

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NOBLE) CAUSE NO. 407
ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO POOL ALL)
INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 400-ACRE) DOCKET NO. 1403-UP-59
DESIGNATED WELLBORE SPACING UNIT LOCATED)
IN SECTIONS 7, 8, 17 AND 18, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH,)
RANGE 63 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR THE NIOBRARA)
FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,)
COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule. Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. are subject to Rule 318A for the Niobrara Formation.

On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-486 which, among other things, established a 480-acre wellbore spacing unit for the drilling of one horizontal well within Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. and Sections 6 and 7, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., for development and production of oil, gas and related hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 7, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On January 23, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-541 which, among other things, established an approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing unit located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the drilled Sater CC 18-23 Well (API No. 05-123-30883), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Section 18, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On January 23, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-545 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing unit located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the drilled Sater CC 18-23 Well (API No. 05-123-30883), for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Section 18, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On May 29, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-625 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 466.99-acre wellbore spacing unit located in Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. and Sections 6 and 7, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the drilled Bobcat C12-69HN Well (API No. 05-123-34432), for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Section 7, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On May 29, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-651 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 160-acre designated wellbore spacing unit located

in Section 18, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Sater CC 18-24 Well (API No. 05-123-31129), for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Section 18, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the 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 pool all interests, including leased mineral interests, in an approximate 400-acre designated wellbore spacing unit established for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. were first incurred for the drilling of the Sater CC 18-72-1HN well ("Well") (API No. 05-123-37985), and to subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S.:

Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.
Section 7: SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄
Section 8: SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄
Section 17: W¹/₂ W¹/₂
Section 18: E¹/₂ E¹/₂

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 4, 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.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF
THE STATE OF COLORADO

By  _____
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: February 21, 2014

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