OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION—MINUTES OF MEETING/JANUARY 21,2011—STEVEN L RAUZI, OIL & GAS ADMINISTRATOR

### NOTICE OF COMBINED PUBLIC MEETING AND POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION AMENDED

#### **OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and to the general public that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will hold a meeting open to the public on January 21, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 321 of the State Land Department Building located at 1616 West Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 15, 2010
- 3. Conflicts of interest
- 4. Report of State Geologist and Director about administrative, budget, and staff support matters
- 5. Report of Oil & Gas Administrator about new permits and drilling activity
- 6. Discussion of Ridgeway Arizona Oil Corporation wells within the St. Johns Unit boundary and possible decision concerning their status
- 7. Status of Ridgeway Arizona Oil Corporation drilling program between St Johns and Springerville and possible report from a representative of Ridgeway
- 8. Call to the public: This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Commission may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further discussion and decision at a later date.
- 9. Announcements
- 10. Adjournment

The Oil and Gas Conservation Commission may vote to go into Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) or (4), which will not be open to the public, to consult with its attorney and receive legal advice with respect to any regular agenda item listed on this agenda.

A copy of the agenda background material provided to Commission members (with the exception of material relating to possible executive sessions) is available for public inspection at the Oil and Gas Administrator's office, 416 West Congress, Suite 100, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

The public may be afforded an opportunity to comment on any item on the agenda; however, at the beginning of the meeting, the Commission may vote to set up a time limit on individual comments.

Dated this 14th day of January 2011

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Steven L. Rauzi

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Oil and Gas Program Administrator

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#### **OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

416 West Congress #100 Tucson, Arizona 85701

Minutes of Meeting October 15, 2010

Present:

Dr. J. Dale Nations, Chairman

Mr. Robert L. Wagner, Vice-chairman

Mr. Stephen R. Cooper, Member

Dr. M. Lee Allison, State Geologist and Director of Arizona Geological Survey

Mr. Steven L. Rauzi, Oil and Gas Program Administrator

Dr. Nations, Chairman, called the regular Commission Meeting of October 15 to order at 10:00 a.m. in Room 321, State Land Department Building in Phoenix, Arizona.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 30, 2010

Mr. Wagner moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper:

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 30, 2010, BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED

Motion carried unanimously.

#### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

#### REPORT OF STATE GEOLOGIST AND DIRECTOR OF ARIZONA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Dr. Allison reported that the Arizona Geological Survey was financially stable and would be able to maintain all of its services for the Commission without any problems although the oil and gas administrator was working on a number of CO2 sequestration projects.

#### REPORT OF THE OIL AND GAS ADMINISTRATOR

The activity report of Mr. Rauzi was sent to the Commissioners and has been made a part of these minutes. Mr. Rauzi reported that there were no new permits or wells drilled since the July meeting. He described the continuing effort of ANGS to permit, construct, and operate a natural gas storage-well facility in the Picacho Basin.

#### REPORT ON PERFORMANCE BONDS AND THEIR STATUS

Dr. Allison discussed the status of the performance bonds held by the Arizona Geological Survey on behalf of the Commission. He reported that a separate, stand-alone fund for cash drilling bonds deposited with the agency was established to protect the bond monies from being swept up in any potential legislative budget actions. Mr. Cooper discussed the potential liability to the Commission of the unplugged American Fuels well on the Navajo Nation. The Commission directed staff to clarify the legal and fiscal responsibility for the American Fuels well with the BLM.

#### <u>DISCUSSION ABOUT IOGCC (INTERSTATE OIL AND GAS COMPACT COMMISSION)</u> <u>ANNUAL MEETING IN TUCSON IN NOVEMBER 2010</u>

Dr. Allison reported that the Arizona Geological Survey would cover the registration costs of Commissioners to attend the annual meeting. He annualed a workshop about hydrofracturing to be held the afternoon of November 15. Dr. Nations indicated that a detailed program was not yet available but a generic agenda was posted on the IOGCC website.

### STATUS OF RIDGEWAY ARIZONA OIL CORPORATION DRILLING PROGRAM BETWEEN ST JOHNS AND SPRINGERVILLE INCLUDING POSSIBLE REPORT FROM RIDGEWAY

Mr. Rauzi reported that Ridgeway had six permits to drill that were good through February 2011. Mr. White reported that Ridgeway was moving in a drilling rig and planned to start drilling the 11-03-29x State well on Monday.

#### CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Commission scheduled its next meeting at 10:00 a.m. on January 21, 2011, in room 321 at the State Land Department Building in Phoenix.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wagner moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper:

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED

Motion carried unanimously. Time of adjournment was 10:27 a.m.

**APPROVED** 

J. Dale Nations

Chairman

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE** 

Ms. Leslie Cooper

Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Joe Dixon

State Land Department

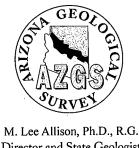
Mr. Thomas White

Ridgeway Arizona Oil Corporation



# State of Arizona Arizona Geological Survey

416 W. Congress, Suite 100 Tucson, Arizona 85701 (520) 770-3500



Director and State Geologist

January 14, 2011

To: Oil and Gas Conservation Commissioners

From: Steven L. Rauzi, Oil and Gas Administrator

Re: Report about permits and drilling activity for the January 21, 2011, Meeting

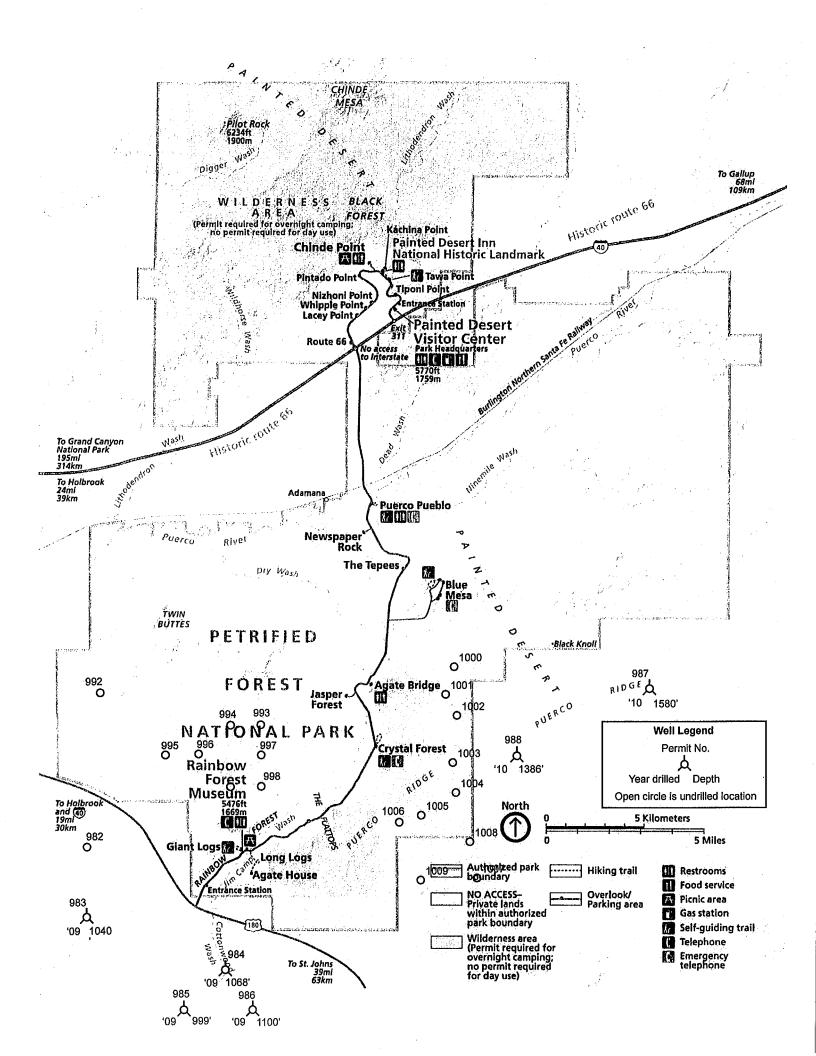
Ten new drilling permits were issued, three wells were drilled, and one well was plugged since your last meeting on October 15, 2010. HNZ Potash LLC permitted ten wells to test for potash east of Petrified Forest National Park and plans to start drilling in the first quarter of this year.

Ridgeway Arizona Oil Corporation drilled three wells in its recently approved St. Johns carbon dioxide unit in November. Ridgeway is completing the wells and has requested that the Commission grant shut-in status.

Southwest Exploration/Passport Potash has notified the Commission that they will start drilling their wells to test for potash this month. The Passport wells are west of the Petrified Forest National Park.

SunCor Development Company plugged its Kakerlee well near Luke in December. The Kakerlee well was drilled by Copper Eagle Gas Storage in September 2002.

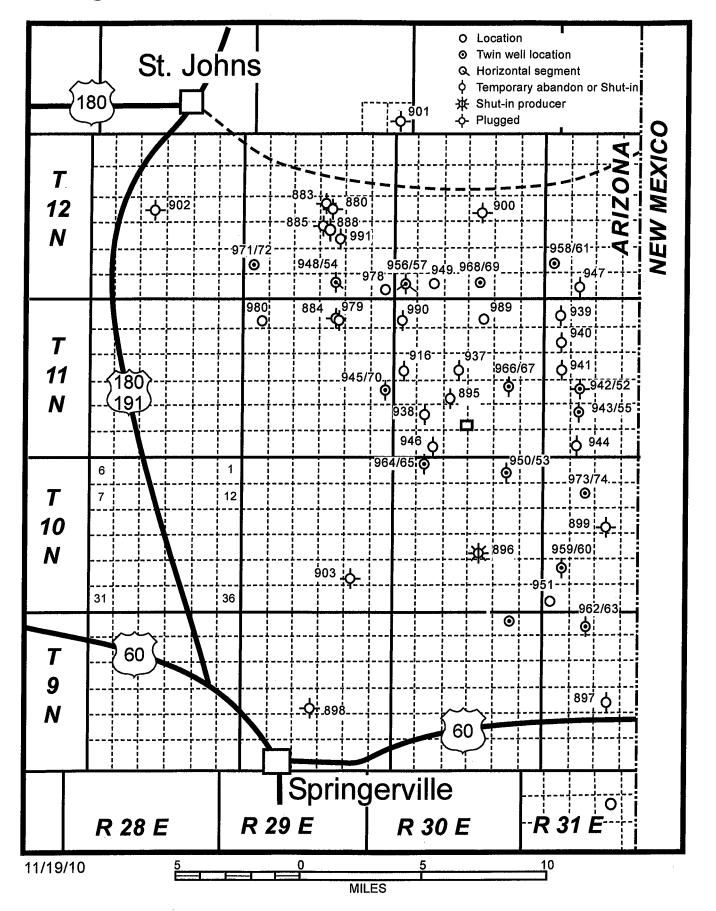
Arizona Natural Gas Storage (ANGS) is continuing to complete various investigations and applications to permit, construct and operate a natural gas storage-well facility in subsurface salt in the Picacho Basin. ANGS plans to start drilling late this year or early next year.



# Location and status of Ridgeway Arizona Oil Corp wells in east-central Arizona Location Total

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## Ridgeway Arizona Oil Corporation Wells



PREFILED DEC 13 2010

REFERENCE TITLE: technical correction; oil; gas; commission

State of Arizona Senate Fiftieth Legislature First Regular Session 2011

### **SB 1002**

Introduced by Senator Pierce S

#### AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 27-514, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION OF OIL AND GAS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 27-514, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

#### 27-514. <u>Commission: appointment: terms: compensation</u>

- A. There is created an oil and gas conservation commission.
- B. The commission shall consist of the state land commissioner ex officio who shall have no vote, and five members to be appointed by the governor, no more than three of whom shall be of the same political party. The appointive members shall be United States citizens and shall have been residents of Arizona for not less than the five years immediately preceding their appointment. Three members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- C. Of the members first appointed, one shall be appointed for a term ending December 31, 1960, and one each for terms ending one, two, three and four years thereafter. Subsequent Appointments shall be for a full term of five years, which shall expire on the third Monday in January in the appropriate year.
- D. Appointive members of the commission shall receive compensation as determined pursuant to section 38-611 for each day actually spent in the performance of official duties.

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Thomas White

Representing

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