

BEFORE THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

In the Matter of the Application of Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC to Integrate the Spacing Unit Consisting of the NE ¼ of Section 9 and the NW ¼ of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Payette County, Idaho)	AGCY. CASE NO. CC-2024-OGR-01-002
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)	OAH Case No. 24-320-OG-02
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)	NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
)	
Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, Applicant.)	
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TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

The Chief Administrative Hearing Officer of the Office of Administrative Hearings, pursuant to their authority under Idaho Code § 67-5282(1)(d), hereby appoints the following administrative law judge as the duly authorized Hearing Officer in this matter:

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This administrative law judge is appointed to conduct a hearing in this matter in accord with all governing statutes and rules, and make appropriate findings of fact, conclusions of law, and preliminary or recommended orders (as may be requested or mandated) to the Director of the Idaho Department of Lands. The administrative law judge is required to comply with the Office of Administrative Hearings’ Code of Conduct.

AUTHORITY AS HEARING OFFICER

As Hearing Officer, the administrative law judge has the authority to:

1. Schedule and conduct motion hearings and enter the appropriate orders disposing of all pre-hearing motions, such as motions for notices of proposed default orders, motions on the admissibility of evidence, and motions for continuances.

2. Schedule and conduct any pre-hearing conference and enter the appropriate orders for any purpose recognized by IDAPA 62.01.01.402.

3. Perform other duties assigned by the Board and as authorized by the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act, promulgated at Idaho Code §§ 67-5201 *et seq.*, the Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure promulgated at IDAPA 62.01.01 *et seq.*, and such other statutes and rules as may govern the proceedings, including, but not limited to, Idaho Code § 47-328.

4. The hearing officer may not engage in *ex parte* communications concerning the substance of this matter, except as provided in Idaho Code § 67-5253 and IDAPA 62.01.01.255.

FILING OF DOCUMENTS

All documents filed in this matter must be filed by email with the Office of Administrative Hearings at the following email address: filings@oah.idaho.gov

Additionally, all documents filed in this matter must also be served by email upon the Hearing Officer and all other parties to the proceeding at the email addresses listed in the Certificate of Service.

Original and/or paper documents do not need to be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, except upon request by the Hearing Officer. If you are requested to submit original and/or paper documents by the Hearing Officer, submit those documents to the Office of Administrative Hearings at the following address:

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REQUIRED SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS ON OTHER PARTIES

Any document filed by either party in this matter must be served on the other party (or the other party’s attorney, if represented). The contact information for each party is as follows:

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DATED September 6, 2024.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

/s/ Bryan A. Nickels
Bryan A. Nickels
Chief Administrative Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on this 6th day of September, 2024, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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