

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDED APPLICATION OF ) CAUSE NO. 535  
WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION FOR AN )  
ORDER TO APPROVE UP TO A TOTAL OF SIXTEEN ) DOCKET NO. 1305-AW-20  
WELLS WITHIN EACH OF 21 APPROXIMATE 640 TO )  
960-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNITS FOR )  
VARIOUS SECTIONS IN TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, )  
RANGE 57 WEST, AND TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE )  
58 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3 which established 160 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved up to one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 25-28 and 31-35, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On July 9, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-180 which established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, and approved up to four horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 24, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On August 8, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-60 which established three approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved up to four horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 7 and 18, Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On March 5, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-150 which established three approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved up to four horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 2, 11, 14, 20 and 29, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On July 9, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-178 which vacated the 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-5 in Sections 26 through 28 and 31 through 35, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

On July 9, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-178 which established eight approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved up to four horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and other associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 21 through 23, 26 through 29, and 30 through 35, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On July 9, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-179 which established six approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved up to four horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 6, 7, 19, 20, 29 and 30, Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and Sections 1 and 12, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On October 1, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-204 which established six approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved up to four horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 8, 17, 29 and 32, Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-298 which established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, and approved up to four horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-296 which approved up to eight horizontal wells within each of 21 approximate 640 to 960-acre drilling and spacing units, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 200 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore producing from the Niobrara formation, and no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary unless such boundary abuts or corners lands for which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to locate the treated interval of the wellbore no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary, without exception being granted by the Director. If the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted to the owners of the adjacent or cornering lands the right to locate the treated interval of the wellbore no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary, then the treated interval of the wellbore shall be located no closer than the distance permitted in the adjacent or cornering lands. The below-described Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On March 8, 2013 (Amended April 3, 2013), Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation ("Whiting" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to §34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified amended application ("Amended Application") for an order to approve up to a total of sixteen horizontal wells within each of 21 approximate 640 to 960-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, with the same treated interval and unit setbacks as approved in Order No. 535-296:

<u>Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.</u>		(DSU #1, 960-acre)
Section 6:	All	(consisting of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ )
Section 7:	N $\frac{1}{2}$	(consisting of Lots 1, 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ )
<u>Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.</u>		(DSU #2, 960-acre)
Section 7:	S $\frac{1}{2}$	(consisting of Lots 3, 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ )
Section 18:	All	(consisting of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #3, 960-acre)  
 Section 19: All (consisting of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$  W $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
 Section 30: N $\frac{1}{2}$  (consisting of Lots 1, 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ )

Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #4, 960-acre)  
 Section 8: S $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Section 17: All

Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #5, 640-acre)  
 Section 16: All

Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #6, 960-acre)  
 Section 20: All  
 Section 29: N $\frac{1}{2}$

Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #7, 960-acre)  
 Section 29: S $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Section 32: All

Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #8, 960-acre)  
 Section 1: All (consisting of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$  N $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
 Section 12: N $\frac{1}{2}$

Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #9, 960-acre)  
 Section 2: All (consisting of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$  N $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
 Section 11: N $\frac{1}{2}$

Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #10, 960-acre)  
 Section 11: S $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Section 14: All

Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #11, 960-acre)  
 Section 20: All  
 Section 29: N $\frac{1}{2}$

Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #12, 960-acre)  
 Section 21: All  
 Section 28: N $\frac{1}{2}$

Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #13, 960-acre)  
 Section 22: All  
 Section 27: N $\frac{1}{2}$

Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #14, 960-acre)  
 Section 23: All  
 Section 26: N $\frac{1}{2}$

Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. (DSU #15, 640-acre)  
 Section 24: All

<u>Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.</u>	(DSU #16, 640-acre)
Section 25: All	
<u>Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.</u>	(DSU #17, 960-acre)
Section 26: S½	
Section 35: All	
<u>Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.</u>	(DSU #18, 960-acre)
Section 27: S½	
Section 34: All	
<u>Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.</u>	(DSU #19, 960-acre)
Section 28: S½	
Section 33: All	
<u>Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.</u>	(DSU #20, 960-acre)
Section 29: S½	
Section 32: All	
<u>Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.</u>	(DSU #21, 960-acre)
Section 30: S½ (consisting of Lots 3, 4, E½ SW¼, SE¼)	
Section 31: All (consisting of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E½ W½, E½)	

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 §34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the State Administrative Procedure Act at §24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, May 6, 2013  
Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Weld County Southwest Services Complex  
4209 Weld County Road 24 1/2  
Longmont, CO 80501

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 22, 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 April 22, 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 **April 22, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning April 22, 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.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By   
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

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