

STATE OF ALASKA
ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
333 West 7th Avenue, Suite 100
Anchorage Alaska 99501

Re: THE APPLICATION OF BP Exploration) Docket Number: CO-12-25
(Alaska), Inc. to modify Conservation Order) Conservation Order No. 317C
317B to expand the affected area.)
) Prudhoe Bay Field
) Prudhoe Bay Unit
) Point McIntyre Oil Pool
) North Slope Borough, Alaska
)
) December 18, 2013

IT APPEARING THAT:

1. By letter received September 25, 2012, BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc. (BPXA), requested that the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) expand the Affected Area of the Point McIntyre Oil Pool.
2. Pursuant to 20 AAC 25.540, the AOGCC tentatively scheduled a public hearing for November 13, 2012. On September 28, 2012, the AOGCC mailed printed copies of the notice of the opportunity for public hearing to all persons on the AOGCC's mailing distribution list, published notice of the opportunity for that hearing on the State of Alaska's Online Public Notice website and on the AOGCC's website, and electronically transmitted the notice to all persons on the AOGCC's email distribution list. On October 7, 2012, the notice was published in the ALASKA JOURNAL OF COMMERCE.
3. No protest to the application or request for hearing was received.
4. The AOGCC vacated the tentatively scheduled public hearing on October 30, 2012.
5. Because BPXA provided sufficient information upon which to make an informed decision, the request can be resolved without a hearing.

FINDINGS:

1. Operator: BPXA is the operator of the Prudhoe Bay Field, Prudhoe Bay Unit, and Point McIntyre Oil Pool, which are located in the North Slope Borough, Alaska.
2. Affected Area: The Point McIntyre Oil Pool lies offshore, in the Beaufort Sea, North Slope Borough, Alaska.
3. Owners and Landowners: All lessees and owners of the affected expansion areas are Working Interest Owners of the Prudhoe Bay Unit.
4. Pool Identification: Conservation Order No. 317B Amended defines the Pt. McIntyre oil pool as the accumulation of hydrocarbons common to and correlative with the interval from 9,908' to 10,665' measured depth in the ARCO Pt. McIntyre No. 11 well.

5. Exploration and Production History: The Point McIntyre Oil Pool was discovered in 1988 by the Point McIntyre No. 3 exploratory well. Regular oil production began in October 1993 and is ongoing.
6. Regulatory History: The AOGCC has issued Conservation Order No. 317 (dated July 2, 1993 and revised September 10, 1993), Conservation Order No. 317A (dated April 25, 1996), Conservation Order No. 317B Amended (dated April 19, 2000), Conservation Order No. 317B.001 (dated December 10, 2003), and Conservation Order No. 317B.002 (dated May 23, 2007) to govern development of the Point McIntyre Oil Pool.
7. Proposed Change to Affected Area: BPXA's proposed expansion of the Point McIntyre Oil Pool is based on new well information and a new structural interpretation from seismic data that extends the limits of the area capable of contributing to production.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Point McIntyre Oil Pool is a mature, producing pool.
2. BPXA's proposed expansion of the Point McIntyre Oil Pool is warranted based on their revised structural interpretation.
3. The conclusions in Conservation Order No. 317B Amended and the amendments thereto are incorporated herein.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED:

The development and operation of the Point McIntyre Oil Pool is subject to the rules in Conservation Order No. 317B Amended and the amendments thereto and the statewide requirements under 20 AAC 25:

Affected Area: Umiat Meridian (revised and expanded by this Order)

Township, Range	Lease , Tract	Description
T12N, R15E	ADL 034626, Tract 5	Section 16: SW1/4. Section 21: NW1/4, N1/2 SW1/4.
T12N, R15E	ADL 034627, Tract 6	Section 17: S1/2. Section 18: All. Section 19: N1/2. Section 20: N/2, N1/2 S1/2.

Township, Range	Lease , Tract	Description
T12N, R15E	ADL 365548	Those Lands in Block 605 lying northerly of the north boundary of Section 3, T12N, R14E, UM, AK. (Identical with line 4-5 on Block 605) and lying easterly of the west boundary of Sections 2 and 11, T12N, R14E, UM, AK (Identical with line 5-6 on Block 605) and lying northerly of the south boundary of Section 11 and 12, T12N, R14E, UM, AK, and lying northerly of the south boundary of Section 7, T12N, R15E, UM, AK (Identical with line 6-7 on Block 605), within the offshore three-mile arc lines listed as State Area on the "Supplemental Official O.C.S. Block Diagram," approved 12/9/79, containing 1457.32 hectares.
T12N, R14E	ADL 34622	Section 3: All. Section 4: All. Section 9: All. Section 10 All.
T12N, R14E	ADL 34624	Section 13: All. Section 14: All. Section 23: N1/2 NW1/4, N1/2 NE1/4, SW1/4 NW1/4. Section 24: N1/2.
T12N, R14E	ADL 28297	Section 15: All. Section 16: All. Section 21: N1/2 NE1/4. Section 22: N1/2.
T12N, R14E	ADL 28298	Section 17: NE1/4, N1/2 SE 1/4, E1/2 E1/2 NW1/4, E1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4.
T13N, R14E	ADL 389945, Tract 120	Section 26: S1/2. Section 35: Protracted, All Tide and Submerged Lands, Excluding State Oil and Gas Lease ADL365548, 608.75 acres
T13N, R14E	ADL 389946, Tract 121	Section 27: S1/2, NW1/4 Protracted, All Tide and Submerged Lands Shoreward of the Line Fixed by Coordinates Found in Exhibit A of the Final Decree, U.S. v. Alaska, No. 84 Original, 460.94 acres Section 28: Protracted, All Tide and Submerged Lands, Excluding State Oil and Gas Lease ADL312809, 395.06 acres Section 33: Protracted, All Tide and Submerged Lands, Excluding State Oil and Gas Lease ADL312809 and ADL365548, 378.52 acres Section 34: Protracted, All Tide and Submerged Lands, Excluding State Oil and Gas Lease ADL365548, 624.20 acres

DONE at Anchorage, Alaska and dated December 18, 2013.



Daniel T. Seamount, Jr.
Commissioner



John K. Norman
Commissioner



RECONSIDERATION AND APPEAL NOTICE

As provided in AS 31.05.080(a), within **20** days after written notice of the entry of this order or decision, or such further time as the AOGCC grants for good cause shown, a person affected by it may file with the AOGCC an application for reconsideration of the matter determined by it. If the notice was mailed, then the period of time shall be **23** days. An application for reconsideration must set out the respect in which the order or decision is believed to be erroneous.

The AOGCC shall grant or refuse the application for reconsideration in whole or in part within 10 days after it is filed. Failure to act on it within 10-days is a denial of reconsideration. If the AOGCC denies reconsideration, upon denial, this order or decision and the denial of reconsideration are **FINAL** and may be appealed to superior court. The appeal **MUST** be filed within **33** days after the date on which the AOGCC mails, **OR 30** days if the AOGCC otherwise distributes, the order or decision denying reconsideration, **UNLESS** the denial is by inaction, in which case the appeal **MUST** be filed within **40** days after the date on which the application for reconsideration was filed.

If the AOGCC grants an application for reconsideration, this order or decision does not become final. Rather, the order or decision on reconsideration will be the **FINAL** order or decision of the AOGCC, and it may be appealed to superior court. That appeal **MUST** be filed within **33** days after the date on which the AOGCC mails, **OR 30** days if the AOGCC otherwise distributes, the order or decision on reconsideration. As provided in AS 31.05.080(b), "[t]he questions reviewed on appeal are limited to the questions presented to the AOGCC by the application for reconsideration."

In computing a period of time above, the date of the event or default after which the designated period begins to run is not included in the period; the last day of the period is included, unless it falls on a weekend or state holiday, in which event the period runs until 5:00 p.m. on the next day that does not fall on a weekend or state holiday.