BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE OIL & GA	S)	CAUSE NO. TBD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF TH	E)	
STATE OF COLORADO SOLICITIN	G)	DOCKET NO. 210200013
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ASSURANCE)	TYPE: INFORMATIONAL

FINAL PREHEARING ORDER

Based on the information reviewed as part of this proceeding, the Hearing Officer orders as follows:

- 1. Hearing Time and Location. The Commission will hear the Financial Assurance Informational Docket at a hearing scheduled for March 31, 2021-April 1, 2021. The hearing will take place at the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, in Denver, Colorado. The Commission will conduct the hearing entirely through electronic means. Accordingly, the hearing room will not be open to the public.
- **2. Hearing Schedule.** The Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and hear presentations by Interested Persons or Groups from 9:05 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 and Thursday, April 1, 2021. The Commission will hear Oral Public Comment on the Financial Assurance Informational Docket from individuals that did not submit written materials during an evening hearing at 6:00 p.m. on March 31, 2021.
- **3. Hearing Order and Time Allocation.** The time allocated below is for Interested Persons or Groups to present oral presentations of their written comments and to allow for dialogue and question and answer with Commissioners. By March 31, 2021, the Commissioners will have read all submissions and written filings, and at the hearing will have the opportunity to ask Interested Persons or Groups questions regarding their filings.

Each Interested Person or Group that filed written comments will be allocated 15 minutes apiece to present. Joint filings and Interested Persons or Groups that requested to combine time with other Interested Persons or Groups have been allocated accordingly. The table below displays the presentation divisions and the total time allocated to each Interested Person or Group, as currently configured. Time allocations are in minutes. Commissioners reserve the right to ask questions or dialogue with Interested Persons or Groups beyond the respective time allocations.

Interested persons may use their time allocations in whatever manner they wish, including ceding some or all of their time to another Interested Person or Group. However, the Commission recommends that Interested Persons or Groups devote approximately 3 to 5 minutes of their presentation to a summary of their written materials, and allow remaining time for a question and answer and dialogue with the Commissioners.

If an Interested Person or Group is not included in the below presentation schedule, they may notify the Hearing Officer no later than **Thursday**, **March 25**, **2021 at 5:00 p.m.** In addition, if an Interested Person or Group wishes to combine their presentation time with another Interested Person or Group, or does not wish to speak or present on their written comments, they may notify the Hearing Officer no later than **Thursday**, **March 25**, **2021 at 5:00 p.m**.

Interested Person/Group	Time Allocation (Minutes)
Trade Industry Group: Energy Council, API Colorado, COGA, WSCOGA	60
Operator Group: PDC Energy, Inc. & Oxy USA, Inc.	30
Noble Energy, Inc.	15
Extraction Oil & Gas, Inc.	15
Small Operator Society	15
Environmental Group: LOGIC & Sierra Club	30
Western Resource Advocates	15
National Audubon Society & Audubon Rockies	15
WildEarth Guardians	15
Conservation Colorado	15
Colorado Rising	15
Western Colorado Alliance	15
350 Colorado	15
Citizens for a Healthy Community (CHC)	15
Earthworks	15
Board of County Commissioners of Boulder	15
County	
City of Commerce City	15
City of Thornton	15
Adams County	15
City of Brighton	15
Oil & Gas Division of Aurora	15
City and County of Broomfield	15
Be the Change	15
Jan Rose	15

4. Presentation Logistics. The entire Financial Assurance Informational Docket Hearing will be conducted over Zoom and all Interested Persons and Groups will be presenting virtually. Interested Persons or Groups will inform the Commission of the anticipated speaker(s) or presenter(s) for each Group. Interested Persons or Groups will send this information to Hearing Officer Elias J. Thomas at elias.thomas@state.co.us and Legal Assistant Angelica Amaro at angelica.amaro@state.so.us. Interested Persons or Groups must submit speaker and presenter identifications no later than **Noon on March 26, 2021**.

In each notification, the Interested Person or Group must provide each speaker's or presenter's name and Zoom ID. If a speaker's or presenter's Zoom ID is an organization, Interested Persons or Groups must provide that organization name. If a speaker's Zoom ID is the speaker's or presenter's individual name, Interested Persons or Groups must provide that person's name. If Interested Persons or Groups intend to access the hearing via phone, they will provide the speaker's or presenter's phone number so the Commission will be able to identify the correct person to speak during the hearing.

Please note that the Zoom hearing information will be provided to all Interested Persons or Groups and posted on the COGCC homepage prior to the Hearing.

Finally, Interested Persons or Groups must have their witnesses available for Commissioner questions during the hearing. Even if an Interested Person or Group does not intend to have one of

its witnesses present, Commissioners may have questions for a witness and the witness must be available.

- 5. PowerPoint Presentations. Any Interested Person or Group may utilize a set of PowerPoint slides as part of its presentation. If an Interested Person or Group uses PowerPoint slides, that Interested Person or Group will upload a PDF copy of the PowerPoint Presentation to the eFiling system after presenting it to the Commission. To ensure that the uploading process in the eFiling system runs smoothly, Interested Persons or Groups should upload their presentation immediately following their presentation, and exit the eFiling system once successfully uploaded. Any issues or questions may be directed to elias.thomas@state.co.us and angelica.amaro@state.co.us.
- 6. **Public Comment.** The Commission will take Oral Public Comment remotely via Zoom, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. The Commission has re-opened sign-up for Oral Public Comment on the Financial Assurance Informational Docket. The sign-up link will re-posted on the Commission's Financial Assurance Rulemaking webpage be https://cogcc.state.co.us/sb19181 calendar.html#/rulemaking financial assurance. The deadline to sign up to provide oral public comment will be 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021. If an individual that signed up no longer wishes to speak, they may email elias.thomas@state.co.us and angelica.amaro@state.co.us, stating that they no longer wish to give public comment.
- **7.** The Commission may take actions, including without limitation, modifying or amending the existing rules described or proposed herein and making conforming modifications to other rules, which it determines are reasonably necessary.
- 8. Any concerns with this order may be addressed to the Hearing Officer via email at elias.thomas@state.co.us or through a Formal Motion filed in the COGCC eFiling System.

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Ву:	/s/ Elias J. Thomas	
	Elias J. Thomas, Hearing Officer	

Dated: March 17, 2021