

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Leasing County-Owned Oil and Gas Rights for Exploration and Production )  
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[March 2006 Lease Sale] )  
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**ORDER NO. 9 - 2006**  
(Setting Auction Date)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County would like to set an auction date in order to lease some of its oil and gas rights; and

WHEREAS, Order No. 138-97 requires auction dates to be set by an appropriate Order of the Board pursuant to ORS 275.294;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. An auction will be held in order to lease some of Columbia County's oil and gas rights for the exploration and production of natural gas..
2. The auction will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2006, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and shall continue until all parcels have been leased or withdrawn from the auction, but no later than 4:00 p.m. that same day. Any remaining parcels may be auctioned the next day.
3. The auction will be held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Room 308 of the Columbia County Courthouse in St. Helens, Oregon.
4. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the procedures adopted in Order No. 138-97.
5. The attached notice is approved and shall be published as required by Order No. 138-97.

DATED this <sup>25th</sup>~~21st~~ day of January, 2006.

Approved as to form

By: John C. [Signature]  
Office of County Counsel

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: [Signature]  
Chair

By: [Signature]  
Commissioner

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SETTING AUCTION DATE - OIL & GAS LEASES

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Leasing County-Owned Oil and Gas )  
Rights for the Exploration and Production of Natural Gas )

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

[March 2006 Lease Sale]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, will hold a public auction for certain lands and/or mineral rights in the Mist Gas Field situated in Columbia County, Oregon.

Competitive bidding will be held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Room 308 of the Columbia County Courthouse Annex, 230 Strand, St. Helens, Oregon, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2006, pursuant to the leasing rules adopted by the Board. It is the County's intent to auction approximately 232 individual parcels, or approximately 70,728 acres. The auction will proceed separately, parcel by parcel, until all parcels have been auctioned or withdrawn by the Auctioneer, but shall not continue later than 4:00 p.m. Any parcels left at that time may be auctioned the following day at 10:00 a.m. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to withdraw any parcel or parcels from bidding and to reject any or all bids.

The minimum acceptable bonus bid is Two Dollars and Fifty Cents U.S. (\$2.50) per acre. Higher bids will be considered in increments of \$0.25. However, the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to set a higher minimum acceptable bonus bid for certain parcels. The primary lease term is ten (10) years. The royalty on oil and gas is three-sixteenths (3/16) of gross production. The annual rental is Five Dollars U.S. (\$5.00) per acre per year. If operations are not commenced within five (5) years, an additional annual delay rental of Fifteen Dollars U.S. (\$15.00) per acre per year is required.

Immediately following the auction, the highest bidder for each parcel shall pay bid security in the amount of the sum of ten percent (10%) of the bonus bid per acre plus ten percent (10%) of the first year's rental per acre times the total number of acres in the parcel plus recording and handling fees of \$55.00, and sign such forms as may be required by the Board. No later than Monday, March 6, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. (PDT), the highest bidder for each parcel shall pay to the Columbia County Treasurer the balance of the bonus bid plus the first year's rental for the parcel. Upon compliance, the highest bidder for each parcel shall be awarded a lease.

Copies of the list of parcels available for auction, the leasing rules, bidder's forms, the form of lease and the memorandum of lease which will be used, may be examined in the Office of County Counsel, Columbia County Courthouse, 231 Strand, Room 318, St. Helens, Oregon 97051, or are available upon request. Hard copies are available for a fee of \$5.00; electronic copies will be sent free of charge. Contact Cynthia Zemaitis, Natural Resources Administrator, at 503.397.3839 or zemaitac@co.columbia.or.us.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

- The Chronicle:** Please publish in the February 1 and February 8 editions of your paper.
- The Independent:** Please publish in the February 1 edition of your paper.
- The Clatskanie Chief:** Please publish in the February 1 edition of your paper.