

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. 150900503
AND CODELL FORMATIONS, UNNAMED)
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.

Section 11: S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 14: All

Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.

Section 23: All

Section 26: All

APPLICATION

On July 16, 2015, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Operator No. 96155) ("Whiting" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Vacate Order No. 535-631 in its entirety;
- 2) Modify Order No. 535-268 as it applies to an existing 960-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands to include the Codell Formation;
- 3) Establish an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit;
- 4) Approve additional wells up to a total of 32 horizontal wells in the existing 960-acre drilling and spacing unit and the 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations;
- 5) Require the productive interval of the wellbore of any permitted wells 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 each unit; and
- 6) Applicant requests that the wells are drilled from no more than four well pads within each 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 11, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-268, which established ten approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units and approved up to four (4) horizontal wells within each unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The S½ of Section 11 and all of Section 14, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On May 6, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-325, which established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit covering Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to six horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, the treated interval of the horizontal wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 600 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located within the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On January 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-631, which vacated the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-325, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit covering the S½ of Section 26 and the N½ of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The order allows the initial perforation and the bottomhole location to be no closer than 300 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit and no closer than 300 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director. The S½ Section 26, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. is 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, September 14, 2015
Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Western State Colorado University
University Center, South Ballroom
600 North Adams Street
Gunnison, Colorado 81231

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 August 31, 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 August 31, 2015. 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  _____
Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: August 7, 2015

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