

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NOBLE) CAUSE NO. 535
ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO POOL ALL)
INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE) DOCKET NO. 1302-UP-44
DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT LOCATED IN)
SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 59)
WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION,)
UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On September 19, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-69 which, among other things, established forty approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved up to two horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 17, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On December 13, 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 pool all interests within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, 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 Castor Federal LG 17-62HN Well (API No. 05-123-34418) ("Well"), and to subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7):

Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.
Section 17: All

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, February 11, 2013
Tuesday, February 12, 2013
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: COGCC Offices, The Chancery Building
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 January 28, 2013, 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 January 28, 2013.** 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 **January 28, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of January 28, 2013.** 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.

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By  _____
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: January 14, 2013

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