

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

IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES) CAUSE NO. 1V
AND REGULATIONS OF THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION BY NOBLE ENERGY INC.,) DOCKET NO. 1312-OV-43
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to Rule 522.c., the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission" or "COGCC") Staff will apply to the Commission at its December 16, 2013 hearing for an Order Finding Violation ("OFV") against Noble Energy Inc. ("Noble") (Operator No. 100322).

On January 10, 2010 Commission staff approved a Form 2A (Doc #40019833) for Noble's Wells Ranch USX AE 29-99HZ (Location # 415240) ("Site 1") authorizing a well and related production facilities including one of each of the following: drilling pit; separator, oil tank, gas pipeline, VOC combustor, buried cement produced water vault, EFM meter and three phase flow line.

On April 10, 2011 Commission staff approved a Form 2A (Document No. 400141336) for Noble's Wells Ranch AE 30-68HN Tank (Location No. 422614) ("Site 2") authorizing production facilities, but no wells.

On April 11, 2011 Commission staff approved a Form 2A (Doc #400141280) for Noble's Wells Ranch AE/30-68HN (Multi) facility (Location ID #422606) ("Site 3"). The Form 2A authorized two wells and two pump jacks. Production facilities for the authorized wells were expressly stated to be remotely placed at the nearby Site 2.

On October 25 2013, Noble submitted a Form 2A application (Doc #400486823) to amend existing Location ID #422606 for Site 3. A review of the Location Drawing attached to this amended Form 2A and the COGIS aerial photo for this location shows production facilities at this location dating back to 2011, contrary to the approved Form 2A for Site 3.

The same October 2013 review indicated that the production facilities for Site 1, which according to the approved Form 2A should be located at Site 1, are instead located at Site 2.

On November 25, 2013, Commission Staff issued a Notice of Alleged Violation ("NOAV") (No. 200389608) to Noble Energy Inc. for violations related to matters described above. The NOAV cited violations of the following COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1 ("Rule" or "Rules"):

Rule 303.d (Revisions to Form 2 or Form 2A) for: failure to seek authorization to amend the Approved Form 2A for Site 3 to permit production facilities at the Location; and

and the following statutory citation:

Section 34-60-121(1) C.R.S) (Violation of Permit Conditions) for constructing production facilities at Site 3 contrary to the approved Form 2A permit.

COGCC staff requests that Noble be found in violation of violations cited above and assessed a penalty pursuant to Rule 523.

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, December 16
Tuesday, December 17

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center
1300 Broadway, Conference Room 1C
Denver, CO 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 December 2, 2013, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. One electronic, 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 December 2, 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.

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By _____


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