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Les Wilson, Inc. Rig 25 drilling ahead for Encana Oil & Gas on Kalkaska County Utica-Collingwood well



Encana Oil & Gas completed drilling on Cheboygan County vertical hole, drilling ahead on Kalkaska County test

KALKASKA COUNTY, Mich.—Encana Oil & Gas USA has reportedly completed drilling on its latest Collingwood-Utica prospect in Cheboygan County, the State Wilmot 1-21 (SL: SE NW SE, Sec 21-T33N-R3W, Wilmot Twp., Cheboygan Co.) and continued to drill ahead with Les Wilson, Inc. Rig 25 at press time this week on its first Kalkaska County Collingwood-Utica well, the State Excelsior 1-24 (SL: NE SW NW, Sec 24-T27N-R6W, Excelsior Twp., Kalkaska Co.).

The State Wilmot 1-21, which was permitted as a vertical hole to a target depth of 5,834 feet, was production cased upon reaching total depth, according to unconfirmed field reports.

To date Encana has not received a drilling permit or change of well status approval to drill a horizontal drain hole from the State Wilmot 1-21.

Encana has applied for a drilling permit for a horizontal redrill of the State Excelsior 1-24, with the permit application for the State Excelsior 1-13 HD1 indicating that Encana plans to drill a long horizontal drain hole from the well's surface location in the NW¼ of Section 24 to a targeted bottom

hole location in the NW¼ of Section 13. The proposed measured depth to the targeted bottom hole location is 14,442 feet.

Encana has been granted a Rule 303(2) spacing exception to form a 1,440-acre

drilling unit for the State Excelsior 1-13 HD1 horizontal well, comprised of all of Section 13, the E½ of Section 14, the NE¼ of Section 23, and the N½ of Section 24.

Name change of operating entity for former Atlas Gas & Oil Co., LLC wells to Chevron Michigan LLC finalized in late May 2011

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich.—Readers of the General Michigan Oil & Gas Drilling Activity and Michigan Antrim Shale Development Activity sections of *Michigan Oil & Gas News* will notice that entries for wells previously shown as being operated by Atlas Gas & Oil Co. now show Chevron Michigan LLC as operator.

Chevron Corp. acquired Atlas Gas & Oil's parent Atlas Energy in a \$4.3 billion deal originally announced in November 2010, picking up Atlas Energy properties in western Pennsylvania, New York, and West Virginia (Marcellus Shale), Indiana (New Albany Shale), and the Appalachian Basin, in addition to Atlas' Michigan Devonian Antrim Shale production asset

and Collingwood/Utica acreage position of 100,000 net acres.

The transfer of wells previously operated by Atlas Gas & Oil Co., LLC to Chevron Michigan LLC was done as a name change of the operating entity—as opposed to ownership transfers of individual drilling permits—with the name change effective May 25, 2011.

Ownership transfers have been completed on two Collingwood-Utica tests drilled—but not completed or tested—prior to finalization of the acquisition of Atlas Energy by Chevron. The Lucas 1-13 (and 1-13 HD1 redrill) and State Norwich 1-6 HD1 wells were transferred June 17 to Atlas Resources, LLC.

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