

**JANUARY 19, 2016, MEETING MINUTES
OF THE QEP HEARING EXAMINER HEARING
FOR DOCKET NO. 2016-001 CAUSE NO. 187-11
BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF UTAH**



A public meeting was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1050, at the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting was streamed live on the Department of Natural Resources YouTube channel. The link for this meeting is https://youtu.be/bSTIIA_NVbA.

ATTENDEES:

HEARING EXAMINER:

John C. Rogers, Hearing Examiner, Assoc. Director, Oil and Gas
John Robinson Jr, AAG, representing the Hearing Examiner

UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING:

Steven F. Alder, AAG, representing the Division
Melissa Reynolds, AAG
Brad Hill, witness for the Division
Dustin Doucet, witness for the Division
Josh Payne, Compliance Manager
Dayne Doucet, Petroleum Engineer
John Baza, Director
Hollie Brown, Public Information Officer
Julie Ann Carter, Board Secretary
Michelle Mallonee, CSR, Alpine Court Reporting

QEP ENERGY COMPANY

Mark L. Burghardt, Holland & Hart, LLP, Attorney for QEP Energy Company
Theresa Chapman, participating via video conference.
Aaron Bazzell, participating via video conference.
Daniel Rabiolo, participating via video conference.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Michael Coulthard, Salt Lake City Office

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None present.

The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (“Board”), State of Utah, pursuant to Utah Administrative Code R641-113-100, has designated a hearing examiner to conduct the hearing. The Hearing Examiner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Please note: The transcript for this matter will be available for review at the Division offices approximately fifteen business days after the hearing date. Copies of individual transcripts may be purchased from Alpine Court Reporting, 243 East 400 South, Suite 101B, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, ph.: 801-691-1000.

1. [Docket No. 2016-001 Cause No. 187-11](#) – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of QEP ENERGY COMPANY for an order suspending the application of Utah Admin. Code R649-3-2, R649-3-10, and R649-3-11(1) and (2) for the South Red Wash Unit, covering the S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 1, all of Sections 12 and 13, and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, SLM, and all of Sections 3, 4, 6-10, 13-24, the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5, the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 11, and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12, Township 8 South, Range 23 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah.

(The Board will consider the recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law generated by the hearing examiner at the February 24, 2016, Board Hearing.)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

Hearing Examiner – John C. Rogers, Hearing Examiner, Assoc. Director, Oil and Gas, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Counsel for the Hearing Examiner – John Robinson Jr, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources.

Counsel for the Petitioner – Mark L. Burghardt, Holland & Hart, LLP.

Witnesses: Theresa Chapman, Aaron Bazzell, and Daniel Rabiolo. The witnesses participated via video conference.

Counsel for the Division – Steven F. Alder, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources.

Witnesses: Dustin Doucet, and Brad Hill.

On behalf of Bureau of Land Management – Michael Coulthard, Utah State Office.

The Hearing Examiner, John C. Rogers, Associate Director, Oil and Gas, for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, took testimony and evidence regarding this matter. The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining supports the request. The Bureau of Land Management sent a letter of support on this matter on January 14, 2016. The Petitioner requested that the matter be approved as submitted. The Hearing Examiner will present the recommended findings of fact and conclusion of law at the Board hearing on February 24, 2016. Mark L. Burghardt will prepare the recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.