

**APRIL 28, 2015 AGENDA  
QEP HEARING EXAMINER MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE HEARING EXAMINATION  
DOCKET NO. 2015-015 CAUSE NO. 191-07  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF UTAH  
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A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 2000, Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**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  
Brad Hill, witness for the Division  
Dustin Doucet, witness for the Division  
Earlene Russell, Admin. Assistant  
Julie Ann Carter, Board Secretary  
Michelle Mallonee, CSR, Alpine Court Reporting

**QEP ENERGY COMPANY**

Mark L. Burghardt, Holland & Hart, LLP  
Laura Rippentrop, witness for QEP Energy Company, participating via video conference.  
Aaron Bazzell, witness for QEP Energy Company, participating via video conference.  
Daniel Rabiolo, witness for QEP Energy Company, participating via video conference.  
Kyle Reed, participating via video conference.

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Michael Coulthard, Salt Lake City Office  
Mike Riches, Vernal Field 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 will hear the following Matter at 10:00 a.m.:

*Please note: The transcript will be available for review at the Division offices approximately fifteen business days after the hearing date. Copies of the transcript may be purchased by calling Alpine Court Reporting at 1 (801) 691-1000 and requesting Docket No. 2015-015 Cause No. 191-07, taken for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining on April 28, 2015.*

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1. Docket No. 2015-015 Cause No. 191-07 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of QEP ENERGY COMPANY for an Order extending the Board’s Order entered in Cause No. 191-06, which suspended the application Of Utah Admin. Code R649-3-2, R649-3-10, and R649-3-11(1) and (2) for the area located within the Ouray Park II Federal Exploratory Unit, to the lands added through expansion of the unit, consisting of all of Section 1, the NE¼NE¼ of Section 11, and the E½, NW¼, and the NE¼SW¼ of Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 20 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 May 27, 2015, Board Hearing.)*

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 10:48 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: Laura Rippentrop, 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.

The Division is in support of the Petitioners’ Request. The BLM supports the Petitioners’ Request. 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. Mr. Rogers will present the Hearing Examiner’s recommended findings of fact and conclusion of law at the Board hearing on May 27, 2015. Mark L. Burghardt will prepare the recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law.