

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION ) CAUSE NO. 535  
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO )  
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA ) DOCKET NO. 1410-AW-24  
AND CODELL FORMATIONS, UNNAMED )  
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO )

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

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

Section 6: All  
Section 7: N½

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

Section 5: All  
Section 8: N½

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

Section 4: All  
Section 9: N½

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

Section 7: S½  
Section 18: All

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

Section 8: S½  
Section 17: All

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

Section 19: All  
Section 30: N½

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

Section 20: All  
Section 29: N½

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

Section 30: S½  
Section 31: All

Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 29: S½  
Section 32: All

### APPLICATION

On August 28, 2014, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation ("Whiting" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Amend Order Nos. 535-314, 535-471, 535-482, and 535-504 only as they apply to the Application Lands;
- 2) Approve up to 32 horizontal wells within the approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units covering the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations;
- 3) Require the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 100 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit; and
- 4) Applicant requests that the wells are drilled from no more than eight well pads within the unit.

### APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "ORDERS")

- Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that, on unspaced lands, wells drilled 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. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule for the Codell Formation.
- On February 22, 2011, Order No. 535-3 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 31 and 32, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On March 5, 2012, Order No. 535-150 established three approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units and approved up to four horizontal wells within each unit for the recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 20 and 29, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On July 9, 2012, Order No. 535-178 vacated the drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3 in Sections 26 through 28 and Sections 31 through 35, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and established eight approximate 960-acre drilling and

spacing units and approved up to four horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

- On July 9, 2012, Order No. 535-179 established six approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units and authorized up to four horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 19 and 30, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On October 1, 2012, Order No. 535-204 established six approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units with up to four horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On March 25, 2013, Order No. 535-296 approved up to eight horizontal wells in 21 approximate 640 to 960-acre drilling and spacing units, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On May 6, 2013, Order No. 535-314 approved up to 16 horizontal wells in 21 approximate 640 to 960-acre drilling and spacing units, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On April 28, 2014, Order No. 535-471 approved up to 16 horizontal wells within five approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, and 30, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On April 28, 2014, Order No. 535-482 established two approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units and approved up to 16 horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On July 28, 2014, Order No. 535-504 established an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit and approved up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 6 and 7, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

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, October 27, 2014  
Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Durango Public Library  
1900 E. 3rd Avenue  
Durango, CO 81301

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.

At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. **Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509., no later than October 13, 2014.** 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 October 13, 2014.** Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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

Dated: September 19, 2014

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