

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 VACATE THREE)
640-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNITS) DOCKET NO. 1307-SP-1115
ESTABLISHED BY ORDER NO. 535-3, VACATE)
POOLING ORDER NOS. 535-223 AND 525-224, AND)
ESTABLISH AN APPROXIMATE 1920-ACRE)
UNCONVENTIONAL RESOURCE UNIT FOR SECTIONS)
20, 28 AND 29, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 59 WEST,)
6TH P.M., FOR THE CODELL-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, among other things, established 160 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 20, 28 and 29, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On November 15, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-223 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 28, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Ptasnik LC 28-76HN Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

On November 15, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-224 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 29, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Ptasnik LC 29-72HN Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

On May 30, 2013, Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission, a verified application ("Application") for an order to: 1) vacate three approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3 for Sections 20, 28 and 29, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.; 2) vacate pooling Order Nos. 535-223 and 535-224 for Sections 28 and 29, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.; and 3) establish an approximate 1920-acre Unconventional Resource Unit ("URU") for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), and authorize the appropriate number of wells in order to effectively and efficiently recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation within the proposed unit, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 20: All
Section 28: All
Section 29: All

Applicant requests the permitted wells be located anywhere on the surface within the proposed unit, or on adjacent lands, with no more than one wellpad per quarter quarter section.

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 Procedures 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, July 29, 2013
Tuesday, July 30, 2013

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 July 15, 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. One electronic (cogcc.hearings_unit@state.co.us), one original and two 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 July 15, 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 **July 15, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning July 15, 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: July 1, 2013

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