

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND) CAUSE NO. 535
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)
OPERATIONS FOR THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA) DOCKET NO. 150700433
FORMATIONS, UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY,)
COLORADO) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 10: All
Section 11: All
Section 14: All
Section 15: All
Section 22: All
Section 23: All

On May 21, 2015 (amended June 9, 2015), Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed a verified application ("Application") with the Commission pursuant to §34-60-116 C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Maintain the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3 for Section 10, 22 and 23, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for the production of existing oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
- 2) Vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-3 for Sections 14 and 15, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
- 3) Vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-69 for Section 11, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
- 4) Vacate portions of Order No. 535-265 which, among other things, approved up to a total of six horizontal wells within Section 15, Section 11, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
- 5) Vacate portions of Order No. 535-287 which, among other things, pooled all interests within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 15, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation;
- 6) Establish an approximate 3840-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

7) Approve up to 56 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

8) Require 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.

9) Applicant states that there will be no more than 24 new wellpads in the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

PRIOR RULES AND ORDERS

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

- Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission requires that, on unspaced lands, wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth shall 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.
- 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.
- On September 19, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-69 which, among other things, established 40 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved two horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On February 11, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-265 which, among other things, approved up to six horizontal wells within each of five approximate 640-acre exploratory drilling and spacing units established for various sections in Townships 8 and 9 North, Ranges 59, 60 and 61 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-287 which, among other things, pooled all interests within five approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established for various lands, including Section 15, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- On June 17, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-496, which, among other things, modified Order No. 535-3 to allow 300 foot setbacks for the southern section lines of Sections 22, 23, and 24, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., the eastern section lines of Section 28 and 33, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., and the northern section lines of Sections 3 and 4, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

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, July 20, 2015
Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

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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 July 6, 2015.** 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 July 6, 2015.** Pursuant to Rule 511, if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing, based on review of the merits of the verified application and supporting exhibits.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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By  _____
Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: June 15, 2015

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