

**BEFORE THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS**

In the Matter of the Application of Snake River Oil  
and Gas, LLC for an Order Establishing a Spacing  
Unit Consisting of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, the E  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, and the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
Section 22, Township 8 North, Range 5 West,  
Payette County, Idaho.

Agency Case No. CC-2025-OGR-01-002

**ORDER REFERRING MATTER  
TO THE OFFICE OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

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On May 22, 2025 the Idaho Department of Lands (“Department”) received an application from Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC (“SROG”) for an order establishing a spacing unit consisting of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, the E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, and the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Payette County, Idaho (“Application”). A true and correct copy of the Application is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. SROG also paid the associated application fee. A true and correct copy of the receipt showing payment of the application fee is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 47-317, SROG’s Application requires a hearing to allow for input regarding the merits of the Application and to help determine the appropriate “location, size, and shape of the unit which... shall result in the efficient and economical development of the pool as a whole.” I.C. § 47-317(1-2). Pursuant to the authority under Idaho Code § 47-328(3)(d), allowing the Administrator of the Department’s Oil and Gas division to appoint a hearing officer, this matter is hereby referred to the Idaho Office of Administrative Hearings (“OAH”) to set and conduct a hearing and issue a recommended order on SROG’s Application. An OAH Transmittal Sheet is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. Pursuant to Idaho Code, the undersigned will review the Hearing Officer’s recommended order and issue a written final decision on SROG’s Application no later than 30 days following the hearing. I.C. § 47-328(3)(e).

The hearing must be conducted and SROG's Application evaluated pursuant to the procedures and substantive provisions of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Act, Idaho Code 47-309 *et seq.* Specifically, Idaho Code § 47-328 governs the process application to applications for an order establishing a spacing unit and Idaho Code §§ 47-310 (definitions), 47-311 (public interest), 47-312 (prohibition of waste), and 47-317 (spacing units) provide applicable substantive provisions. Notice of filings in this matter should be served on the individuals and entities listed in the Certificate of Service. I.C. 47-328(3)(b).

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Chollett', is written over a horizontal line.

SHANNON CHOLLETT  
Division Administrator - Idaho Department of Lands  
Minerals, Navigable Waters, and Oil & Gas Division

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 6th day of May, 2025, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document, by the method indicated:

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