

SB 19-181
Mission Change Rulemaking
Overview

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**Oil & Gas Conservation
Commission**

Department of Natural Resources

Mission Change Rulemaking - Timeline

- March 15 - Notice of Rulemaking for 100-600 Series Rules filed with CO Secretary of State
- Hearings noticed to begin April 29 and end by May 29
- At March 29 Commission hearing, Director briefed the Commission that the Mission Change rulemaking should be paused due to COVID-19 Pandemic



Mission Change Rulemaking - Timeline

- April 24th deadline to request party status
- 97 Parties
- April 28th Prehearing Conference



- You are being pulled in disparate directions. This week you received:
- Letter from Garfield County and 23 other communities to halt rulemaking until we can meet in person
- Letter from 63 local elected officials to move forward post haste with rulemaking even if its virtual hearings

800, 900, & 1200 Series Rules

- Staff has continued work on strawdog 800, 900, & 1200 Series Rules
- Expect these strawdog rules to be released the week of May 4th
- The 800, 900, & 1200 Series Rules will be considered during the Mission Change Rulemaking hearing



Mission Change Rulemaking

- Transformative
- Complex, highly technical issues
- The changes to the Series are difficult to hear in isolation
 - Changes in one Series affect other Rule Series
- Parties and Commissioners need time to prepare for marathon rulemaking hearings
- Tackling this rulemaking with all participants being virtual is not preferred, but we will work on virtual rulemaking if necessary



Mission Change Rulemaking

- Current Commission serves for 8 ½ more weeks, through June 30, 2020
- Not enough time to allow for party filings (prehearing statements, responses, written testimony) and three weeks of hearings
- Not enough time to allow for stakeholder conversations/resolution of issues
- Also would not allow for inclusion of 800, 900, & 1200 Series Rules



Proposed Schedule - 100-600 Series Rules

- May 22 - Party Initial Input due
- May 26-June 12 - Party meetings/discussions to work through issues
- June 26 - Staff files revised redline rules
- July 13 - Prehearing Statements



Proposed Schedule - 100-600 Series Rules

- July 31 - Responsive Prehearing Statements
- August 14 - Pre-filed Written Testimony



Proposed Schedule - 800, 900, & 1200 Series Rules

- Week of May 4 - Strawdog Rules released
- May 22 - Notice of Rulemaking filed
- May 29 - Request for Party Status due
- June 12 - Prehearing Statements



Proposed Schedule - 800, 900, & 1200 Series Rules

- July 3 - Responsive Prehearing Statements
- July 20 - Pre-filed Written Testimony



Commission Hearings - 100-600, 800, 900, & 1200 Series Rules

- August 24 - September 10
- November 1 - Effective Date of Rules



Questions?



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