

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 UNITS )  
ESTABLISHED BY ORDER NOS. 535-3 AND 535-69, ) DOCKET NO. 1312-SP-1209  
VACATE ORDER NO. 535-125, AND TO ESTABLISH AN )  
APPROXIMATE 3200-ACRE UNCONVENTIONAL )  
RESOURCE UNIT FOR SECTIONS 1, 2, 11 AND 12, )  
TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 58 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M. AND )  
SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 10 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 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 2, 11 and 12, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On September 19, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-69 which established 40 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved up to two horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit. Section 1, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On January 23, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-126 which established an approximate 640-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit, and approved one or more vertical or horizontal wells, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit. Section 36, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Codell-Niobrara Formation.

On October 17, 2013, Noble Energy, LLC ("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 2, 11 and 12, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; 2) vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-69 for Section 1, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; 3) vacate Order No. 535-126; and 4) establish an approximate 3,200-acre unconventional resource unit for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation, and approve an appropriate number of vertical, directional or horizontal wells in order to efficiently and economically recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the proposed unit, with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 300 feet from the unit

boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director:

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

Section 1: All  
Section 2: All  
Section 11: All  
Section 12: All

Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 36: All

Applicant requests a total of 8 surface locations per section within the Application Lands, or located on adjacent lands, for a total of 40 approved surface locations.

Applicant requests that the Commission exclude any and all existing vertical or directional wells drilled and completed to the Codell-Niobrara Formation (or the Codell or Niobrara Formation individually, as indicated on the applicable Application for Permit to Drill – “APD”) from the proposed 3,200 acre unit. Any production from existing vertical or directional wells drilled and completed to the Codell-Niobrara Formation (or the Codell or Niobrara Formation individually, as indicated on the applicable APD) shall continue to be allocated on the current payment of production basis and such allocation shall not be effected by the approval of this Application.

Applicant requests that the Commission include any and all existing horizontal wells drilled and completed to the Codell-Niobrara Formation (or the Codell or Niobrara Formation individually, as indicated on the applicable Application for Permit to Drill – “APD”) from the proposed 3,200 acre unit. Any production from existing horizontal wells drilled and completed to the Codell-Niobrara Formation (or the Codell or Niobrara Formation individually, as indicated on the applicable APD) shall be re-allocated on the 3,200 acre unit basis as of the first day of the month following approval by the Commission.

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, December 16, 2013  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013  
  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
  
Place: Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center  
1300 Broadway, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 1E  
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 December 2, 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 December 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 **December 2, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning December 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  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: November 21, 2013

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