

CAUSE NO. 114-5/DOCKET NO. 90-022

IN THE MATTER OF THE ~~AMENDED~~  
PETITION OF COLUMBIA GAS  
DEVELOPMENT CORP. FOR 320-ACRE  
DRILLING AND SPACING UNITS FOR  
THE GREEN RIVER FORMATION IN  
SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH,  
RANGE 24 EAST, SLM, UINTAH  
COUNTY, UTAH

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<u>ORDER #</u>	<u>DATE SIGNED</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
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August 2, 1991

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF UTAH

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In the Matter of the Amended	)	
Petition of Columbia Gas	)	ORDER
Development Corp. for 320-acre	)	
Drilling and Spacing Units for	)	
the Green River Formation in	)	
Section 25, Township 7 South,	)	Docket No. 90-022
Range 24 East, SLM, Uintah	)	
County, Utah	)	Cause No. 114-5

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Pursuant to the Amended Petition of Columbia Gas Development Corp. this matter came on for hearing before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah, on Thursday, August 23, 1990, at 10:25 a.m., in the Boardroom of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 301, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The following members of the Board were present;

Gregory P. Williams, Chairman

James W. Carter

John M. Garr

Richard B. Larsen

Judy F. Lever

E. Steele McIntyre

Kent G. Stringham

Also present were:

Ronald J. Firth, Associate Director, Division of Oil, Gas  
and Mining

Gilbert Hunt, UIC Geologist

Tom Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General of the State of  
Utah

Robert A. Henricks, Chief Branch of Fluid Minerals,  
Bureau of Land Management

Assad Raffoul, Bureau of Land Management

Howard B. Clevinger, Bureau of Land Management

Appearances were made as follows:

For the Petitioner:                   Pruitt, Gushee & Bachtell  
by Thomas W. Bachtell, Esq.

Witnesses on Behalf of  
Petitioner:                           Columbia Gas Development Corp.  
by Ed Gordon, Landman  
John Santos, Geologist  
Frenando Flores, Staff  
Reservoir Engineer

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board, having considered the Amended  
Petition, testimony of the witnesses, and the exhibits received at  
said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises, enters the  
following:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Due and regular notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing was given to all interested parties as required by law and the rules and regulations of the Board.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the matters covered by said notice and over all parties interested therein and has jurisdiction to make and promulgate any Order hereinafter set forth.

3. This Board's Order in Cause No. 114-1 established 640-acre Drilling and Spacing Units for the Green River Formation for gas wells drilled upon certain lands, including the following:

Township 7 South, Range 24 East, SLM

Section 25: All

4. Two wells are located in the above described lands. The Federal D-2 Well is located in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and the Federal D-3 Well is located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ . Both wells have produced gas from the Green River Formation.

5. The Board's Order in Cause No. 114-4 granted the operator permission to simultaneously produce from both the Federal D-2 and D-3 Wells.

6. Due to the continuity of the specific sands encountered in the Green River Formation in Section 25, 320-acre stand-up

spacing and drilling units will secure the maximum ultimate recovery of gas in said section.

7. In the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste, and for the protection of the correlative rights of the various owners of oil and gas interests within the above described area, and to prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, the Board should enter an order establishing stand-up 320-acre drilling and spacing units (E $\frac{1}{2}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 25) for the development of the Green River Formation for the production of gas underlying the above described area, and providing that no more than one gas well shall be drilled and produced from the Green River Formation on any such unit.

8. Petitioner should be granted the authority to re-enter the D-3 Well to recomplete said well in, and produce from sands within the Green River Formation, with the proviso that the D-2 Well will remain shut in or be plugged and abandoned, and with the additional proviso that any well drilled in the drilling unit consisting of the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of said Section 25 would be situated in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the section.

9. The Board should establish new well locations within the proposed units not closer than 660 feet from the boundary of the drilling and spacing unit established hereunder unless an

administrative exception for topographical and other structural variance is required.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

To prevent waste of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons, to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights and to establish drilling units of uniform size and shape for the more orderly development of the lands described in paragraph 3 above, the following is hereby promulgated to govern operations in said area effective as of August 23, 1990:

1. The stand-up 320-acre drilling and spacing units set forth in paragraph 7 above are hereby established for the development of production of gas from the Green River Formation underlying the lands described in paragraph 3 above.

2. No new well shall be located closer than 660 feet from the boundary of the drilling and spacing units established hereunder unless an administrative exception for topographical and other structural variance is granted. Petitioner is granted the right to re-enter the Federal D-3 Well to recomplete said well in, and produce from sands within the Green River Formation provided that the Federal D-2 Well will remain shut in or be plugged and abandoned.

3. Any well drilled in the drilling unit consisting of the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the lands described in paragraph 3 above will be situated in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said section.

4. The Board retains exclusive continuing jurisdiction of all matters covered by this Order and of all parties effected thereby, and particularly that the Board retains and reserves exclusive and continuing jurisdiction to make further orders as appropriate and authorized by statute and applicable regulations.

ENTERED this 23rd day of August, 1990.

STATE OF UTAH  
BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

  
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Gregory P. Williams, Chairman