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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

NOTICE OF RULE CHANGE Request for Public Comment

The Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission (AOGC), has proposed amendments to Commission “General Rule B-26 General Lease Operating Requirements”; and promulgation of new “General Rule D-23 General Rule for the Regulation of Underground Natural Gas Storage Projects”. Oral and written comments by industry representatives and the public will be received and made a part of the record during the public comment period.

Pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Arkansas Code § 25-15-201 et Seq.; and Oil and Gas Statute A.C.A. § 15-71-110, the AOGC by this notice solicits comments of any interested party to the proposed rule amendments by submitting comments in writing on or before the end of the public comment period which is August 3, 2020. Comments sent by regular mail should be sent to Lawrence Bengal at the address below.

Full and complete copies of the proposed general rules are available for inspection and review at the AOGC offices in Little Rock, Arkansas at 301 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 102, Phone: 501-683-5814; or may be viewed on AOGC’s website at <http://www.aogc.state.ar.us>

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Central Time to accept comments on the rulemaking. The hearing will be held in the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC & EC) Room (Room Number 1W06) at the Department of Energy and Environment headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Attendance may be in person or through the Zoom virtual meetings platform. Persons attending the public hearing in person will be screened prior to entry and will be required to wear a mask. The number of participants in the APC & EC Room at one time will be limited to ensure appropriate physical distancing. Persons attending via the Zoom virtual meetings platform may participate using a telephone or internet audio. Written and oral statements may be submitted regarding the proposed rulemakings to the Presiding Officer for consideration at the Public Hearing. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date.

Persons wishing to be recognized to make an oral comment through the Zoom virtual meetings platform during the public hearing must be placed on a “virtual sign-in list” by notifying Shannon Hunter, tel. 501-683-5814, e-mail Shannon.hunter@aogc.state.ar.us, before 4:00 p.m., Central Time on the day before the hearing. Persons wishing to be recognized to make an oral comment in person should notify the Shannon Hunter before 4:00 p.m., Central Time on the day before the hearing. A request to be included on the list of commenters must include the name and mailing address of the individual requestor or

commenter and be submitted by email to Shannon.hunter@aogc.state.ar.us or by leaving a voicemail at (501) 683-5814.

Written comments may be submitted to Shannon Hunter by email to the above email address until 11:59 p.m. on August 3, 2020, and must also include the commenter's name, mailing address and email address.

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