

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) CAUSE NO. 535
WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION FOR AN)
ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO. 535-204 AND) DOCKET NO. 1309-SP-1147
ESTABLISHING TWO 1280-ACRE DRILLING AND)
SPACING UNITS FOR SECTIONS 8, 17, 28 AND)
33, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 57 WEST, 6TH)
P.M., WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. Sections 28 and 33, Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Rule 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 and 17, Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M. are 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 twenty-one 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 each wellbore 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. 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, without exception being granted by the Director. Sections 8 and 17, Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On May 6, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-314 which approved up to sixteen horizontal wells within twenty-one drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 8 and 17, Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On July 18, 2013, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation ("Whiting" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 34-60-116, C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to: 1) vacate the 960-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-204 for Section 17 and the S½ of Section 8, Township 10 North,

Range 57 West, 6th P.M.; and 2) establish two approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing units for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), and approve up to sixteen horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of each wellbore 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. 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, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M.

Section 8: All

Section 17: All ("DSU #1" Containing 1,280-acres, more or less)

Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M.

Section 28: All

Section 33: All ("DSU #2" Containing 1,280-acres, more or less)

Applicant requests to locate the surface facilities at a legal location, anywhere on the surface of the unit, or on adjacent lands.

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, September 16, 2013
Tuesday, September 17, 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 August 30, 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 September 3, 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 **August 30, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning September 3, 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
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By 

Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: August 19, 2013

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