

BEFORE THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

In the Matter of the Application of Snake) AGCY. CASE NO. CC-2024-OGR-01-002
River Oil and Gas, LLC to Integrate the)
Spacing Unit Consisting of the NE ¼ of) OAH Case No. 24-320-OG-02
Section 9 and the NW ¼ of Section 10,)
Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Payette) **SCHEDULING ORDER**
County, Idaho)
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Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, Applicant.)
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Hearing Officer Merritt Dublin conducted a scheduling videoconference on September 11, 2024. Appearances were made by Applicant’s counsel Michael Christian; Attorney General Allison Olson representing Idaho Department of Lands (“IDL”); James Thum, IDL Program Manager, Oil and Gas; and Patty Nitz, Payette County Planning and Zoning Administrator. Based on the parties’ agreements,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following deadlines and procedures will govern this matter going forward:

1. The parties will serve any prehearing disclosures on or before **September 27, 2024**.
2. On or before **September 27, 2024**, the parties will file with the Hearing Officer and serve upon the opposing party:
 - a) A disclosure of witnesses, by name, address, and telephone number, who will testify at the final hearing in this matter, including expert witnesses, along with a summary of the anticipated testimony of each witness; and
 - b) An exhibit list of all documents, drawings, photographs, or other demonstrative evidence to be considered at the hearing; and
 - c) A copy of its proposed exhibits with Applicant Snake River Oil and Gas exhibits numbered as follows: “SR-01,” “SR-02,” “SR-03,” etc.; and IDL

exhibits numbered as follows: “IDL-01,” “IDL-02,” “IDL-03,” etc.).

3. On or before **September 27, 2024**, the parties will file with the Hearing Officer and serve upon each other their prehearing statement. Each party’s prehearing statement should summarize facts and law they intend to rely on at the hearing. The parties shall also state, if practicable, any pre-hearing requests for rulings on the evidence to be submitted or any other legal issue which will be heard at the Prehearing Conference.

4. A Prehearing Conference will be held via Zoom on **October 4, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Mountain Time**. The purpose of this conference is to discuss all prehearing matters, including objections, stipulations, narrowing of issues, burden of proof, and any other preliminary matters that need to be addressed prior to the hearing. A Zoom hearing link will be sent contemporaneously with this order.

5. An in-person evidentiary hearing is scheduled for **October 10, 2024**, and will be held at Fruitland City Hall Council Chamber, located at 200 S. Whitley, Fruitland Idaho, 83619. The evidentiary hearing will commence at 1:00 p.m. Mountain Time and conclude at 5:00 p.m. The hearing will be open for public comment beginning at 5:00 p.m. and will conclude no later than 8:00 p.m. Mountain Time. A Zoom link will be available for remote participation

6. To “file” and “serve” their documents, the parties may email them to all other parties at the addresses listed in the attached Certificate of Service before any deadline, with a copy to merritt.dublin@oah.idaho.gov and filings@oah.idaho.gov.

7. The Hearing Officer will arrange for a court reporter. The cost of the court reporter appearance fee will be borne by the Idaho Department of Lands. If any party or participant requests a copy of the transcript, that party or participant will bear the cost of such transcript. If all parties request a copy of the transcript, the cost of a transcript will be borne equally by the parties. If the

Hearing Officer requests a copy of the transcript, the cost of the transcript will be borne equally by the parties. In addition, the hearing will be recorded via Zoom or some other recording device.

8. Should any party or their counsel require special accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Hearing Officer shall be notified of such request at or before the time of the prehearing conference.

9. All individuals listed on the Certificate of Service that do not currently have a listed email address shall provide an email address, if one is available, to filings@oah.idaho.gov no later than September 27, 2024.

NOTICE AND REMINDER: The Hearing Officer shall not be contacted by either party *ex parte*. To schedule a status conference to address any case matters, the parties are directed to first confer about agreed-to dates and times, and then to contact Merritt Dublin at merritt.dublin@oah.idaho.gov with a copy to filings@oah.idaho.gov to schedule a status conference.

DATED: September 12, 2024.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

/s/ Merritt Dublin
Merritt Dublin
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on this 12th 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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