BEFORE THE STATE OF WYOMING
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE STATE OF WYOMING OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION OF OIL AND GAS AND RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE PERTAINING THERETO.

The original Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission were promulgated on the 23rd day of July 1951, and became effective August 21, 1951.

Thereafter, following public hearings held in the Conference Room of the Employment Security Commission Building, Casper, Wyoming, on the 30th day of July 1962, upon due and proper notice, revised and amended Rules and Regulations for the production and conservation of oil and gas in the State of Wyoming and Rules of Practice and Procedure were duly adopted by the Commission effective from and after August 29, 1962.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Senate Chambers, State Capitol Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the 8th day of August 1967, Rules 302, 304, 305, 319, 404, 510, and 515 of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations and Rules of Practice and Procedure were amended effective September 19, 1967.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room, Employment Security Commission Building, Casper, Wyoming, on the 9th day of January 1968, Rules 505 and 515 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure were amended effective February 6, 1968.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room, Employment Security Commission Building, Casper, Wyoming, on the 11th day of February 1969, Rule 304 of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations were amended effective March 17, 1969.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room, Employment Security Commission Building, Casper, Wyoming, on the 12th day of May 1970, Rules 305, 310, 319, and 337 were amended and Rule 338 was adopted of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations, effective as of June 26, 1970; on the 9th day of September 1970, an amendment to Rule 302 and a new Rule 330 were amended and adopted along with the renumbering of several other rules effective October 13, 1970.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room, Employment
Security Commission Building, Casper, Wyoming, on the 8th day of June 1971, Rules 513, 514, 515, and 516 were amended and adopted by the Commission effective July 20, 1971.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Wyoming Building, Casper, Wyoming, on the 4th day of June 1973, Rules 310 and 331 were amended and adopted by the Commission effective September 2, 1973.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Mardi Gras Room of the Casper Inn, Casper, Wyoming, on the 7th day of April 1976, Rules 302 and 338 were amended and adopted by the Commission effective May 6, 1976.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the House Chamber of the State Capitol Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the 15th day of December 1981, Rules 315 and 405 were amended, Form 2 was revised, a new Form 15 and Rule 339 were adopted and Rule 339 was renumbered effective March 1, 1982.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the
State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 10th day of April 1984, Rule 339 was amended, 4 new definitions were adopted, all definitions were renumbered and Forms 14A, 14B, 15 and 15A were adopted effective April 26, 1984; on the 8th day of May 1984, Form OG-001 was revised effective June 1, 1984; on the 17th day of May 1984, Rule 326 was amended effective June 1, 1984; on the 20th day of June 1984, Rule 302 was amended effective June 22, 1984; on the 14th day of August 1984, Rule 319 was amended effective August 17, 1984; and on the 11th day of December 1984, Rule 339 was amended effective January 24, 1985.

The following Rules and Regulations for the production and conservation of oil and gas in the State of Wyoming and Rules of Practice and Procedure pertaining thereto were adopted prior to March 1, 1982, with the exception of the amendments described immediately above. Those amendments were adopted successively from April 10, 1984 through December 11, 1984. All prior rules and amendments are fully effective and in force from and after December 28, 1984.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 9th day of April 1985, Rule 517 was adopted effective April 19, 1985; on the 8th day of April 1986, Rule 305 was amended effective April 28, 1986; on the 9th day of September 1986, Rule 517 was amended effective September 23, 1986.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 10th day of March 1987, Rules 341 and 342 were adopted effective April 22, 1987; on the 15th day of June 1987, Rules 206, 314, 316, 336, 401, 407, 517, and Form 9 were amended, Rules 343, 344, 345, Definitions 106, 117, 193, 233, 237, and 242 were adopted effective September 9, 1987; on the 11th day of August 1987, Rule 205 was amended effective September 9, 1987; on the 1st day of September 1987, Rules 302, 310, and 405 were amended and Forms 16A and 16B were adopted effective October 5, 1987.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 13th day of December 1988, Rules 328, 336, and 401 were amended effective February 10, 1989; on the 10th day of January 1989, Rule 346 was adopted effective February 21, 1989; on the 14th day of March 1989, Rule 339 was amended effective April 27, 1989; on the 9th day of May 1989, 4 new definitions were adopted, Rules 305, 317, 326, 336, and 401 were amended, and Form 17 was adopted effective July 5, 1989.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 25th day of July 1989,
Definitions 104 and 177 were adopted and Rules 518 and 519 were adopted effective September 13, 1989.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 24th day of May 1990, Definition 167 was adopted and Rules 207, 302, 305, 315, 319, 321, 322, and 338 were amended effective July 5, 1990.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 24th day of May 1990, Definition 167 was adopted and Rules 207, 302, 305, 315, 319, 321, 322, and 338 were amended effective July 5, 1990.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 8th day of January 1991, Rule 339 was amended effective February 13, 1991.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 9th day of April 1991, Definitions 123 and 168 were adopted and Rules 302 and 502 were amended effective June 5, 1991.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 14th day of April 1992, Definitions 141, 168, 206, and 226 were adopted and 169 was renumbered and Rule 208, 304, 311, and 313 were amended effective June 5, 1991.

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Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 14th day of April 1992, Definitions 141, 168, 206, and 226 were adopted and 169 was renumbered and Rule 208, 304, 311, and 313 were amended effective June 5, 1991.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 12th day of January 1993, Definition 122 was amended, Definition 175 was adopted and Rules 206, 316, 311, 505, and 407 were amended, and new Rule 341 was adopted effective March 12, 1993.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 18th day of May 1993, Definitions 210 and 249 were adopted and Rules 342 and 343 were adopted effective July 16, 1993.
Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 12th day of December 1995, Rules 304, 308, 309, 319, 321, 325, 336, 401, 502, and 517 were amended effective February 2, 1996.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 8th day of April 1996, Rules 308, 336, 405, and 407 were amended, and new Rule 344 was adopted effective June 3, 1996.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 8th day of July 1996, Definitions 122 and 164 were amended, Definition 212 was deleted, Rules 308 and 406 were amended and Appendix H was amended effective September 3, 1996.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 13th day of January 1998, Definition 248, Form 1 and Form 4, and Rules 206, 208, 313, 316, 317, 318, 321, 323, 326, 404 and 512 were amended, Rule 338 “Wildcat Wells” was deleted and Rule 204 “Designation of Owner or Operator (Form 6)” was renumbered to Rule 338. All definitions and rules were reformatted to comply with the Secretary of State’s Rules on Rules promulgated in accordance with Section 16-3-104(c) W.S. 1997, effective March 11, 1998.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 15th day of December 1998, to amend Sections 3, 4, 8, 9, 16, 21, 23, 25, 43 and 45 of Chapter 3 and added Section 46 of Chapter 3; added Section 13 to Chapter 4; and amended Section 2 of Chapter 5 effective January 19, 1999.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 13th day of April 1999, to amend Section 2 of Chapter 1 and amend Sections 8, 18, and 22 of Chapter 3 effective April 27, 1999.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 11th day of April 2000, to amend Sections 1 and 2(n), (ll),(uu), (yy), (zz) and (aaa) of Chapter 1, Sections 4 and 5 of
Chapter 2, Sections 1(c), 2(d)(viii), 4(a)(i), (ii), and (iii), 4(b)(iii) and (iv), 4(c), 4(e), 5(a)(ii)(E), 8(f), 14, 15(a) and (b), 16(f), 18(b), 21(b) and (d), 22(a)(ii) and (e)(ii), (iii), (vi), and (vii), 29, 41(a)(i), 41(a)(ii)(A), 42(a)(i) and (ii), 42(a)(ii)(D), 43, 44, and 45(a) and (b) of Chapter 3, Sections 1(nn), 4(a)(i) and (vii), and 7(a) of Chapter 4, Sections 13(b), 14, 15, 16(a), 17(f) and 18(a) and (c) of Chapter 5 effective May 22, 2000.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 11th day of July 2000, to amend Section 2(d), (e), (f) and (g) of Chapter 3 effective July 12, 2000.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 13th day of March 2000, to amend Chapter 1, Section 2(b), Chapter 3, Sections 2(d), 13(a), and Chapter 4, Section 5(a) effective March 15, 2001.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 14th day of May 2002, to amend Chapter 1, Sections 1 and 2(jj), (kk), (ll), (mm), (nn), (oo), (pp), (qq), (rr), (ss), (tt), (uu), (vv), (ww), (xx), (yy), (zz), (aaa), (bb), Sections 3, 4, and 5 of Chapter 2; Sections 1(c), 2(e)(viii), 4(h)(i) and (ii), 5(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g), 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), 7(a), (b), (c), 8(i), 16(c), (f), 18(b) and (i)(B), 19(b) and (c), 22(b), (d), (e), 29, 41(a)(i) and (ii)(A), 42(a)(i), (ii) and (ii)(D), 43(a), (c), (d), 44(b), 45 of Chapter 3; Sections 1(c)(iii), (d), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (r), (r)(i) and (ii), (s), (t), (u), (v), (w), (x), (y), (z), (aa), (bb), (cc), (dd), (ee), (ff), (ff)(ii), (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi), (gg), (hh), (ii), (ii)(iv) and (v), (jj), (kk), (ll), (mm), (nn), (oo), (pp), (qq), (rr), (ss), (tt), (uu), (vv), 4(a)(v) of Chapter 4; and Sections 16(a) and 17(f) of Chapter 5 effective June 19, 2002.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming, on the 9th day of July 2003, to amend Chapter 1, Section 2(pp), Chapter 3, Sections 6(a)(vi), 8(i), 22(a), (d), (e), (f), (vii), 41(a)(ii). Sections 42 and 43 were deleted and previous Sections 44, 45 and 46 were renumbered to 42, 43, and 44 effective August 19, 2003.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming on the 8th day of September 2004, to amend Chapter 3, Section 2(b) and 2(d); Chapter 4, Sections 1(oo), 5(a), (a), 7(a) and 7(m); and, Chapter 5, Section 2 and 16, effective November 4, 2004.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the
State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming on the 14th day of June 2005 and on the 19th of July 2005, to amend Chapter 1, Sections 2(ee), 2(qq), 2(rr), 2(ww), 2(aaa), 2(bb), and 2(hhh); Chapter 3, Sections 1(a), 2(e), 4(i), 4(j)(i) through (iii), inclusive, 4(k)(i) through (iii), inclusive, 4(l)(i) through (iv), inclusive, 5(g), 6(f), 7(a), 7(c), 7(d)(i) through (v), inclusive, 7(e), 8(b), 8(d)(i) through (iii), inclusive, 8(g), 8(j), 14, 17(b), 18(b), 18(c)(ii)(B), 18(c)(ii)(C), 18(h), 18(i), 22(d), 22(d)(v), 22(e), 22(e)(i) through (ix), inclusive, 22(f), 22(f)(i) through (vii), inclusive, 22(g), and 27; and Chapter 4, Section 1(d), 6(b) and 6(e), effective September 30, 2005.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming on the 11th day of December, 2007, to amend Chapter 3, Section 8(e) and Chapter 4, Section 4(b), effective February 11, 2008.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming on the 12th day of February, 2008, to amend Chapter 1, Section 2(ss), Chapter 2, Section 6(c), Chapter 3, Section 1, 8(b), 8(d), 8(f)(ii), 8(h), 8(i)(i), 8(j), 19(c), 35(d), 35(e), 36(a), 36(b), 42(a), Chapter 5, Section 12, effective April 2, 2008.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming on the 9th day of September, 2008, to amend Chapter 3, Section 4(c) and Chapter 5, Section 6, effective October 20, 2008.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming on the 8th day of June, 2010, to amend Chapter 1, Sections 2(c), 2(l)(ii), 2(q), 2(r), 2(bb), 2(hh), 2(oo), 2(tt), 2(ggg) and 2(hhh); Chapter 3, Sections 1(a), 2(f)(viii), 2(h)(i), 3(c), 4(a), 4(c), 4(d), 4(e), 4(f), 4(h), 4(i), 4(j), 5(b)(v), 5(c)(vi), 5(d), 5(e), 5(e)(i), 5(e)(iii), 5(g), 6(b), 6(c)(i), 6(c)(iii), 6(d), 6(e), 7(a), 8(a), 8(c), 8(c)(i) through (xi), 8(e), 8(e)(i) through (iii), 10, 11, 12, 16, 18(a), 18(b)(i) through (iv), 19(a), 19(c), 20, 21(a), 22(a)(i), 22(c), 23(a)(i)(F), 25(b), 25(d), 25(e), 25(f), 26, 27, 32, 33, 34, 34(c), 34(e), 36, 37, 38, 39(a)(iv), 39(c), 39(e), 39(f), 40(a)(iii), 41(a), 41(b), 41(c), 43 and 45; Chapter 4, Sections 1(g), 1(h), 1(t), 1(u), 1(w)(vi), 1(z), 1(bb), 1(ii)(v), 1(jj), 1(qq), 3(b), 3(c), 4(a)(i), 4(a)(v), 4(a)(vii), 4(b), 5(b), 5(d)(i)(A), 6(a), 6(b), 6(e), 6(f), 6(g), 6(g)(ix), 6(m), 6(q), 6(q)(ii)(A)&(B), 6(q)(v), 6(q)(vii), 6(q)(viii), 6(q)(x), 6(r), 7(c)(xiii), 7(e)(i), 9(a)(i), 9(a)(iii), 10, 14 and 15; Chapter 5, Sections 2 and 3.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming on the 1st day of March, 2014, to amend Chapter 1, Sections 2(e) and 2(iii); Chapter 3, Section 8(c)(iii); and Chapter 3, Section 46.
Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming on the 10th day of June, 2014, to amend Chapter 3, Section 2(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i).

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming on the 14th day of April, 2015, to amend Chapter 1, Section 2(gg); Chapter 3, Section 22(b) and Section 47; and, Chapter 4, Section 4(a)(v).

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming on the 8th day of December, 2015, to amend new Chapter 3, Section 2(b) and 2(b)(ii); combine Chapter 3, Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 into new Section 4; renumber Section 14 as new Section 5; renumber Section 37 as new Section 6; and, amend Sections 8(a), 8(f)(ii) and 8(h). Sections 7, 14 and 37 were placed on “reserved” status.

Thereafter, following due and proper notice as by law required, and public hearings thereon before the Commission held in the Conference Room of the office of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper, Wyoming on the 9th day of February, 2016, to amend Chapter 3, Section 39.

BY THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING:

/s/ The Honorable Matt Mead
Chairman – Commissioner

/s/ Ms. Bridget Hill
Commissioner

/s/ Mr. Tom Drean
Commissioner

/s/ Mr. Mark Doelger
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/s/ Mr. Tom Fitzsimmons
Commissioner

/s/ Mr. Mark Watson
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