

Below is information regarding public participation in oil and gas matters before the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC). This summary is provided to assist residents in submitting comments, monitoring COGCC applications and participating in hearings. This document and other postings on the Boulder County website do not constitute legal advice and anyone who wishes to participate in COGCC proceedings should consult COGCC rules (<http://cogcc.state.co.us/reg.html#/rules>) and/or legal counsel for a full explication of these procedures.

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Website navigation guide: <http://cogcc.state.co.us/about.html#/help/newvisitor>

How to determine when a particular issue will be in front of COGCC for a hearing:

- Review the application filed by the operator or other notice of a proceeding carefully for the affected location and the type of order requested (e.g., pooling, spacing, additional wells, etc.).
- Go to the COGCC website “Hearings” tab at <http://cogcc.state.co.us/reg.html#/hearings>. For each COGCC hearing, a General Docket and an Enforcement Docket is available. A matter could be scheduled for any meeting following the date it was submitted. Only one future meeting will have documents posted at a time, so you can check the next upcoming meeting. In the appropriate docket for that meeting, look for the application or proceeding type, applicant (operator) name and relevant county. Operators may have multiple applications of the same type in the same county on a given docket, so to check that the item you’re interested in is one of those listed, click on the operator name to see the relevant application and check it against the one you’ve reviewed.
- Note the date and location of the meeting at which your issue will be heard. The agenda link for that hearing will help determine the approximate time that your issue may be heard.

General hearing information:

- At <http://cogcc.state.co.us/reg.html#/hearings>, review the items in the “Hearing Information” sidebar.

Ways to participate in a hearing:

- Each COGCC hearing includes time for audience comments soon after it begins. Members of the public may sign up to speak upon arrival at the meeting and will be given two to three minutes.

- Rule 510 statements
 - Any member of the public may make written or oral comments on a particular docket item at the time it is up for hearing through COGCC Rule 510
 - For information and instructions, see <http://cogcc.state.co.us/reg.html#/hearings> and http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Hearings/WrittenStatementsUnderRule510_Instructions.pdf
- Intervening in a matter
 - A member of the public who is directly affected by a particular application (e.g., one whose mineral interests are requested for pooling, a landowner affected by a drilling and spacing order) can ask to intervene in the matter to gain the right to fully participate in the hearing.
 - Permission must be granted to intervene and requires demonstration that the applicant’s intervention “will serve the public interest.” COGCC Rule 509(a)(2)(C).
 - See COGCC Rule 509 for rules and procedures for intervening: <http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Rules/LATEST/500Series.pdf>.

Other ways to provide comments to COGCC:

- Statewide oil and gas facility complaint line (for problems at existing locations): **888-235-1101**
- Filing a written complaint regarding an active oil and gas operation
 - See <http://cogcc.state.co.us/complaints.html#/complaints>
- Commenting on a pending Form 2A or Form 2 application for a permit to drill:
 - see <http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/permits/Permits%20Help/StepByStepCommentInstructionsDec2015.pdf>