

## Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period

### STATE OF ALASKA ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RE: Docket No. CO-21-022

The application of Hilcorp Alaska, LLC for an exception to the spacing requirements of 20 AAC 25.055(a)(1) and (a)(2) to drill, complete, test and produce the Whiskey Gulch No. 14 exploratory well within 1,500 feet of property lines where the owner and landowner are not the same on both sides of the lines, and where more than one well will be drilled to and completed in the same pool in the same governmental section, and where a well will be drilled or completed closer than 3,000 feet to any well drilling or capable of producing from the same gas pool.

Hilcorp Alaska, LLC, (Hilcorp), by letter dated November 12, 2021, requested the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) issue an order for an exception to the spacing requirements of 20 AAC 25.055(a)(1) and (a)(2) to allow Whiskey Gulch No. 14 well (WG-14) in the Whiskey Gulch Undefined Gas Pool to be drilled, completed, tested, and produced within 1,500 feet of a property line where the owner and landowner are not the same on both sides of the line, and where more than one well will be drilled to and completed in the same pool in the same governmental section, and where a well will be drilled or completed closer than 3,000 feet to any well drilling or capable of producing from the same gas pool.

WG-14 Well:

Surface Location: X=168350.1'; Y=2128170.8', Sec. 23, T04S, R15W, Seward Meridian

Target Location: X=168175.6'; Y=2127984.0', Sec. 23, T04S, R15W, Seward Meridian

Bottom Hole Location: X=166130.4'; Y=2125793.3', Sec. 26, T04S, R15W, Seward Meridian

Well spacing regulations protect the oil and gas rights of adjacent landowners and maximize resource recovery by establishing default limits on how close, under the land's surface, oil and gas wells can be to each other and to property lines where ownership changes hands. These limits are set forth in a regulation, 20 AAC 25.055. Operators must abide by the default well spacing limits (referred to as statewide spacing requirements) unless they apply for, and obtain, an exception to those limits. Although exceptions to the default well spacing requirements are not unusual, AOGCC carefully evaluates each application, and typically grants them only when actual geologic conditions demonstrate that the proposed subsurface location of a well is necessary to reach otherwise unreachable oil or gas and that both the rights of adjacent landowners and underground drinking water can be protected. As a general matter, AOGCC does not have extensive authority over surface impacts such as noise, emissions, or construction.

This notice does not contain all the information filed by Hilcorp. You may obtain more information about this filing by contacting the AOGCC's Special Assistant, Grace Salazar, at (907) 793-1221 or [grace.salazar@alaska.gov](mailto:grace.salazar@alaska.gov).

The AOGCC has scheduled a **virtual** public hearing on this matter for Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. via MS Teams. The audio call-in information is (907) 202-7104 conference ID no. 586 167 352#. Anyone who wishes to participate remotely using MS Teams video conference should contact Ms. Salazar at least two business days before the scheduled public hearing to request an invitation for the MS Teams.

Please note, the hearing will be held if AOGCC receives written request by 4:30 p.m., December 14, 2021. If a request for a hearing is not timely filed, the AOGCC may consider the issuance of an order without a hearing. To learn if the AOGCC will hold the hearing, call (907) 793-1221 or visit the AOGCC Events webpage after December .

To comment on Hilcorp's application, please file your comments by 4:30 p.m., Monday, December 20, 2021, to the AOGCC at 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501, or via:

Email: [aogcc.customer.svc@alaska.gov](mailto:aogcc.customer.svc@alaska.gov)

Fax: (907) 276-7542

Online: State of Alaska Public Notices System (use the "comment" link).

Individuals or groups of people with disabilities who require special accommodations to comment or attend the hearing should contact Ms. Salazar at (907) 793-1221, no later than December 15, 2021.

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