

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) CAUSE NO. 407
NOBLE ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO POOL)
ALL INTERESTS IN THREE APPROXIMATE 556-) DOCKET NO. 1312-UP-236
ACRE DESIGNATED WELLBORE SPACING UNITS)
ESTABLISHED FOR SECTIONS 3, 4, 9 AND 10,)
TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST, 6TH P.M.)
AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH,)
RANGE 64 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR THE CODELL)
AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG)
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On February 19, 1992, the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas from the Codell-Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. and Sections 33 and 34, Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A which, among other things, allowed certain drilling locations to be utilized to drill or twin a well, deepen a well or recomplete a well and to commingle any or all of the Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. Rule 318A supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of Greater Wattenberg Area wells. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended, among other things, to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. On August 8, 2011, Rule 318A was again amended, among other things, to address drilling of horizontal wells. Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. and Sections 33 and 34, Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. are subject to Rule 318A for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On October 16, 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 three approximate 556-acre designated wellbore spacing units established for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations, effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. §34-60-116(7)(b)(II) were first incurred for the drilling of the Oscar Y10-79-1HC Well to the Codell Formation, the Oscar Y10-79-1HN Well to the Niobrara Formation, and the Oscar Y10-79HN Well to the Niobrara Formation ("Wells"), and to subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. §34-60-116(7):

Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 3: W½ W½

Section 4: E½ E½
Section 9: E½ NE¼
Section 10: W½ NW¼

Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 33: SE¼ SE¼
Section 34: SW¼ SW¼

Applicant states all three designated wellbore spacing units contain the same Applications Lands:

(WSU #1 – 556-acre, Oscar Y10-79-1HC Well, Codell Formation)
(WSU #2 – 556-acre, Oscar Y10-79-1HN Well, Niobrara Formation)
(WSU #3 – 556-acre, Oscar Y10-79HN Well, Niobrara Formation)

On December 10, 2013, the COGCC learned this Notice of Hearing was not mailed to Interested Parties at least 10 days in advance of the December 16, 2013 hearing, C.R.S. §34-60-108(4). As a result, this Application was continued to the January 27, 2014 Commission hearing and this Amended Notice of Hearing is being republished with a new Protest/Intervention date of January 10, 2014.

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, January 27, 2014**
Tuesday, January 28, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman Street, Room 318
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 January 10, 2014, 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 January 13, 2014.** 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 **January 10, 2014, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning January 13, 2014.** 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: **AMENDED December 11, 2013**

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