

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF
CLINE PRODUCTION COMPANY TO ADD
NEW INJECTION PERFORATIONS IN THE
MESA-FEDERAL 30-11R ENHANCED
RECOVERY INJECTION WELL
(API #25-087-21509) LOCATED IN THE
NE¼ SW¼ OF SECTION 30, T12N-R33E,
ROSEBUD COUNTY, MONTANA (RATTLER
BUTTE FIELD). THE NEW PERFORATIONS
ARE IN THE TYLER FORMATION AT A
DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5260-5264'
AND 5302-5350'.

ORDER 1-2011

Docket No. 1-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 Cline Production Company is granted as applied for, subject to stipulations on the Sundry Notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 1-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 CLINE
PRODUCTION COMPANY TO CONVERT THE
HARRIS 5-4 WELL (API #25-087-05181) LOCATED IN THE
SW¹/₄SE¹/₄ OF SECTION 24, T11N-R32E, ROSEBUD COUNTY,
MONTANA (SUMATRA FIELD) TO AN ENHANCED
RECOVERY INJECTION WELL IN THE TYLER FORMATION
AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 4829-4882'.

ORDER 2-2011

Docket No. 2-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 Cline Production Company is granted as applied for, subject to stipulations on the Sundry Notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 2-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 TRUE OIL LLC
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 18 AND 19,
T28N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO
DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER
THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
APPLICANT STATES IT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION
FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED
HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 3-2011

Docket No. 3-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 18 and 19, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken /Three Forks Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

BOARD ORDER NO. 3-2011

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

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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 TRUE OIL LLC
TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20 AND 21,
T28N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO
DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER
THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
APPLICANT STATES IT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION
FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED
HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 4-2011

Docket No. 4-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 20 and 21, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken /Three Forks Formation well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 4-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

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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 CARDINAL
OIL LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14 AND 23,
T31N-R58E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE
WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT
CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF
AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.703(4). APPLICANT
STATES IT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 5-2011

Docket No. 12-2011 & 5-2011 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter 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 that Sections 14 and 23, T31N-R58E, Sheridan County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant will file an application for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful completion of the proposed horizontal 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. 5-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 CARDINAL
OIL LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS
29 AND 32, T31N-R58E, SHERIDAN COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER
THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF
AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.703(4).
APPLICANT STATES IT WILL APPLY FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 6-2011

Docket No. 13-2011 & 6-2011 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 29 and 32, T31N-R58E, Sheridan County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

BOARD ORDER NO. 6-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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, T29N-R55E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
STATES IT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED
HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 7-2011

Docket No. 14-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 5 and 8, T29N-R55E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

BOARD ORDER NO. 7-2011

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 17 AND 20, T29N-R55E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
STATES IT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION
OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 8-2011

Docket No. 15-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 17 and 20, T29N-R55E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 8-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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, T29N-R55E, ROOSEVELT
COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN
SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER
THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
APPLICANT STATES IT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 9-2011

Docket No. 16-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 26 and 35, T29N-R55E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

BOARD ORDER NO. 9-2011

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 29 AND 32, T29N-R55E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
STATES IT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 10-2011

Docket No. 17-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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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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 Sections 29 and 32, T29N-R55E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

BOARD ORDER NO. 10-2011

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

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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, T29N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
STATES IT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED
HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 11-2011

Docket No. 18-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 5 and 8, T29N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 11-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 14 AND 23, T30N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
STATES IT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION
OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 12-2011

Docket No. 19-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 14 and 23, T30N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a permanent spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

BOARD ORDER NO. 12-2011

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

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 29 AND 32, T31N-R57E, SHERIDAN COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
STATES IT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 13-2011

Docket No. 20-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 29 and 32, T31N-R57E, Sheridan County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

BOARD ORDER NO. 13-2011

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 SM ENERGY
COMPANY TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1
AND 2, T27N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/
THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE
WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT
NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE
BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT STATES IT
WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL
WELL.

ORDER 14-2011

Docket No. 21-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 1 and 2, T27N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

BOARD ORDER NO. 14-2011

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 SM ENERGY
COMPANY TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4
AND 9, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
STATES IT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED
HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 15-2011

Docket No. 23-2011 & 7-2011 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 4 and 9, T28N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 15-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 SM ENERGY
COMPANY TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS
15 AND 22, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/
THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE
WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT
NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF. APPLICANT STATES IT WILL FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN
90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE
PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 16-2011

Docket No. 24-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.

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 Sections 15 and 22, T28N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 16-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 SM ENERGY
COMPANY TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 16
AND 21, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/
THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE
WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT
CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF. APPLICANT STATES IT WILL FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN
90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE
PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 17-2011

Docket No. 25-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.

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 Sections 16 and 21, T28N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 17-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 SM ENERGY
COMPANY TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS
26 AND 35, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/
THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE
WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT
CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF. APPLICANT STATES IT WILL FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN
90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE
PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 18-2011

Docket No. 26-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.

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 Sections 26 and 35, T28N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 18-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 ENERPLUS
RESOURCES (USA) CORPORATION TO CREATE
A TEMPORARY OVERLAPPING SPACING UNIT COMPRISED
OF ALL OF SECTION 33, T25N-R54E, AND LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, S½S½
(ALL) OF SECTION 2, T24N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL AN ADDITIONAL BAKKEN FORMATION
HORIZONTAL WELL GENERAL ORIENTED IN A NORTH-SOUTH
AZIMUTH PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARIES
BETWEEN THE EXISTING SPACING UNITS AT A LOCATION
NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID
TEMPORARY OVERLAPPING SPACING UNIT AS AN EXCEPTION
TO BOARD ORDER 113-2005 AND A.R.M. 36.22.702, AND TO
PROVIDE THAT SAID TEMPORARY OVERLAPPING SPACING
UNIT BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED
HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 19-2011

Docket No. 27-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 Enerplus Resources (USA) Corporation is granted as applied for.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 19-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 URSA
RESOURCES GROUP LLC TO CREATE A
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL
OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T23N-R60E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN
SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT
CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES
THEREOF. APPLICANT STATES IT WILL FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN
90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE
PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 20-2011

Docket No. 28-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 6 and 7, T23N-R60E, Richland County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 20-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS
1 AND 12, T23N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER
THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
APPLICANT STATES IT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION
FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED
HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 21-2011

Docket No. 29-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 1 and 12, T23N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 21-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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. FOR AUTHORIZATION TO
PRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN FORMATION WELL (THE LARSON
#44X-18) AS AN INCREASED DENSITY WELL
IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF THE W½ OF SECTION 17 AND
THE E½ OF SECTION 18, T23N-R58E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 22-2011

Docket No. 30-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 XTO Energy Inc. is authorized to produce an additional horizontal Bakken Formation well (the Larson #44X-18) as an increased density well in the permanent spacing unit comprised of the W½ of Section 17 and the E½ of Section 18, T23N-R58E, Richland County, Montana.

BOARD ORDER NO. 22-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 CREATE A PERMANENT
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 22 AND 27, T26N-R53E, RICHLAND
COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION OF
OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM
THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION
FROM APPLICANT'S TOLKSDORF #24X-27 WELL.

ORDER 23-2011

Docket No. 31-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. Lloyd Keller, a mineral owner in the proposed permanent spacing unit, appeared in person and submitted a letter to protest the application. He requests XTO's application be denied and that the Board either: a) designate only the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of said Sections 22 and 27 as the permanent spacing unit; or b) continue the temporary spacing with all of Sections 22 and 27 and require XTO Energy Inc. to drill a second well located in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of said temporary spacing unit within six months.

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 22 and 27, T26N-R53E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from applicant's Tolksdorf #24X-27 well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 23-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Jack King, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent. I object to the granting of the 1280 acre spacing unit. It is clear there is no drainage from the east halves of the two sections included in the spacing unit. Seventy-five percent of the mineral owners object to the spacing which will hold their minerals by production without the guarantee of an infill well. We have previously always granted the 1280 units but have not previously had objections from mineral owners who were not being drained by the wells. I would have granted a stand-up 640-acre spacing unit comprised of the W½ of said Sections 22 and 27.

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

I dissent. I am concerned about drainage in the E½ of the proposed two-section spacing unit.

Bret Smelser, Board Member

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
PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 10 AND 11, T22N-R59E, 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. WITH RESPECT TO THE
THIEL #11X-12 WELL.

ORDER 24-2011

Docket No. 32-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 10 and 11, T22N-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 non-consent penalties are hereby authorized in accordance with Section 82-11-202 (2), M.C.A. with respect to the Thiel #11X-12 well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 24-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 CREATE A PERMANENT
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 9,
T37N-R57E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR
PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL
GAS FROM THE BAKKEN FORMATION FROM THE
HELLEGAARD #9-13H WELL.

ORDER 25-2011

Docket No. 33-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 9, T37N-R57E, Sheridan County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation from the Hellegaard #9-13H well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 25-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 CREATE A PERMANENT
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 10,
T37N-R57E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR
PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL
GAS FROM THE BAKKEN FORMATION FROM THE
HELLEGAARD #10-16H WELL.

ORDER 26-2011

Docket No. 34-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 10, T37N-R57E, Sheridan County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit, for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation from the Hellegaard #10-16H well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 26-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

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 CENTRAL
MONTANA RESOURCES LLC TO CREATE A
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTION 2, T11N-R34E, ROSEBUD COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL HEATH FORMATION WELL
TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
330 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE
PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 27-2011

Docket No. 37-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 2, T11N-R34E, Rosebud County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Heath Formation well to be located anywhere within said temporary spacing unit but not closer than 330 feet to the boundaries thereof.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 27-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 CENTRAL
MONTANA RESOURCES LLC TO CREATE A
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTION 13, T11N-R34E, ROSEBUD COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL HEATH FORMATION WELL
TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
330 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 28-2011

Docket No. 38-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 13, T11N-R34E, Rosebud County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Heath Formation well to be located anywhere within said temporary spacing unit but not closer than 330 feet to the boundaries thereof.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 28-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 CENTRAL
MONTANA RESOURCES LLC TO CREATE A
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTION 4, T13N-R33E, GARFIELD COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL HEATH FORMATION WELL
TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 330 FEET TO
THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90
DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED
HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 29-2011

Docket No. 39-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 4, T13N-R33E, Garfield County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Heath Formation well to be located anywhere within said temporary spacing unit but not closer than 330 feet to the boundaries thereof.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 29-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 28
AND 33, T28N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET
TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL,
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE
PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN APPLICATION
FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 30-2011

Docket No. 43-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 28 and 33, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 30-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 1
AND 12, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 660
FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
WILL, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL
WELL, FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT
SPACING.

ORDER 31-2011

Docket No. 44-2011 & 11-2011 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 1 and 12, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 31-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 13
AND 14, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET
TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL,
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 32-2011

Docket No. 45-2011 & 15-2011 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.

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 Sections 13 and 14, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 32-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 20
AND 21, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET
TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL,
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 33-2011

Docket No. 46-2011 & 12-2011 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 20 and 21, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER 33-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 22
AND 27, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET
TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL,
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 34-2011

Docket No. 47-2011 & 13-2011 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 22 and 27, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 34-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 23
AND 26, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET
TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL,
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 35-2011

Docket No. 48-2011 & 12-2011 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 23 and 26, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 35-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 DRILL AN ADDITIONAL
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION WELL IN THE SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 16 AND 21, T25N-R59E,
RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO BE LOCATED
ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT
CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 36-2011

Docket No. 50-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. 36-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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
LLC TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 311-2010
AND TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 10 AND 11, T27N-R58E,
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN/ THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT ANY
LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES
OF SAID SPACING UNIT WITH RESPECT TO THE LATERAL
PORTION OF SAID WELL, AND NOT CLOSER THAN 200 FEET
TO THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT
WITH RESPECT TO THE HEEL AND TOE OF SAID WELL.
APPLICANT STATES IT WILL, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING.

ORDER 37-2011

Docket No. 51-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. Testimony in support of the 200-foot heel and toe setback requested in this application was presented by Schlumberger Data and Consulting Services on behalf of Petro-Hunt, LLC and by Oasis Petroleum LLC.
3. Applicant agreed to a 1320-foot setback for the lateral portion of the initial well drilled in a 1280-acre temporary spacing unit rather than the 660-foot setback requested in the application.
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 311-2010 is hereby vacated and Sections 10 and 11, T27N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken/ Three Forks Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 200 feet to said boundaries.

BOARD ORDER NO. 37-2011

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent. 200-foot heel/toe setbacks is too close to adequately protect correlative rights.

Linda Nelson, Chairman

I dissent. The 200-foot setbacks do not adequately protect the correlative rights of neighboring mineral owners. It is less than one-third of our long-standing 660-foot setback rules. I would have followed staff recommendation of 500-foot heel/toe setbacks.

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

I dissent. I support the engineering staff's recommendation and I have a continuing concern with correlative rights.

Jack King, Board Member

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM
LLC TO VACATE BOARD ORDERS
311-2010 AND 157-2010 AND TO ESTABLISH A
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T27N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/ THREE
FORKS FORMATION WELL AT ANY LOCATION NOT
CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID
SPACING UNIT WITH RESPECT TO THE LATERAL
PORTION OF SAID WELL, AND NOT CLOSER THAN
200 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT WITH RESPECT TO THE HEEL AND TOE
OF SAID WELL. APPLICANT STATES IT WILL, WITHIN
90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE
PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, FILE AN APPLICATION
FOR PERMANENT SPACING

ORDER 38-2011

Docket No. 52-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. Testimony in support of the 200-foot heel and toe setback requested in this application was presented by Schlumberger Data and Consulting Services on behalf of Petro-Hunt, LLC and by Oasis Petroleum LLC.
3. Applicant agreed to a 1320-foot setback for the lateral portion of the initial well drilled in a 1280-acre temporary spacing unit rather than the 660-foot setback requested in the application.
4. Board Order 311-2010 was vacated in Docket No. 51-2011.
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 Board Order 157-2010 is hereby vacated and Sections 14 and 23, T27N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken/ Three Forks Formation well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 38-2011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 200 feet to said boundaries.

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent. 200-foot heel/toe setbacks is too close to adequately protect correlative rights.

Linda Nelson, Chairman

I dissent. The 200-foot setbacks do not adequately protect the correlative rights of neighboring mineral owners. It is less than one-third of our long-standing 660-foot setback rules. I would have followed staff recommendation of 500-foot heel/toe setbacks.

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

I dissent. I support the engineering staff's recommendation and I have a continuing concern with correlative rights.

Jack King, Board Member

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CENTRAL
MONTANA RESOURCES LLC TO VACATE
THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF
LOTS 1, 2, S½NE¼, N½SE¼ OF SECTION 1,
T13N-R25E, PETROLEUM COUNTY, MONTANA.
[BOARD ORDER NO. 249-2010]

ORDER 39-2011

Docket No. 58-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. Applicant published notice of this application and affidavits of that publication and waiver of notice from owners within the spaced area were submitted to the Board at the time of hearing.
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 temporary spacing unit comprised of Lots 1, 2, S½NE¼, N½SE¼ of Section 1, T13N-R25E, Petroleum County, Montana, and established in Board Order 249-2010, is hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 39-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T26N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT
WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL
WELL.

ORDER 40-2011

Docket No. 312-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

BOARD ORDER NO. 40-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 14 AND 15, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND AND
ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, TO DRILL A
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE
WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT
CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
APPLICANT WILL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 41-2011

Docket No. 313-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 14 and 15, T26N-R59E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

BOARD ORDER NO. 41-2011

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 URSA
RESOURCES GROUP LLC TO CREATE A
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF
ALL OF SECTIONS 33 AND 34, T26N-R59E,
RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION WELL
ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED
HORIZONTAL WELL.

ORDER 42-2011

Docket No. 343-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.

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 Sections 33 and 34, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 42-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 PETRO-HUNT, L.L.C.
TO CREATE A FIELD AND PERMANENT
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 6,
T22N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR
PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS
FROM THE BAKKEN FORMATION AND TO DESIGNATE
APPLICANT'S DOTSON 6A-1-1H WELL AS THE ONLY
AUTHORIZED WELL FOR SAID SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 43-2011

Docket No. 352-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 6, T22N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a field and permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant's Dotson 6A-1-1H well is the only authorized well for said spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 43-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 PETRO-HUNT, L.L.C.
TO CREATE A PERMANENT SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS
14 AND 23, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL AND
ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE
BAKKEN FORMATION FROM APPLICANT'S
LOWENSTEIN 28-58 14B-23-2H WELL.

ORDER 44-2011

Docket No. 353-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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, T28N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation from applicant's Lowenstein 28-58 14B-23-2H well

BOARD ORDER NO. 44-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 PETRO-HUNT, L.L.C.
TO DRILL AN ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN WELL IN THE PERMANENT
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS
14 AND 23, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN
SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
600 FEET FROM THE EAST/WEST BOUNDARIES
AND 200 FEET FROM THE NORTH/SOUTH
(TOE/HEEL) BOUNDARIES OF THE SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 45-2011

Docket No. 354-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. Testimony in support of the 200-foot heel and toe setback requested in this application was presented by Schlumberger Data and Consulting Services on behalf of Petro-Hunt, LLC and by Oasis Petroleum LLC.
3. Board staff recommended a 500-foot side setback in accordance with the proposed policy concerning the drilling of additional wells in existing spacing units as discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting.
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 Petro-Hunt, L.L.C. is authorized to drill a additional horizontal Bakken Formation well in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 14 and 23, T28N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said well to be located no closer than 500' to the east/west (side) boundaries and 200' from the north/south (toe/heel) boundaries of said spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 45-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent. 200-foot heel/toe setbacks is too close to adequately protect correlative rights.

Linda Nelson, Chairman

I dissent. The 200-foot setbacks do not adequately protect the correlative rights of neighboring mineral owners. It is less than one-third of our long-standing 660-foot setback rules. I would have followed staff recommendation of 500' heel/toe setbacks.

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

I dissent. I support the engineering staff's recommendation and I have a continuing concern with correlative rights.

Jack King, Board Member

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PETRO-HUNT, L.L.C.
TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE
PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF
SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY,
MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION OF BAKKEN FORMATION
OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE
LOWENSTEIN 28-58 14B-23-2H WELL, AND TO
AUTHORIZE RECOVERY OF NON-CONSENT PENALTIES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202 (2), M.C.A.

ORDER 46-2011

Docket No. 355-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 14 and 23, T28N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of Bakken Formation oil and associated natural gas from the Lowenstein 28-58 14B-23-2H 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. 46-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 PETRO-HUNT, L.L.C.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 41-2010, WHICH
ESTABLISHED A 1280 ACRE TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12,
T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE
DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL, TO ALLOW A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN WELL TO
BE DRILLED AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN
600 FEET FROM THE EAST/WEST BOUNDARY AND NOT
CLOSER THAN 200 FEET TO THE NORTH/SOUTH
BOUNDARY (TOE/HEEL) OF SAID TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 47-2011

Docket No. 356-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. Testimony in support of the 200-foot heel and toe setback requested in this application was presented by Schlumberger Data and Consulting Services on behalf of Petro-Hunt, LLC and by Oasis Petroleum LLC.
3. Applicant agreed to a 1320-foot setback for the lateral portion of the initial well drilled in a 1280-acre temporary spacing unit rather than the 600-foot setback requested in the application.
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 41-2010 is hereby amended to direct that the authorized well for the temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 1 and 12, T28N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, shall be located no closer than 1320' to the east/west boundaries and 200' from the north/south (toe/heel) boundaries of said temporary spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 47-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent. 200-foot heel/toe setbacks is too close to adequately protect correlative rights.

Linda Nelson, Chairman

I dissent. The 200-foot setbacks do not adequately protect the correlative rights of neighboring mineral owners. It is less than one-third of our long-standing 660-foot setback rules. I would have followed staff recommendation of 500-foot heel/toe setbacks.

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

I dissent. I support the engineering staff's recommendation and I have a continuing concern with correlative rights.

Jack King, Board Member

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PETRO-HUNT, L.L.C.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDERS 42-2010
AND 153-2010, WHICH ESTABLISHED A 1280 ACRE
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF SECTIONS
2 AND 11, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA,
FOR THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL, TO ALLOW A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
WELL TO BE DRILLED AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER
THAN 600 FEET FROM THE EAST/WEST BOUNDARY AND
NOT CLOSER THAN 200 FEET TO THE NORTH/SOUTH
BOUNDARY (TOE/HEEL) OF SAID TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 48-2011

Docket No. 357-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. Testimony in support of the 200-foot heel and toe setback requested in this application was presented by Schlumberger Data and Consulting Services on behalf of Petro-Hunt, LLC and by Oasis Petroleum LLC.
3. The proposed well for this temporary spacing unit is to be drilled from an existing well pad and an exception to the policy of a 1320-foot side setback for the initial well in a temporary spacing unit is justified.
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 Orders 42-2010 and 153-2010 are amended to direct that the authorized well for the temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 2 and 11, T28N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, be located not closer than 660' to the east/west boundaries and 200' to the north/south (toe/heel) boundaries of said spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 48-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent. 200-foot heel/toe setbacks is too close to adequately protect correlative rights.

Linda Nelson, Chairman

I dissent. The 200-foot setbacks do not adequately protect the correlative rights of neighboring mineral owners. It is less than one-third of our long-standing 660-foot setback rules. I would have followed staff recommendation of 500-foot heel/toe setbacks.

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

I dissent. I support the engineering staff's recommendation and I have a continuing concern with correlative rights.

Jack King, Board Member

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PETRO-HUNT, L.L.C.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 46-2010, WHICH
ESTABLISHED A 1280 ACRE TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9,
T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR
THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL, TO ALLOW A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN WELL TO
BE DRILLED AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN
600 FEET FROM THE EAST/WEST BOUNDARY AND NOT
CLOSER THAN 200 FEET TO THE NORTH/SOUTH
BOUNDARY (TOE/HEEL) OF SAID TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT.

ORDER 49-2011

Docket No. 358-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. Testimony in support of the 200-foot heel and toe setback requested in this application was presented by Schlumberger Data and Consulting Services on behalf of Petro-Hunt, LLC and by Oasis Petroleum LLC.
3. Applicant agreed to a 1320-foot setback for the lateral portion of the initial well drilled in a 1280-acre temporary spacing unit rather than the 600-foot setback requested in the application.
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 46-2010 is hereby amended to direct that the authorized well for the temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 4 and 9, T28N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, be located no closer than 1320' to the east/west boundaries and 200' to the north/south (toe/heel) boundaries of said spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 49-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent. 200-foot heel/toe setbacks is too close to adequately protect correlative rights.

Linda Nelson, Chairman

I dissent. The 200-foot setbacks do not adequately protect the correlative rights of neighboring mineral owners. It is less than one-third of our long-standing 660-foot setback rules. I would have followed staff recommendation of 500-foot heel/toe setbacks.

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

I dissent. I support the engineering staff's recommendation and I have a continuing concern with correlative rights.

Jack King, Board Member

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PETRO-HUNT, L.L.C.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 51-2010, WHICH
ESTABLISHED A 1280 ACRE TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF SECTIONS 27 AND 34,
T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE
DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL, TO ALLOW A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN WELL TO
BE DRILLED AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN
600 FEET FROM THE EAST/WEST BOUNDARY AND NOT
CLOSER THAN 200 FEET TO THE NORTH/SOUTH
BOUNDARY (TOE/HEEL) OF SAID TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT.

ORDER 50-2011

Docket No. 359-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. Testimony in support of the 200-foot heel and toe setback requested in this application was presented by Schlumberger Data and Consulting Services on behalf of Petro-Hunt, LLC and by Oasis Petroleum LLC.
3. Applicant agreed to a 1320-foot setback for the lateral portion of the initial well drilled in a 1280-acre temporary spacing unit rather than the 600-foot setback requested in the application.
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 51-2010 is hereby amended to direct that the authorized well for the temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 27 and 34, T28N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, be located no closer than 1320' to the east/west boundaries and 200' to the north/south (toe/heel) boundaries of said spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 50-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent. 200-foot heel/toe setbacks is too close to adequately protect correlative rights.

Linda Nelson, Chairman

I dissent. The 200-foot setbacks do not adequately protect the correlative rights of neighboring mineral owners. It is less than one-third of our long-standing 660-foot setback rules. I would have followed staff recommendation of 500-foot heel/toe setbacks.

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

I dissent. I support the engineering staff's recommendation and I have a continuing concern with correlative rights.

Jack King, Board Member

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PETRO-HUNT L.L.C.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 52-2010, WHICH
ESTABLISHED A 1280 ACRE TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT CONSISTING OF SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T28N-R59E,
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE DRILLING
OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION WELL, TO
ALLOW A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN WELL TO BE DRILLED
AT ANY LOCATION NOT CLOSER THAN 600 FEET FROM
THE EAST/WEST BOUNDARY AND NOT CLOSER THAN
200 FEET TO THE NORTH/SOUTH BOUNDARY
(TOE/HEEL) OF SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 51-2011

Docket No. 360-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. Testimony in support of the 200-foot heel and toe setback requested in this application was presented by Schlumberger Data and Consulting Services on behalf of Petro-Hunt, LLC and by Oasis Petroleum LLC.
3. Applicant agreed to a 1320-foot setback for the lateral portion of the initial well drilled in a 1280-acre temporary spacing unit rather than the 600-foot setback requested in the application.
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 52-2010 is hereby amended to direct that the authorized well for the temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 28 and 33, T28N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, be located no closer than 1320' to the east/west boundaries and 200' to the north/south (toe/heel) boundaries of said spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 51-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent. 200-foot heel/toe setbacks is too close to adequately protect correlative rights.

Linda Nelson, Chairman

I dissent. The 200-foot setbacks do not adequately protect the correlative rights of neighboring mineral owners. It is less than one-third of our long-standing 660-foot setback rules. I would have followed staff recommendation of 500-foot heel/toe setbacks.

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

I dissent. I support the engineering staff's recommendation and I have a continuing concern with correlative rights.

Jack King, Board Member

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PETRO-HUNT, L.L.C.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 54-2010, WHICH
ESTABLISHED A 1280 ACRE TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF SECTIONS 30 AND 31,
T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR
THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN
FORMATION WELL, TO ALLOW A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN WELL TO BE DRILLED AT ANY LOCATION
NOT CLOSER THAN 600 FEET FROM THE EAST/WEST
BOUNDARY AND NOT CLOSER THAN 200 FEET TO
THE NORTH/SOUTH BOUNDARY (TOE/HEEL) OF SAID
TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT.

ORDER 52-2011

Docket No. 361-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. Testimony in support of the 200-foot heel and toe setback requested in this application was presented by Schlumberger Data and Consulting Services on behalf of Petro-Hunt, LLC and by Oasis Petroleum LLC.
3. Applicant agreed to a 1320-foot setback for the lateral portion of the initial well drilled in a 1280-acre temporary spacing unit rather than the 600-foot setback requested in the application.
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 54-2010 is hereby amended to direct that the authorized well for the temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 30 and 31, T28N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana be located no closer than 1320' to the east/west boundaries and 200' to the north/south (toe/heel) boundaries of said spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 52-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Wayne Smith, Vice-Chairman

Don Bradshaw, Board Member

Jay Gunderson, Board Member

Bret Smelser, Board Member

ATTEST:

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary

I dissent. 200-foot heel/toe setbacks is too close to adequately protect correlative rights.

Linda Nelson, Chairman

I dissent. The 200-foot setbacks do not adequately protect the correlative rights of neighboring mineral owners. It is less than one-third of our long-standing 660-foot setback rules. I would have followed staff recommendation of 500-foot heel/toe setbacks.

Ronald S. Efta, Board Member

I dissent. I support the engineering staff's recommendation and I have a continuing concern with correlative rights.

Jack King, Board Member

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BRIGHAM
OIL & GAS, L.P. TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4
AND 9, T27N-R56E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT
COUNTIES, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL
BAKKEN FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN
SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER
THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
APPLICANT WILL, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL
OPERATION, FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT
SPACING WITH THE BOARD.

ORDER 53-2011

Docket No. 376-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 4 and 9, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 53-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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, L.P. TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 17
AND 20, T27N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO
THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL,
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL OPERATION, FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITH
THE BOARD.

ORDER 54-2011

Docket No. 379-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 17 and 20, T27N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 54-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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, L.P. TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 18
AND 19, T27N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO
THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL,
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL OPERATION, FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITH
THE BOARD.

ORDER 55-2011

Docket No. 380-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 18 and 19, T27N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 55-2011

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 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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, L.P. TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2
AND 11, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO
THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL,
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL OPERATION, FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITH
THE BOARD.

ORDER 56-2011

Docket No. 387-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 2 and 11, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 56-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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, L.P. TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 28
AND 33, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA,
TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION
WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO
THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL,
WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL OPERATION, FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITH
THE BOARD.

ORDER 57-2011

Docket No. 391-2010

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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 time of hearing applicant modified its application to increase the requested side setback to 1320 feet from the spacing unit boundaries and retain the 660-foot setback for the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral. This modification was made in response to the policy discussed at the February 9, 2011 business meeting where it was determined that only requests with a 1320-foot side setback and a 660-foot toe and heel setback would be considered under the Default Docket.
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 Sections 28 and 33, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken Formation well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authorized horizontal well for said spacing unit shall be located no closer than 1320 feet to the side spacing unit boundaries and the toe and heel of the horizontal lateral shall be no closer than 660 feet to said boundaries.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 57-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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 ZENERGY
OPERATING COMPANY, LLC TO CREATE
A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL
OF SECTIONS 1, 2, 11 AND 12, T27N-R59E,
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION
OF BAKKEN FORMATION OIL AND ASSOCIATED
NATURAL GAS FROM THE AMAZING GRACE 11-2H WELL.

ORDER 58-2011

Docket No. 419-2010 & 2-2011 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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, 2, 11, and 12, T27N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit, for production of Bakken Formation oil and associated natural gas from the Amazing Grace 11-2H 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. 58-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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
UNITED STATES ENERGY CORP. TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE,
IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE
IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE
PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT REPORTING.

ORDER 59-2011

Docket No. 57-2011

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 10th day of February, 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. 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. Half of the administrative penalty assessed against United States Energy Corp. (\$10) has been paid. No one from United States Energy Corp. was present at the hearing.
3. Staff recommended the administrative penalty be increased to \$100 and that the penalty for late reports in the future be increased to \$50 per month per delinquent report.
4. 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 administrative penalty assessed against United States Energy Corp. is hereby increased from \$20 to \$100 and is payable immediately.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that future late report penalties against United States Energy Corp. are hereby increased to \$50 per month per delinquent report.

BOARD ORDER NO. 59-2011

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 10th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Wayne Smith, Vice-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