

North Dakota Industrial Commission

Docket for Hearing

Tuesday, April 22, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

N.D. Oil & Gas Division
1000 East Calgary Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota

Case No. 22058: In the matter of a hearing called on a motion of the Commission to consider amending the current Bakken, Bakken/Three Forks, and/or Three Forks Pool field rules to restrict oil production and/or impose such provisions as deemed appropriate to reduce the amount of flared gas.

Gas Flaring Hearing

The Oil & Gas Division of the Department of Mineral Resources has scheduled a special hearing to address the North Dakota Industrial Commission's newly-adopted policy on reducing gas flaring.

The Commission will consider amending field rules relating to the Bakken and Three Forks Pools that restrict oil production and consider any additional steps to reduce gas flaring. Persons interested in testifying should be prepared to provide testimony of a technical nature.

The Commission is seeking testimony on the following:

- Production restrictions for wells not connected to gas gathering systems
- Production allowances appropriate for wells connected to gas gathering/beneficial uses
- Production allowances based on well economics
- Production allowances for percentage of gas captured by well, well site, field-pool, region, or operator
- Length of time wells should be allowed to produce at maximum while flaring
- Administrative approval regarding production restrictions
- Consideration of ambient air quality standards
- Alternatives to flaring and beneficial uses of casinghead gas
- Gas gathering/processing infrastructure upgrades planned

Submit written comments to brkadrmas@nd.gov no later than 5 p.m. CDT, Monday, April 21. Action items from the Commission's new flaring policy can be found on the Oil & Gas Division website: www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas/presentations/NDIC030314_100.pdf

Hearing Testimony Procedure

- No telephonic testimony will be accepted
- Sign up will begin at 8 a.m. in the hearing room—parties will be called in order signed up and must appear or be moved to end of list (at the discretion of the Hearing Officer)
- 15-minute limit on testimony
- Parties will be asked not to repeat testimony of others