



COMMISSION OGDG REVIEW AND HEARING PROCESS

1. A Director's Recommendation(s) for an Oil and Gas Development Plan(s) (OGDP) will be issued two weeks prior to the OGDG hearing, which is normally a Wednesday.
2. The Hearings Manager will send the Director's Recommendation(s) to the Commissioners for their consideration. At the same time, the Director's Recommendation will post to the Permits, [Pending Applications for Oil & Gas Development Plans \(OGDPs\) page](#), and be uploaded to the [Commission's eFiling system](#) in the OGDG's hearing docket.

For OGDGs that are not Protested

3. On the Tuesday following the Commissioners receipt of the Director's Recommendation, Commissioners will have the opportunity to ask the Permitting Manager questions regarding the OGDGs scheduled for hearing the following week. COGCC staff will schedule one 30 minute meeting (the meeting is 30 minutes irrespective of how many OGDGs may be on the agenda) for each Commissioner with the Permitting Manager. If a Commissioner has no questions for the Permitting Manager, the Commissioner will decline the meeting invitation.
4. If following the Tuesday check-in with the Permitting Manager a Commissioner has remaining questions or concerns regarding an OGDG, one week prior to the OGDG hearing (normally the Wednesday before the hearing) the Commissioner will email their list of questions/concerns/issues to the Hearings Manager. The Hearings Manager will work with COGCC staff and the applicant to address, if possible, the questions/concerns/issues before the hearing, or ensure that the identified issues are addressed at the hearing.
5. The Hearings Manager will proceed with the scheduled hearing to review the OGDG. The hearing will consist of the following:
 - a. Public Comment. Public comment may be taken at the start of the OGDG hearing or after the operator's OGDG presentation.
 - b. Overview of the OGDG by the applicant, the length of which will depend upon the complexity of the OGDG and response to any Questions/Concerns/Issues raised by Commissioners.

- i. When an OGDG contains a Rule 604.b.(4) exemption, the operator will, at a minimum, address at the Commission hearing the criteria set forth in Rule 604.b.(4)A-G.
- c. Opportunity for staff to make any remarks it deems necessary, including addressing any Questions/Concerns/Issues raised by Commissioners.
- d. Commissioner questions, comments and deliberations.
- e. Vote on the OGDG.

Protested OGDGs

Protested OGDGs will follow Rules 509 and 510.e. Commissioners may not engage in discussions with staff, the applicant or protestant on a protested OGDG. A Director's Recommendation on a protested OGDG will be one of many documents in the record for a protested OGDG. The Director's Recommendation and final party filings will be available to the Commissioners and the public two weeks before the OGDG hearing.

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