

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ) CAUSE NO. 407  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN )  
OPERATIONS IN THE WATTENBERG FIELD, ) DOCKET NO. 1203-UP-65  
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO )

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A., the Greater Wattenberg Well Location Rule ("GWA" rule), 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. Pursuant to Rule 318A.j., Rule 318A. supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of Greater Wattenberg Area wells. Section 18, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to Rule 318A., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On January 5, 2012, Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application ("Concurrent Application"), Docket No. 1203-SP-27, seeking to establish an approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 18, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the drilled Wells Ranch AE18-17 Well (API No. 05-123-33224), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On January 5, 2012, Noble, by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application ("Application") for an order to pool all interests in one approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing unit for the below-described lands ("Application Lands") for the drilled Wells Ranch AE18-17 Well (API No. 05-123-33224), for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations, effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) were first incurred for the drilling of the well, and to subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7):

Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 18: NE¼

The Concurrent Application is currently pending and is scheduled to be heard by the Commission on March 5, 2012. Approval of this pooling application is contingent upon approval of the Concurrent Application, Docket No. 1203-SP-27.

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, March 5, 2012  
Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: COGCC Offices  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203

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 February 17, 2012, 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 February 17, 2012.** Pursuant to Rule 503.g., 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 **February 17, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning February 17, 2012.** 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   
Peter J. Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated at Suite 801  
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