

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 3,200-ACRE	)	DOCKET NO. 1310-UP-235
UNCONVENTIONAL RESOURCE UNIT	)	
ESTABLISHED FOR SECTIONS 3, 4, 9, 10 AND 16,	)	
TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 58 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> 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 3, 4, 9 and 10, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Codell-Niobrara Formation.

On December 12, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-110 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 10, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. for the Niobrara Formation. Section 10, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Codell-Niobrara Formation.

On January 23, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-125 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved one or more horizontal and one or more vertical wells for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Codell-Niobrara Formation.

On March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-302 which, among other things, 1) vacated the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-3 for Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; 2) vacated pooling Order No. 535-110 for Section 10, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; 3) vacated the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-125 for Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; and 4) established an approximate 3,200-acre unconventional resource unit ("URU") consisting of Sections 3, 4, 9, 10 and 16, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved the request for an unlimited number of wells within the boundaries of the 3,200-acre URU, subject to engineering testimony establishing the appropriate number of wells to efficiently and economically drain the reservoir, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation. Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, and 16, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Codell-Niobrara Formation.

On August 29, 2013 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 in an approximate 3,200-acre URU for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation:

Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 3: All  
Section 4: All  
Section 9: All  
Section 10: All  
Section 16: All

Applicant states the 3,200-acre URU is subject to a Unit Agreement ("UA") and Unit Operating Agreement ("UOA") whereby Noble was designated operator. Over 80 percent of the working interest owners have signed the UA and UOA.

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, October 28, 2013  
Tuesday, October 29, 2013  
  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
  
Place: Limon Community Center  
477 D Avenue  
Limon, CO 80826

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 11, 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 October 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 **October 15, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative**

hearing be scheduled beginning October 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.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By   
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

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