

North Dakota Industrial Commission

Docket for Hearing

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Case No. 23084: In the matter of a hearing called on a motion of the Commission to consider amending the Bakken, Bakken/Three Forks, Three Forks, and/or Sanish Pool field rules to establish oil conditioning standards and/or impose such provisions as deemed appropriate to improve the transportation safety and marketability of crude oil.

Oil Conditioning Hearing

The Oil and Gas Division of the Department of Mineral Resources has scheduled a special hearing to address the transportation safety and marketability of crude oil.

The Commission will consider amending field rules relating to the Bakken, Three Forks, and Sanish Pools that improve the transportation safety and marketability of crude oil. Persons interested in testifying should be prepared to provide testimony of a technical nature.

The Commission is seeking testimony on the following:

- Typical operating temperature, pressure, and retention time of gas/liquid separators
- Optimum operating gas/liquid separator temperature, pressure, and retention time to effectively remove light hydrocarbons
- Typical operating temperature, pressure, and retention time of treaters
- Optimum operating treater temperature, pressure, and retention time to effectively remove light hydrocarbons
- Optimum oil stock tank pressure to effectively operate vapor collection equipment
- Optimum oil tank settling time prior to shipment
- Capital costs of typical gas/liquid separator and treating equipment
- Operating costs of typical gas/liquid separator and treating equipment
- Other field operation methods to effectively reduce the light hydrocarbons in crude oil
- Crude oil quality and safety studies including but not limited to those conducted by American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, PHMSA & FRA Operation Classification, Transportation Safety Board of Canada, and Turner Mason & Company

Submit written comments to brkadrmas@nd.gov before 5 p.m. CDT, Monday, September 22.

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