

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. 1204-SP-44
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On December 19, 1983, the Commission issued Order No. 407-1 (amended on March 29, 2000 in accordance with Order No. 407-17, entered November 18, 1985), which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation underlying certain lands, with the drilling and spacing unit to be designated by the operator drilling the first well in the quarter section (or the Director, if the operator fails to designate). The permitted well shall be located in the center of either 40-acre tract within the drilling and spacing unit with a tolerance of 200 feet in any direction. The operator shall have the option to drill an additional well on the undrilled 40-acre tract in each 80-acre drilling and spacing unit. Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Codell Formation.

On February 19, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993), which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order 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. Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Rule for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On February 15, 2012, Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to establish an approximate 320-acre wellbore spacing unit for the below-described lands ("Application Lands") to accommodate the drilled Guttersen D02-75HN Well ("Well") (API No. 05-123-33326), and authorize a horizontal well within the wellbore spacing unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, with the treated interval of the permitted wellbore to be located no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the proposed wellbore spacing unit, and a surface location outside of a designated drilling window and greater than 50 feet from an existing well under Rules 318A.a.(3) and 318A.c.(2) pursuant to surface owner consent:

Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 2: E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

Applicant confirmed that it is not changing the established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for any existing vertical Codell or Niobrara Formation wells. Applicant further confirmed that it is not changing the established distribution of proceeds for any existing vertical Codell or Niobrara Formation wells subject to Order No. 407-87. Proceeds will be allocated and distributed from the Well on an approximate 320-acre basis.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (Commission) under § 34-60-105 C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to § 34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act at § 24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, April 16, 2012
Tuesday, April 17, 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 April 2, 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 April 2, 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 **April 2, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning April 2, 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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