

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND) CAUSE NOS. 232, 407 and 499
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)
OPERATIONS IN THE WATTENBERG FIELD,) DOCKET NO. 0910-EX-06
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., is subject to this Rule for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A., which, among other things, allowed certain drilling locations to be utilized to drill or twin a well, deepen a well or recomplete a well and to commingle any or all of the Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A. was amended to, among other things, allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., is subject to this Rule for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On December 7, 1999, Patina Oil & Gas Corporation, predecessor to Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble"), was issued an Application for Permit to Drill ("APD") for the Lorenz L #30-4D Well located in the NW¼ NW¼, Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., with an approximate bottomhole location of 334 feet FNL and 818 feet FWL, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Dakota and "J" Sand Formations.

On September 4, 2009, Noble, by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to allow an exception location to the permitted well location for the Lorenz L #30-4D Well, located at approximately 359 feet FNL and 862 feet FWL in the NW¼ NW¼ of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the above, has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, October 26, 2009
Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Greeley, CO
(Location to be determined and will be posted to the website)

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and to carry out the purposes of the statute.

In accordance with Rule 509., any interested party desiring to protest the granting of the application or to intervene on the application should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention no later than October 13, 2009, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. An original and 13 copies shall be filed with the Commission. **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of October 12, 2009.** Pursuant to Rule

503.f., if a party who has received notice under Rule 503.b. wishes to receive further pleadings in the above-referenced matter, that party must file a protest or intervention in accordance with these rules. In accordance with the practices of the Commission, should no protests or interventions be filed in this matter by **October 13, 2009, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of October 12, 2009.** In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, the applicant may request, and the Director may recommend approval on the basis of the merits of the verified application and the supporting exhibits.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By _____
Robert A. Willis, Acting Secretary

Dated at Suite 801
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