

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NOBLE ENERGY, INC., FOR AN ORDER TO VACATE PORTIONS OF ORDER NO. 535-3, AND TO ESTABLISH AN APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT WITH WELL LOCATION RULES FOR THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS IN SECTIONS 26 AND 27, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 58 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 535

DOCKET NO.

TYPE: SPACING

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4. On February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3, which among other things, approves the request for an order to establish 160 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, including Section 21 of the Application Lands, for the development of the Niobrara Formation. Applicant requests that Order No. 535-3 be vacated, as it applies to the Application Lands.

5. The records of the Commission reflect that no wells have been drilled to, are currently producing from, or have produced from the Codell or Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands.

6. To promote efficient drainage within the Codell and Niobrara Formations of the Application Lands, to protect correlative rights and to avoid waste, the Commission should vacate Order No. 535-3, as it applies to the Application Lands, and establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for portions of Sections 26 and 27, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

7. That the above-proposed drilling and spacing unit will allow efficient drainage of the Codell and Niobrara Formations; will prevent waste; will not adversely affect correlative rights and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoirs. The unit of the size and shape specified above is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed well in the unit.

8. That the Applicant is requesting to drill and complete four (4) horizontal well within the unit in order to efficiently and economically recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations within the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit composed of portions of Sections 26 and 27, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and that there will be no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.

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11. The undersigned certifies that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party within seven (7) days of the filing hereof, as required by Rule 503.e.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing at the next available opportunity, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order:

A. Vacating Order No. 535-3, as it applies to the Application Lands.

B. Establishing an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for portions of Sections 26 and 27, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and allowing four (4) horizontal wells in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations in the unit.

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D. Finding that an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of the Codell and Niobrara Formations on the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Codell and Niobrara Formations in Sections 26 and 27, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

E. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

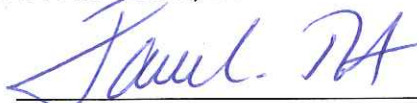
WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing in January 2016, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing, the Commission enter its order consistent with Applicant's request as set forth above.

DATED November 20, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.**

By:



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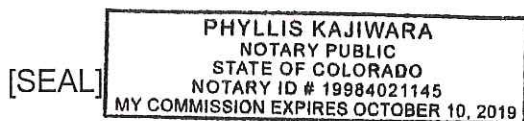
Charles A. Snure, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is a Land Manager for Noble Energy, Inc., and that he has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Charles A. Snure  
Land Manager  
Noble Energy, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.



My commission expires: 10-10-2019

  
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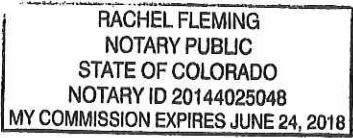
I, Jamie L. Jost of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state and declare that I am the attorney for Noble Energy, Inc., and that on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015, I caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to the Application.

  
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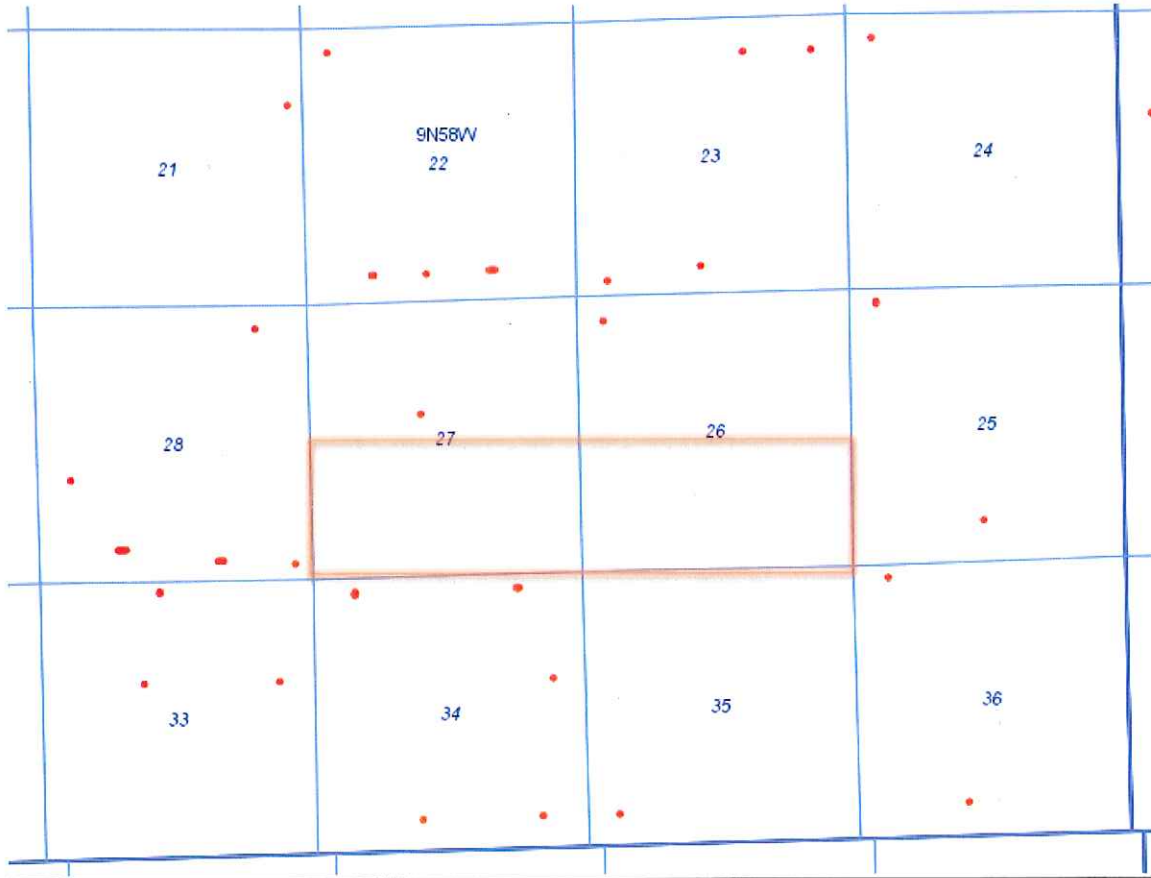


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PHYLLIS KAJIWARA NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID # 19984021145 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCTOBER 10, 2019
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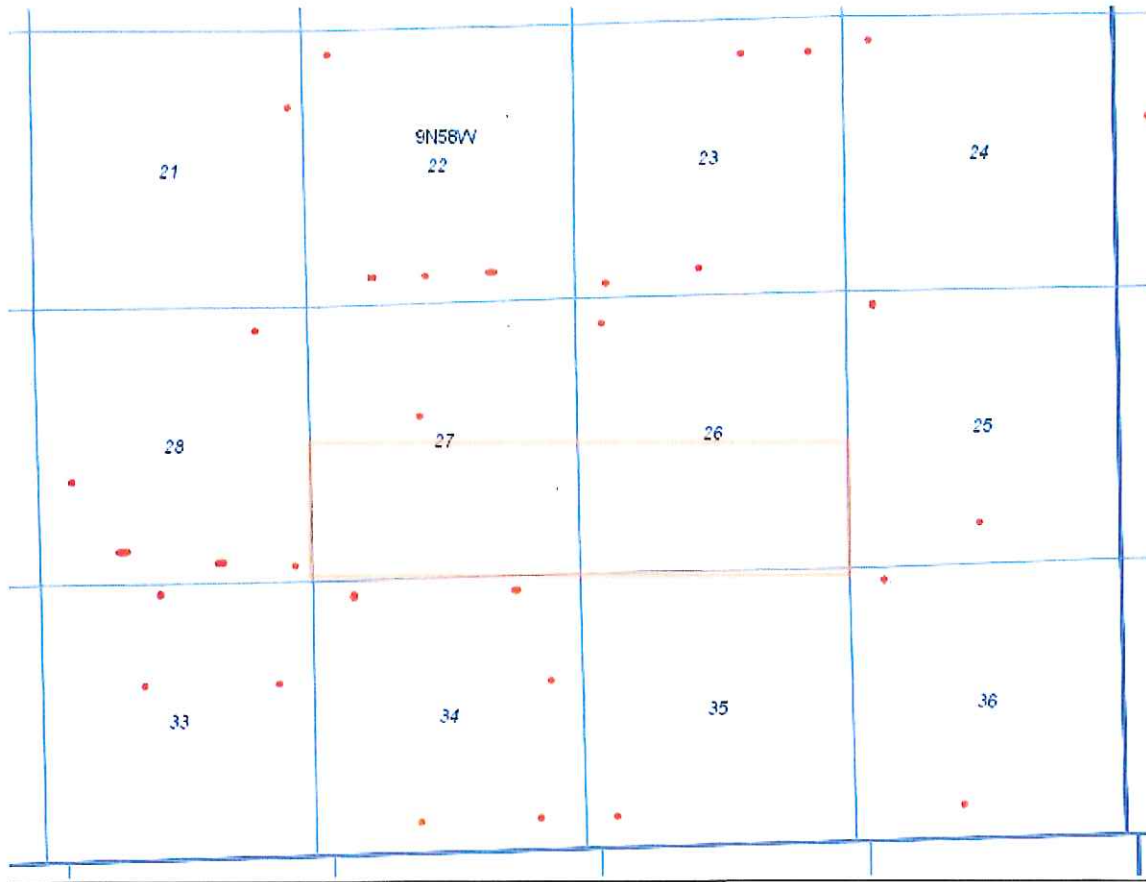
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