTION ALSO DESCRIBED
BELOW:

ORDER 403-2011

TOWNSHIP 32N – RANGE 33 EAST

SECTION 14: NW¼ (SCHEELE #4 WELL)

SECTION 14: SW¼ (SCHEELE #5 WELL)

SECTION 22: SE¼ (WHITE #5 WELL)

IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT ALL INTERESTS IN EACH
160-ACRE SPACING UNIT BE POOLED ON THE BASIS OF
SURFACE ACREAGE FOR PRODUCTION OF NATURAL
GAS FROM THE COLORADO GROUP OF FORMATIONS
FOR EACH OF THE RESPECTIVE WELLS.

Docket No. 489-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the Bowdoin Field rules are clarified to provide that effective the date of first production from the three captioned wells, as far as production from said wells is concerned, the designated permanent spacing unit for each well is the respective 160-acre governmental quarter section also described in the caption.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all interests in each spacing unit in the caption are pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of natural gas from all formations from the top of the Niobrara to the base of the Belle Fourche for each of the respective wells.

BOARD ORDER NO. 403-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF NFR BEAR PAW BASIN LLC
TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 326-2003 AND CREATE A
PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE
SW¹/₄SW¹/₄ OF SECTION 26, THE SE¹/₄SE¹/₄ OF SECTION 27,
THE NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ OF SECTION 34, AND THE NW¹/₄NW¹/₄ OF
SECTION 35, T36N-R15E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR
PRODUCTION OF EAGLE FORMATION NATURAL GAS
FROM APPLICATIONS WILLOW CREEK #34-1-36-15B WELL
LOCATED 350' FNL AND 171' FEL OF SAID SECTION 34.

ORDER 404-2011

Docket No. 490-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 326-2003 is hereby vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the SW¹/₄SW¹/₄ of Section 26, the SE¹/₄SE¹/₄ of Section 27, the NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ of Section 34, and the NW¹/₄NW¹/₄ of Section 35, T36N-R15E, Hill County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of Eagle Formation natural gas from applicant's Willow Creek #34-1-36-15B well located 350' FNL and 171' FEL of said Section 34.

BOARD ORDER NO. 404-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL THEREON AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) FROM THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 405-2011

Docket No. 491-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 5 and 8, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal well Bakken/Three Forks Formation well thereon at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 1320' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 405-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 260-2011, WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT WITH 660' HEEL/TOE AND 1320' LATERAL SETBACKS COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO ALLOW THE DRILLING OF UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 406-2011

Docket No. 492-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. Board member Jack King recused himself. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney John Lee amended the application to remove the increased well density request.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 260-2011 is hereby amended to allow the drilling of one horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 500' lateral setback amendment to Board Order 260-2011 is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 406-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 262-2011, WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT WITH 660' HEEL/TOE AND 1320' LATERAL SETBACKS COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO ALLOW THE DRILLING OF UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 407-2011

Docket No. 493-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. Board member Jack King recused himself. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney John Lee amended the application to remove the increased well density request.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 262-2011 is hereby amended to allow the drilling of one horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 14 and 23, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 500' lateral setback amendments to Board Order 262-2011 is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 407-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 261-2011, WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT WITH 660' HEEL/TOE AND 1320' LATERAL SETBACKS COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13 AND 24, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO ALLOW THE DRILLING OF UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 408-2011

Docket No. 494-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. Member, Jack King recused himself. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney John Lee amended the application to remove the increased well density request.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 261-2011 is hereby amended to allow the drilling of one horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 13 and 24, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 500' lateral setback authorized in the paragraph above is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 408-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 16 AND 21, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS THEREON AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 409-2011

Docket No. 495-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney John Lee amended the application to remove the increased well density request.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 16 and 21, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells thereon at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 500' lateral setback authorized in the paragraph above is only valid for one year from the date of this order, after which time the lateral setback will be 1320'.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will file an application for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER NO. 409-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T27N-R57E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS THEREON AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 410-2011

Docket No. 496-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney John Lee amended the application to remove the increased well density request.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 28 and 33, T27N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well thereon at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 500' lateral setback authorized in the paragraph above is only valid for one year from the date of this order, after which time the lateral setback will be 1320' .

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will file an application for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 410-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 26 AND 35, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS THEREON AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 411-2011

Docket No. 497-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney John Lee amended the application to remove the increased well density request.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 26 and 35, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well thereon at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 500' lateral setback authorized in the paragraph above is only valid for one year from the date of this order, after which time the lateral setback will be 1320'.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will file an application for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER NO. 411-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS THEREON AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 412-2011

Docket No. 498-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney John Lee amended the application to remove the increased well density request.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 30 and 31, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well thereon at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 500' lateral setback authorized in the paragraph above is only valid for one year from the date of this order, after which time the lateral setback will be 1320'.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will file an application for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER 412-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 15 AND 22, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS THEREON AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 413-2011

Docket No. 499-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney John Lee amended the application to remove the increased well density request.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 15 and 22, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well thereon at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 500' lateral setback authorized in the paragraph above is only valid for one year from the date of this order, after which time the lateral setback will be 1320'.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will file an application for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER NO. 413-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS THEREON AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 414-2011

Docket No. 500-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney John Lee amended the application to remove the increased well density request.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 4 and 9, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well thereon at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 500' lateral setback authorized in the paragraph above is only valid for one year from the date of this order, after which time the lateral setback will be 1320'.

BOARD ORDER NO. 414-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will file an application for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 16 AND 21, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS THEREON AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 415-2011

Docket No. 501-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney John Lee amended the application to remove the increased well density request.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 16 and 21, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well thereon at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 500' lateral setback authorized in the paragraph above is only valid for one year from the date of this order, after which time the lateral setback will be 1320'.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will file an application for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER NO. 415-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS THEREON AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 416-2011

Docket No. 504-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney John Lee amended the application to remove the increased well density request.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana all of Sections 6 and 7, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well thereon at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 500' lateral setback authorized in the paragraph above is only valid for one year from the date of this order, after which time the lateral setback will be 1320'.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will file an application for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER NO. 416-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTIONS 25 AND 36, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL THEREON
AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE
SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE
BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90
DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED
HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 417-2011

Docket No. 506-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Brigham Oil & Gas, LP is hereby granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 417-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings,
Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 33-2011 AND BLM ORDER
12-2011 FED WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20 AND 21,
T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO
ALLOW THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/
THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL THEREON AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE
SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE
BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL, WITHIN
90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE
PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN APPLICATION
FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 418-2011

Docket No. 507-2011 & 12-2011 FED Amendment #1

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 21, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is Indian land. The amendment to the federal order pertaining to those lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 33-2011 is hereby amended as set forth in the caption, and that the application of Brigham Oil & Gas, LP is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 418-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20
AND 21, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA,
AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE
SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE
BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 419-2011

Docket No. 510-2011 & 9-2012 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The $W\frac{1}{2}W\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 21, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is Indian land. The order pertaining to those lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. Board Order 418-2011 authorized the drilling of one well in the designated temporary spacing unit to be located no closer than 1320' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.
4. Applicant stated that the relief requested in this application would allow two wells to be drilled from the same well pad with concurrent stimulation and completion.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that a second horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well is authorized in the spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 20 and 21, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that authorization to drill the second well with a 500' lateral setback is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 419-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION
WELLS IN THE SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL
OF SECTIONS 25 AND 36, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER
THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL
SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 420-2011

Docket No. 512-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Board Order 417-2011 authorized the drilling of one well in the designated temporary spacing unit to be located no closer than 1320' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.
3. Applicant stated the relief requested in this application would allow two wells to be drilled from the same well pad and allow concurrent stimulation and completion.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that a second horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well is authorized in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 25 and 36, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that authorization to drill the second well with a 500' lateral setback is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 420-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7,
T27N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK)
AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF.

ORDER 421-2011

Docket No. 513-2011 & 11-2012 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, T27N-R57N, Roosevelt County, Montana, is Indian land. The order pertaining to those lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. Docket 430-2011, also scheduled for this hearing, is a request for designation of the temporary spacing unit described in the caption and to authorize the drilling of one well to be located no closer than 1320' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.
4. Applicant stated the relief requested in this application would allow two wells to be drilled from the same well pad and allow concurrent stimulation and completion.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that a second horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well is authorized in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 6 and 7, T27N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that authorization to drill the second well with a 500' lateral setback is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 421-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12,
T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK)
AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 422-2011

Docket No. 514-2011 & 12-2012 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana is Indian land and the order pertaining to those lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. Docket 416-2011, also scheduled for this hearing, is a request to amend Board Order 31-2011 that designated the above-described temporary spacing unit to authorize the drilling of one well to be located no closer than 1320' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.
4. Applicant stated the relief requested in this application would allow two wells to be drilled from the same well pad and allow concurrent stimulation and completion.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that a second horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well is authorized in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1 and 12, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that authorization to drill the second well with a 500' lateral setback is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 422-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23 AND 26,
T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK)
AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 423-2011

Docket No. 515-2011 & 13-2015 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Lots 1, 5 & 6, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana is Indian land and the order pertaining to those lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. Docket 418-2011, also scheduled for this hearing, is a request to amend Board Order 35-2011 which designated the above-described temporary spacing unit to authorize the drilling of one well to be located no closer than 1320' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.
4. Applicant stated the relief requested in this application would allow two wells to be drilled from the same well pad and allow concurrent stimulation and completion.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that a second horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well is authorized in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 23 and 26, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that authorization to drill the second well with a 500' lateral setback is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 423-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION
WELLS IN THE SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 15 AND 22, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY,
MONTANA, AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN
200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK)
TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 424-2011

Docket No. 516-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Board Order 187-2011 authorized the drilling of one well in the temporary spacing unit described in the caption, said well to be located no closer than 1320' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.
3. Applicant stated the relief requested in this application would allow two wells to be drilled from the same well pad and allow concurrent stimulation and completion.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that a second horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well is authorized in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 15 and 22, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that authorization to drill the second well with a 500' lateral setback is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 424-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 16 AND 21,
T25N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK)
AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 425-2011

Docket No. 517-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. Sections 16 and 21, T25N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is a permanent spacing unit as designated by Board Order 192-2007, and one additional well was authorized in said spacing unit by Board Order 36-2011 which directed a 660' setback from spacing unit boundaries.

3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 36-2011 is hereby vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the application of Brigham Oil & Gas, LP is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 425-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 245-2006, WHICH AUTHORIZED AN
ADDITIONAL DUAL LATERAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL TO BE DRILLED IN THE PERMANENT
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 22 AND 27,
T23N-R55E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO ALLOW
INSTEAD THE DRILLING OF UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN SAID
PERMANENT SPACING UNIT AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER
THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL
SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 426-2011

Docket No. 519-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Board Order 341-2008 created an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, T23N-R55E, Richland County, Montana, to drill a well in proximity to the common boundary between the two existing permanent spacing units. .
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 245-2006 is hereby amended to allow the drilling of up to four horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the permanent spacing unit comprised of Sections 22 and 27, T23N-R55E, Richland County, Montana, at any location not closer than 200' to the north spacing unit boundary and 500' to the south and west spacing unit boundary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the eastern-most additional well in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of said Sections 22 and 27 must be located no closer than 660' to the east boundary of said spacing unit, and said well must be drilled before the boundary well authorized in Board Order 341-2008 can be drilled.

BOARD ORDER NO. 426-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent.

Jack King, Board Member

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL
RESOURCES, INC. TO VACATE BOARD ORDER
354-2011 WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T26N-R54E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 427-2011

Docket No. 520-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 354-2011 is hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 427-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings,
Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL
OF SECTIONS 4, 9 AND 16, T26N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL THEREON AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER
THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK)
TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF A COMMERCIAL WELL.

ORDER 428-2011

Docket No. 521-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 4, 9, and 16, T26N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well thereon at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 1320' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant must file for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful completion of a well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 428-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 130-2006, WHICH AUTHORIZED AN
ADDITIONAL DUAL LATERAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL TO BE DRILLED IN THE PERMANENT
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 10 AND 15,
T25N-R55E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO ALLOW
INSTEAD THE DRILLING OF UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN SAID
PERMANENT SPACING UNIT AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER
THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK)
TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 429-2011

Docket No. 523-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 130-2006 is hereby amended to allow the drilling of up to four horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 10 and 15, T25N-R55E, Richland County, Montana, at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 429-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent.

Jack King, Board Member

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL
RESOURCES, INC. TO AMEND BOARD
ORDER 164-2007, WHICH AUTHORIZED AN
ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL TO BE DRILLED IN THE PERMANENT
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTION 5, T23N-R54E AND ALL OF
SECTION 32, T24N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO ALLOW INSTEAD THE DRILLING
OF UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE
FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN SAID PERMANENT
SPACING UNIT AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER
THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500'
(LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER NO. 430-2011

Docket No. 524-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Continental Resources, Inc. is hereby denied.

BOARD ORDER NO. 430-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent. I would grant the application.

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

I dissent. I would grant the application.

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

I dissent. I would grant the application.

Bret Smelser, Board Member

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 350-2005, WHICH CREATED A
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS
30 & 31, T27N-R53E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AND
AUTHORIZED THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/
THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL WITH 660' SETBACKS FROM
SPACING UNIT BOUNDARIES, TO ALLOW SAID HORIZONTAL
WELL TO BE DRILLED INSTEAD ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE
SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE
BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 431-2011

Docket No. 534-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 350-2005 is hereby amended, and that the application of Continental Resources, Inc. is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 431-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 425-2005, WHICH CREATED A
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS
3 & 10, T27N-R53E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AND
AUTHORIZED THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/
THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL WITH 660' SETBACKS FROM
SPACING UNIT BOUNDARIES, TO ALLOW SAID HORIZONTAL
WELL TO BE DRILLED INSTEAD ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' TO THE NORTH/
SOUTH BOUNDARIES AND 1320' TO THE EAST/WEST
BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 432-2011

Docket No. 536-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. A letter of support was received from Fort Peck Energy Company of Poplar, Montana.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 425-2005 is hereby amended to allow the drilling of a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3 and 10, T27N-R53E, Richland County, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 1320' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 432-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 345-2005 AND BLM ORDER
11-2005 FED, WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T27N-R54E,
RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, TO
DRILL A MULTILATERAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL WITH 660' SETBACKS, TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING
OF A SINGLE LATERAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL INSTEAD ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200'
(HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320'(LATERAL SETBACK) TO
THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 433-2011

Docket No. 541-2011 & 11-2005 Amendment #1

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Indian minerals are located in Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Section 6, T27N-R54E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana. The amendment to the federal order pertaining to those lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 345-2005 is hereby amended to authorize the drilling of a single lateral horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 6 and 7, T27N-R54E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 1320' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 433-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF
SECTIONS 18 AND 19, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT
BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320'
(LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN
90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 434-2011

Docket No. 542-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Continental Resources, Inc. is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 434-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.
TO CREATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF
ALL OF SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T25N-R55E, RICHLAND COUNTY,
MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION OF BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM
APPLICANT'S COCHRANE 1-11H WELL.

ORDER 435-2011

Docket No. 544-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 2 and 11, T25N-R55E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated a permanent spacing unit for production of Bakken/Three Forks Formation oil and associated natural gas from the Cochrane 1-11H well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 435-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.
TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T25N-R55E,
RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION OF
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION OIL AND ASSOCIATED
NATURAL GAS FROM THE COCHRANE 1-11H WELL, AND TO
IMPOSE NON-JOINDER PENALTIES AUTHORIZED IN
SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A.

ORDER 436-2011

Docket No. 545-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2 and 11, T25N-R55E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of Bakken/Three Forks Formation oil and associated natural gas from the Cochrane 1-11H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that non-joinder penalties are hereby authorized in accordance with Section 82-11-202(2), M.C.A.

BOARD ORDER NO. 436-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDERS 10-2009 AND 109-2009 WHICH
CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL
OF SECTIONS 20 AND 29, T23N-R55E, RICHLAND COUNTY,
MONTANA, AND AUTHORIZED AN INITIAL AND AN
ADDITIONAL BAKKEN AND/OR THREE FORKS/SANISH
FORMATION WELL WITH 660' SETBACKS, TO INSTEAD
AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO FOUR ADDITIONAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION HORIZONTAL WELLS
IN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER
THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL
SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 437-2011

Docket No. 547-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney Don Lee amended the request to eliminate the increased well density and only drill one well.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Orders 10-2009 and 109-2009 are hereby amended to authorize the drilling of one Bakken/Three Forks Formation horizontal well in the temporary spacing comprised of all of Sections 20 and 29, T23N-R55E, Richland County, Montana, at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 1320' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 437-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF TOMAHAWK OIL
COMPANY, INC., TO CONVERT THE STENSVAD
UNIT #31 WELL (API #25-065-05614) IN THE
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 9, T11N-R31E,
MUSSELSHELL COUNTY, MONTANA (STENSVAD
FIELD) TO A CLASS II ENHANCED RECOVERY
INJECTION WELL IN THE TYLER FORMATION
AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5258-5285 FEET.

ORDER 438-2011

Docket No. 557-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Tomahawk Oil Company, Inc. is granted as applied for, subject to stipulations on the Sundry Notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 438-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM, INC.
TO CREATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T27N-R58E, ROOSEVELT
COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION OF BAKKEN/
THREE FORKS FORMATION OIL AND ASSOCIATED
NATURAL GAS FROM THE OASIS MARILYN #2758 42-11H
WELL.

ORDER 439-2011

Docket No. 558-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 14 and 23, T27N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of Bakken/Three Forks Formation oil and associated natural gas from the Oasis Marilyn #2758 42-11H well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 439-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM, INC.
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK)
AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL
COMPLETION.

ORDER 440-2011

Docket No. 559-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Oasis Petroleum, Inc. is hereby granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 440-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM, INC.
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTIONS 27 AND 28, T27N-R58E, RICHLAND
AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, TO DRILL A
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION
WELL AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 200'
(HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK)
TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL
FILE FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS
OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 441-2011

Docket No. 560-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 27 and 28, T27N-R58E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well at any location not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 1320' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant will file for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 441-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM, INC.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 93-2011 WHICH ESTABLISHED
A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL
OF SECTIONS 25 AND 36, T27N-R57E, ROOSEVELT
COUNTY, MONTANA, AND AUTHORIZED THE
DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL NO CLOSER THAN 660' (HEEL/TOE
SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE
BOUNDARIES OF SAID SPACING UNIT, TO INSTEAD
ALLOW SAID HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE
WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL
SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
WILL FILE FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS
OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 442-2011

Docket No. 562-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 93-2011 is hereby amended as set forth in the caption, and that the application of Oasis Petroleum, Inc. is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 442-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM, INC.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 97-2011 WHICH ESTABLISHED
A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T27N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, AND AUTHORIZED THE DRILLING OF A
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION
WELL NO CLOSER THAN 660' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK)
AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES
OF SAID SPACING UNIT, TO INSTEAD ALLOW SAID
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL
TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING
UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK)
AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL
COMPLETION.

ORDER 443-2011

Docket No. 563-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 97-2011 is hereby amended as set forth in the caption, and that the application of Oasis Petroleum, Inc. is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 443-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM, INC.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 103-2010 WHICH ESTABLISHED
A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T27N-R59E, RICHLAND AND
ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, AND AUTHORIZED
THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL NO CLOSER THAN 660' (HEEL/TOE
SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE
BOUNDARIES OF SAID SPACING UNIT, TO INSTEAD
ALLOW SAID HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN
SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200'
(HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK)
TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE
FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 444-2011

Docket No. 564-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 103-2010 is hereby amended as set forth in the caption, and that the application of Oasis Petroleum, Inc. is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 444-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM, INC.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 312-2010 WHICH ESTABLISHED
A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 17 AND 20, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, AND AUTHORIZED THE DRILLING OF A
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL
NO CLOSER THAN 660' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320'
(LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID
SPACING UNIT, TO INSTEAD ALLOW SAID HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL TO BE
LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT
NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320'
(LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
APPLICANT WILL FILE FOR PERMANENT SPACING
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 445-2011

Docket No. 565-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 312-2010 is hereby amended as set forth in the caption, and that the application of Oasis Petroleum, Inc. is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 445-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM, INC.
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTIONS 26 AND 35, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT
COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL TO BE
LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT
BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK)
AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL
COMPLETION.

ORDER 446-2011

Docket No. 566-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Oasis Petroleum, Inc. is hereby granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 446-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM, INC.
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTION 35, T27N-R58E AND ALL OF
SECTION 2, T26N-R58E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT
COUNTIES, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL TO BE
LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT
BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND
1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL
COMPLETION.

ORDER 447-2011

Docket No. 568-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Oasis Petroleum, Inc. is hereby granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 447-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM, INC.
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTION 36, T27N-R58E AND ALL OF
SECTION 1, T26N-R58E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT
COUNTIES, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL TO BE
LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT
BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK)
AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL
COMPLETION.

ORDER 448-2011

Docket No. 569-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Oasis Petroleum, Inc. is hereby granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 448-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BENSUN ENERGY, LLC
FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE \$5000 FINE
ORIGINALLY ASSESSED IN BOARD ORDER 177-2011
(WHICH WAS ORDERED COLLECTED IN BOARD
ORDER 376-2011 ISSUED AT THE BOARD'S
OCTOBER 13, 2011 PUBLIC HEARING) FOR FAILURE
TO HAVE THE BN 11-11 WELL LOCATED IN SECTION
11, T9N-R58E, FALLON COUNTY, MONTANA,
PLUGGED OR PRODUCING BY THAT DATE.
THAT FINE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

ORDER 449-2011

BENSUN ENERGY, LLC HAS ALSO REQUESTED
RECONSIDERATION OF THE OTHER \$5000 FINE THAT
WAS ORIGINALLY ORDERED IN BOARD ORDER
2-A-2010 FOR FAILURE TO HAVE THE BN 11-11 WELL
PRODUCING OR PLUGGED AND THE BN 12-11 WELL
(ALSO LOCATED IN SECTION 11, T9N-R58E, FALLON
COUNTY, MONTANA) COMPLETELY CLEANED UP BY
DECEMBER 1, 2010. COLLECTION OF THAT FINE WAS
ALSO ORDERED IN BOARD ORDER 376-2011. THAT
FINE WAS RECEIVED AND THE FUNDS WERE DEPOSITED.

THE BOARD WILL DECIDE AT ITS BUSINESS MEETING AT
2:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011 WHETHER
OR NOT TO ALLOW THE REHEARING ON ONE OR BOTH
OR NEITHER OF THE FINES. IF A REHEARING IS NOT
GRANTED, THIS DOCKET IS DISMISSED.

Docket No. 570-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. Jack King, Board Member, recused himself. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The Board voted at its business meeting on December 14, 2011, to have a rehearing on both fines set forth in the caption.
3. The \$5000 fine assessed in Board Order 177-2011 had been received and deposited by the hearing date.

BOARD ORDER NO. 449-2011

4. The BN 11-11 well was producing and the BN 12-11 well site had been completely cleaned up by the hearing date.

5. Mr. Lance Benson of Bensun Energy, LLC was present at the hearing. He requested both fines be refunded.

6. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the \$5000 fine assessed in Board Order 177-2011 be refunded.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent,

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

I dissent,

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF SLAWSON EXPLORATION
COMPANY, INC. TO CREATE A PERMANENT SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 8, T23N-R53E,
RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION
OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE
BAKKEN FORMATION.

ORDER 450-2011

Docket No. 5-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Section 8, T23N-R53E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation from the Scoundrel 1-8H well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 450-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF SLAWSON EXPLORATION
COMPANY, INC. TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE
PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTION 8, T23N-R53E, RICHLAND COUNTY,
MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL AND
ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE
BAKKEN FORMATION, AND TO AUTHORIZE
RECOVERY OF NON-CONSENT PENALTIES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A.

ORDER 451-2011

Docket No. 6-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Section 8, T23N-53E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation from the Scoundrel 1-8H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that recovery of non-consent penalties in accordance with Section 82-11-202(2), M.C.A is hereby authorized.

BOARD ORDER NO. 451-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF SLAWSON EXPLORATION
COMPANY, INC. TO CREATE A PERMANENT SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 19, T30N-R59E,
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION
OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE
BAKKEN FORMATION.

ORDER 452-2011

Docket No. 11-2011 & 4-2011 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 19 is Indian land. The order pertaining to said lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Section 19, T30N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation from the Mayhem 1-19H well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 452-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORPORATION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12 AND 13, T24N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF TWO HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION WELLS FROM A COMMON PAD, SAID WELLS TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660' TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT STATES IT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELLS.

ORDER 453-2011

Docket No. 155-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 1, 12, and 13, T24N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of two horizontal Bakken Formation wells from a common pad, said wells to be located anywhere within said temporary spacing unit but not closer than 660' to the exterior boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful completion of the proposed horizontal wells.

BOARD ORDER NO. 453-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORPORATION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7 AND 18, T24N-R60E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF TWO HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION WELLS FROM A COMMON PAD, SAID WELLS TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660' TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT STATES IT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELLS.

ORDER 454-2011

Docket No. 156-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 6, 7, and 18, T24N-R60E, Richland County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of two horizontal Bakken Formation wells from a common pad, said wells to be located anywhere within said temporary spacing unit but not closer than 660' to the exterior boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful completion of the proposed horizontal wells.

BOARD ORDER NO. 454-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORPORATION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 17 AND 20, T24N-R60E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF TWO HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION WELLS FROM A COMMON PAD, SAID WELLS TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660' TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT STATES IT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELLS.

ORDER 455-2011

Docket No. 157-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 17, and 20, T24N-R60E, Richland County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of two horizontal Bakken Formation wells from a common pad, said wells to be located anywhere within said temporary spacing unit but not closer than 660' to the exterior boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant will for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful completion of the proposed horizontal wells.

BOARD ORDER NO. 455-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 8 AND 17,
T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, ON THE
BASIS OF SURFACE ACREAGE, FOR PRODUCTION OF
BAKKEN FORMATION OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL
GAS FROM THE GOBBS 17-8 #1-H WELL AND TO
AUTHORIZE RECOVERY OF NON-JOINDER PENALTIES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A.

ORDER 456-2011

Docket No. 240-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 8 and 17, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of Bakken Formation oil and associated natural gas from the Gobbs 17-8 #1-H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that recovery of non-joinder penalties in accordance with Section 82-11-202(2), M.C.A. is hereby authorized.

BOARD ORDER NO. 456-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 19
AND 30, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA,
ON THE BASIS OF SURFACE ACREAGE, FOR PRODUCTION
OF BAKKEN FORMATION OIL AND ASSOCIATED
NATURAL GAS FROM THE JOHNSON 30-19 #1H WELL
AND TO AUTHORIZE RECOVERY OF NON-JOINDER
PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A.

ORDER 457-2011

Docket No. 242-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 19 and 30, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of Bakken Formation oil and associated natural gas from the Johnson 30-19 #1-H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that recovery of non-joinder penalties in accordance with Section 82-11-202(2), M.C.A. is hereby authorized.

BOARD ORDER NO. 457-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MOUNTAIN VIEW ENERGY, INC. TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T33N-R58E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION WELL THEREON, SAID WELL TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 458-2011

Docket No. 296-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. At the hearing, applicant's attorney Loren J. O'Toole, II amended the application to request 200' heel/toe setbacks.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 6 and 7, T33N-R58E, Sheridan County, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken Formation well thereon, said well to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 1320' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will file an application for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER NO. 458-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF SAMSON RESOURCES
COMPANY TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7,
T33N-R56E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, TO
DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL AT ANY LOCATION THEREON
NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND
1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 459-2011

Docket No. 334-2011 & 20-2012 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Lots 1 and 2 of Section 7, T33N-R56E, Sheridan County, Montana is Indian land. The order pertaining to those lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Samson Resources Company is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 459-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF SAMSON RESOURCES COMPANY TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 15 AND 22, T35N-R56E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT ANY LOCATION THEREON NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 460-2011

Docket No. 336-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Samson Resources Company is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 460-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF FIDELITY EXPLORATION
& PRODUCTION COMPANY TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 8
AND 17, T22N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL THEREON AT ANY LOCATION NOT
CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320'
(LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID
SPACING UNIT. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 461-2011

Docket No. 342-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. Member, Jack King recused himself. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Slawson Exploration Company, Inc., (Slawson) a working interest owner in the proposed spacing unit, was present to protest the application and was represented by Mr. Todd Slawson and attorney Loren J. O'Toole, II. Slawson does not believe it is necessary to have 1280-acre spacing units here, does not believe it has been proven that 640-acre spacing units will not work, and would prefer to drill Section 8 as their 640-acre concept well.
3. At the hearing, applicant's attorney Richard Beatty, said they would agree to a 500' setback to the north.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 8 and 17, T22N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well thereon at any location not closer than 1320' (lateral setback) to the east/west boundaries, 200' setback to the south boundary, and 500' setback to the north boundary of said spacing unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant will apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER NO. 461-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent.

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF
EOG RESOURCES, INC. TO CREATE
A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS
32 AND 33, T26N-R54E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR
PRODUCTION OF BAKKEN
FORMATION OIL AND ASSOCIATED
NATURAL GAS FROM APPLICANT'S
THERESE #2-32H WELL.

ORDER 462-2011

Docket No. 387-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 32 and 33, T26N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of Bakken Formation oil and associated natural gas from applicant's Therese #2-32H well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 462-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF SLAWSON EXPLORATION COMPANY, INC., TO RE-ENTER THE BURLINGTON 13-19H WELL (API #25-083-21866) IN THE NW¼SW¼ OF SECTION 19, T23N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA (LANE FIELD), CHANGE ITS NAME TO THE VERSCHOOT 1-19 SWD, AND COMPLETE IT AS A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE MUDDY FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 4758-4884 FEET AND THE DAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 4994-5672 FT. AN AQUIFER EXEMPTION IS BEING REQUESTED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION, AS WATER IN THE PROPOSED INJECTION ZONE CONTAINS LESS THAN 10,000 MG/L TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS.

ORDER 463-2011

Docket No. 392-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Slawson Exploration Company, Inc. is granted as applied for, subject to stipulations on the Sundry Notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 463-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF SLAWSON EXPLORATION COMPANY, INC., TO CONVERT THE ULLMAN 33-20 WELL (API #25-083-21364) IN THE NW¹/₄SE¹/₄ OF SECTION 20, T20N-R60E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, (WILDCAT) TO A CLASS II SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE MUDDY FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5076-5139 FEET AND THE DAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5314-5887 FEET. AN AQUIFER EXEMPTION IS BEING REQUESTED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION, AS WATER IN THE PROPOSED INJECTION ZONE CONTAINS LESS THAN 10,000 MG/L TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS.

ORDER 464-2011

Docket No. 393-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Slawson Exploration Company, Inc. is granted as applied for, subject to stipulations on the Sundry Notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 464-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 31-2011 AND BLM ORDER
11-2011 FED WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL WITH 660' SETBACKS COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO AUTHORIZE INSTEAD THE DRILLING
OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL
SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 465-2011

Docket No. 416-2011 & 11-2011 FED Amendment #1

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The E $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, contains minerals held in trust by the United States. The amendment to the federal order pertaining to those lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 31-2011 is hereby modified as set forth in the caption, and that the application of Brigham Oil & Gas, LP is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 465-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 35-2011 AND BLM ORDER
14-2011 FED WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL WITH 660' SETBACKS COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 23 AND 26, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO AUTHORIZE INSTEAD THE DRILLING
OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION
WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK)
AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL
COMPLETION.

ORDER 466-2011

Docket No. 418-2011 & 14-2011 FED Amendment #1

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Lots 5, 6, 1, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, contains minerals held in trust by the United States. The amendment to the federal order pertaining to these lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Brigham Oil & Gas, LP is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 466-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 49-2010 TO AUTHORIZE
THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE
FORKS WELL ANYWHERE IN THE TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 17
AND 20, T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA,
SAID WELL TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 1320' TO THE
SIDE BOUNDARIES AND 200' TO THE TOE/HEEL
BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 467-2011

Docket No. 421-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 49-2010 is hereby amended as set forth in the caption, and that the application of Brigham Oil & Gas, LP is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 467-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL THEREON
AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 1320' TO THE
SIDE BOUNDARIES AND 200' TO THE TOE/HEEL
BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY
FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 468-2011

Docket No. 424-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Brigham Oil & Gas, LP is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 468-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T27N-R57E, ROOSEVELT
COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL THEREON
AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 1320' TO THE
SIDE BOUNDARIES AND 200' TO THE TOE/HEEL
BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY
FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 469-2011

Docket No. 430-2011 & 10-2012 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, T27N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, contains minerals held in trust by the United States. The order pertaining to those lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Brigham Oil & Gas, LP is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 469-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 3 AND 10,
T25N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 500' TO THE SIDE
BOUNDARIES AND 200' TO THE TOE/HEEL BOUNDARIES
OF SAID SPACING UNIT, WITH THE STIPULATION THAT
THE FIRST WELL DRILLED WILL BE LOCATED 1320'
FROM THE SIDE BOUNDARIES.

ORDER 470-2011

Docket No. 434-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Board Order 139-2010 authorized the drilling of one well in the temporary spacing unit described in the caption, with said well to be located no closer than 660' to the boundaries thereof.
3. Applicant stated the relief requested in this application would allow two wells to be drilled from the same well pad and allow concurrent stimulation and completion.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 139-2010 is hereby amended to allow the authorized well to be drilled no closer than 1320' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries of said temporary spacing unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a second horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well is authorized in the temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 3 and 10, T25N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, at any location not closer than 500' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries of said spacing unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorization to drill the second well with a 500' lateral setback is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 470-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 11 AND 14,
T25N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 500' TO THE SIDE
BOUNDARIES AND 200' TO THE TOE/HEEL BOUNDARIES
OF SAID SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 471-2011

Docket No. 435-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The lands described in the caption were designated a permanent spacing unit by Board Order 338-2007, and Board Order 66-2011 as amended by Board Order 192-2011 authorized the drilling of an additional well in the spacing unit with 660' lateral and 200' heel/toe setbacks.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Orders 66-2011 and 192-2011 are hereby amended to allow the drilling and completion of up to four horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 11 and 14, T25N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, at any location not closer than 500' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries of said spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 471-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 15 AND 22,
T25N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 500' TO THE SIDE
BOUNDARIES AND 200' TO THE TOE/HEEL BOUNDARIES
OF SAID SPACING UNIT, WITH THE STIPULATION THAT
THE FIRST WELL DRILLED WILL BE LOCATED 1320'
FROM THE SIDE BOUNDARIES.

ORDER 472-2011

Docket No. 436-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Board Order 45-2007 designated the lands described in the caption as a temporary spacing unit with a 660' setback from spacing unit boundaries.
3. Applicant stated the relief requested in this application would allow two wells to be drilled from the same well pad and allow concurrent stimulation and completion.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 45-2007 is hereby amended to allow 1320' lateral and 200' heel/toe setbacks for the authorized well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well may be drilled and completed in the spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 15 and 22, T25N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, at any location not closer than 500' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that authorization to drill the second well with a 500' lateral setback is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 472-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS
25, 26, 35 AND 36, T25N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY,
MONTANA, AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 500'
TO THE SIDE BOUNDARIES AND 200' TO THE TOE/HEEL
BOUNDARIES OF SAID SPACING UNIT, WITH THE
STIPULATION THAT THE FIRST WELL DRILLED WILL BE
LOCATED 1320' FROM THE SIDE BOUNDARIES.

ORDER 473-2011

Docket No. 437-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Board Order 188-2011 established a temporary spacing unit comprised of the lands described in the caption and set forth that the authorized well for said spacing unit be located no closer than 1320' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.
3. Applicant stated the relief requested in this application would allow two wells to be drilled from the same well pad and allow concurrent stimulation and completion.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well may be drilled and completed in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36, T25N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, at any location not closer than 500' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the authorization to drill the second well with a 500' lateral setback is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 473-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 35 AND 36,
T26N-R59E AND SECTIONS 1 AND 2, T25N-R59E,
RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY LOCATION
NOT CLOSER THAN 500' TO THE SIDE BOUNDARIES
AND 200' TO THE TOE/HEEL BOUNDARIES OF SAID
SPACING UNIT, WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THE
FIRST WELL DRILLED WILL BE LOCATED 1320' FROM
THE SIDE BOUNDARIES

ORDER 474-2011

Docket No. 438-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Board Order 189-2011 established a temporary spacing unit comprised of the lands described in the caption and directed that the authorized well for said spacing unit be located no closer than 1320' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.
3. Slawson Exploration Company, Inc. (Slawson), owner of 100 percent of the minerals in correction Section 36, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, was present to protest the application and was represented by Mr. Todd Slawson and attorney Loren J. O'Toole, II. Slawson objected to the requested spacing and the request for authorization to drill additional wells in the spacing unit.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well may be drilled and completed in the temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 35 and 36, T26N-R59E and Sections 1 and 2, T25N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, at any location not closer than 500' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that authorization to drill the second well with a 500' lateral setback is only valid for one year from the date of this order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 474-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent.

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

I dissent.

Bret Smelser, Board Member

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7,
T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 500' TO THE SIDE
BOUNDARIES AND 200' TO THE TOE/HEEL BOUNDARIES
OF SAID SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 475-2011

Docket No. 439-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Board Order 146-2010 established a temporary spacing unit comprised of the lands described in the caption and directed that the authorized well for said spacing unit be located no closer than 660' to the boundaries thereof.
3. Applicant stated the relief requested in this application would allow two wells to be drilled from the same well pad and allow concurrent stimulation and completion.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 146-2010 is hereby amended to allow 1320' lateral and 200' heel/toe setbacks for the well authorized under that order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well may be drilled and completed in the temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 6 and 7, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, at any location not closer than 500' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that authorization to drill the second well with a 500' lateral setback is valid for one year from the date of this order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 475-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 19 AND 30,
T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 500' TO THE SIDE
BOUNDARIES AND 200' TO THE TOE/HEEL BOUNDARIES
OF SAID SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 476-2011

Docket No. 441-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Sections 19 and 30, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Board Order 65-2011 and interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Board Order 457-2011.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Brigham Oil & Gas, LP is authorized for authorization to drill up to four horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the spacing unit comprised of Sections 19 and 30, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, at any location not closer than 500' (lateral setback) and 200' (heel/toe setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 476-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM OIL & GAS, LP
TO CREATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTIONS 10 AND 15, T29N-R55E, ROOSEVELT
COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION OF BAKKEN
FORMATION OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS
FROM THE BECK 15-10 #1-H WELL.

ORDER 477-2011

Docket No. 445-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 10 and 15, T29N-R55E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of Bakken/Three Forks Formation oil and associated natural gas from the Beck 15-10 #1H well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 477-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MOUNTAIN VIEW ENERGY, INC. TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 27 AND 34, T33N-R58E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION WELL TO BE DRILLED WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT ANYWHERE NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 1320' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.703. APPLICANT WILL FILE FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 478-2011

Docket No. 450-2011 & 5-2012 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. There are Indian lands included in this application (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27) and the order pertaining to those lands will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Mountain View Energy, Inc. is hereby granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 478-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF SLAWSON EXPLORATION
COMPANY, INC. TO CREATE A PERMANENT SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 3, T26N-R59E,
RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA,
FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL
GAS FROM THE BAKKEN FORMATION FROM THE
BATTALION #1-3H WELL.

ORDER 479-2011

Docket No. 452-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Section 3, T26N-R59E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation from the Battalion #1-3H well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 479-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF SLAWSON EXPLORATION
COMPANY, INC. TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 3,
T26N-R59E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES,
MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED
NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN FORMATION
FROM THE BATTALION #1-3H WELL.

ORDER 480-2011

Docket No. 453-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Section 3, T26N-R59E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation from the Battalion #1-3H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that imposition of risk penalties in accordance with Section 82-11-202(2) is hereby authorized.

BOARD ORDER NO. 480-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE
BRENT ZIMMERMAN TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE,
IF ANY HE HAS, WHY HIS BOND SHOULD NOT BE
FORFEITED FOR FAILURE TO HAVE COMPLIANCE
AND CLEAN-UP ISSUES AT THE HERINGER 11-21
WELL LOCATED IN SECTION 11, T30N-R44E,
VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA, ADDRESSED BY
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011.

ORDER 481-2011

Docket No. 571-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. Board member Jack King recused himself and took no further part in the proceedings on this matter. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Mr. Brent Zimmerman was present at the hearing. He is willing to fix the compliance and clean-up issues at the Heringer 11-21 well and pay the \$1000 fine assessed in Board Order 257-2011.
3. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the \$1000 fine ordered in Board Order 257-2011 must be paid and all compliance and clean-up issues at the Heringer 11-21 well must be addressed by the Board's June 14, 2012 public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 481-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE
ATHENA ENERGY, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW
CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ITS WELLS
LOCATED IN LIBERTY, HILL AND VALLEY
COUNTIES, MONTANA, SHOULD NOT BE
IMMEDIATELY PLUGGED AND ABANDONED
IF A SATISFACTORY PLUGGING PLAN IS NOT
PRESENTED TO THE BOARD BY
DECEMBER 15, 2011.

ORDER 482-2011

Docket No. 572-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 15th day of December, 2011 at the Board's hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Vice-Chairman Wayne Smith was absent from the hearing. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No one appeared on behalf of Athena Energy, LLC at the hearing.
3. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Athena Energy, LLC be scheduled for a Show-Cause Hearing for bond forfeiture at the Board's March 2012 hearing for failure to plug and abandon its wells in Liberty, Hill and Valley Counties, Montana.

BOARD ORDER NO. 482-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 15th day of December, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary