

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EOG) CAUSE NO. 421
RESOURCES, INC., FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AN)
APPROXIMATE 1,280-ACRE EXPLORATORY DRILLING) DOCKET NO. 1211-SP-111
UNIT FOR SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH, RANGE)
62 WEST, 6TH P.M. AND SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 11)
NORTH, RANGE 62 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR HORIZONTAL)
AND VERTICAL WELL DEVELOPMENT, AND WELL)
LOCATION RULES FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION,)
HEREFORD FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On October 21, 2010, the Commission entered Order No. 421-3 which, among other things, established 83 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, and approved one horizontal well for each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the surface location for each horizontal well to be located anywhere upon the drilling and spacing unit, provided that the horizontal leg into the Niobrara Formation shall not be closer than 600 feet to the outside boundary of the drilling unit and the terminus of the horizontal leg shall not be any closer than 600 feet to the outside boundary of the drilling and spacing unit, without exception being granted by the Director. Section 33 Township 12 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. and Section 4, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On September 17, 2012, EOG Resources, Inc. ("EOG" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application ("Application") for an order to vacate two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and establish an approximate 1,280-acre stand-up exploratory drilling and spacing unit consisting of the Application Lands, for horizontal and vertical well development, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and that any wells drilled under the Application should be drilled from a new, common or existing well pad, with not more than one well pad per quarter quarter section, with the bottomhole locations not less than 600 feet from the boundary of the proposed drilling unit and not less than 460 feet from any other well or treated interval of a well producing from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director.

Township 12 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.
Section 33: All

Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.
Section 4: All

Whiting Oil and Gas Corp. operates the Kern #43-33 Well, API No. 05-123-10268, a vertical well completed in the Niobrara Formation and located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 12 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. Under the Application, EOG is not requesting to a change to the unit acreage assigned to the Kern #43-33 Well and the distribution of the proceeds from the well.

Noble Energy, Inc. has obtained an approved Application for Permit to Drill ("APD), Form 2, for the Loyd PC GJ #04-99HZ Well, API No. 05-123-31803, a planned horizontal well for Section 4, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M., under Rule 318.a. Under the Application, EOG is not requesting to a change to the unit acreage assigned to the Loyd PC GJ #04-99HZ Well and the distribution of the proceeds from the well.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: (1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado under § 34-60-105, C.R.S.; (2) specific powers granted pursuant to § 34-60-105, 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: Thursday, November 15, 2012
Friday, November 16, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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 October 31, 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 October 31, 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 **October 31, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of October 31, 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.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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By  _____
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: October 3, 2012

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