

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 MODIFY ORDER)	
NO. 535-3, TO ALLOW FOR 300-FOOT SETBACKS IN)	DOCKET NO. 1403-SP-2021
PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 13 AND 14, TOWNSHIP 9)	
NORTH, RANGE 58 WEST, 6TH 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:

Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that wells drilled, on unspaced lands, 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 13 and 14, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. are subject to Rule 318.a. for the Codell-Niobrara Formation.

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, with the surface location for any permitted horizontal well to be located anywhere in the drilling and spacing unit with the initial perforation and the ultimate bottomhole location being no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit, without exception being granted by the Director of the Commission. Sections 13 and 14, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Codell-Niobrara Formation.

On December 16, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-451 which established an approximate 3200-acre unconventional resource unit for five sections directly north of the Sections 13 and 14, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. The URU was approved with the resolution of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") protest to include the language "with the intrawell distance to be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore producing from the Codell-Niobrara Formation, and no closer than 300 feet from the exterior boundaries of the unit, except along the southern section lines of Sections 11 and 12, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. which shall be no closer than 600 feet from the exterior unit boundary, with a further exception allowing for corresponding reciprocal setbacks of 300 feet along the southern section lines of Sections 11 and 12, upon application and approval of 300 foot boundary setbacks by the Commission for the northern section lines of Sections 13 and 14, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. without exception being granted by the Director." Sections 13 and 14, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., are subject to this Order No. 535-451 for the Codell-Niobrara Formation.

On January 16, 2014, 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 modify Order No. 535-3, allowing 300 foot setbacks as to the northern section lines of Sections 13 and 14, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. and to modify Order No. 535-3

to amend formation in Order No. 535-3 from the Niobrara Formation to the Codell-Niobrara Formation, but only as to the Application Lands described below, effective as of the date of the Application:

Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.

Section 13: All (with setbacks specific to the northern section line only)

Section 14: All (with setbacks specific to the northern section line only)

Applicant requests that Order No. 535-3 be modified only as to the northern unit boundary lines of the Application 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, March 17, 2014
Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
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 March 3, 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 March 3, 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 **March 3, 2014, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning March 4, 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.

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By 

Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: February 20, 2014

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