

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. 160100024
AND CODELL FORMATIONS, UNNAMED)
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: SPACING
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NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 2: All

Section 11: All

Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 9: All

Section 16: All

Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 14: All

Section 23: All

APPLICATION

On November 23, 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 three approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-76 for Sections 2 and the N½ of Section 11, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.; the S½ of Section 11 and Section 14, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.; and Section 23 and the N½ of Section 26, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;

2) Vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-417 for Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;

3) Vacate Order No. 535-473;

4) Vacate an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-707 for Section 9 and the N½ of Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations;

5) Establish three approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing units comprised of the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations;

6) Approve up to a total of 32 horizontal wells within each approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit; and

7) 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.

8) Applicant states that the wells shall be drilled from no more than four well pads within the unit.

9) Applicant states the existing horizontal well drilled and completed within the Application Lands will be included in the proposed drilling and spacing unit effective from the date of the completion of the first new well 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 S½ of Section 16 and all of Sections 2, 11, 14, and 23, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Rule for the Codell Formation.
- On September 19, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-76, which established five (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 2, 11, 14 and 23, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On September 16, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-417, which established four approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved up to sixteen wells within each unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation with the treated interval no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary, unless such unit boundary abuts or corners lands for which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to locate the treated interval of the wellbore no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundary, then the treated interval of the wellbore shall be no closer than the distance permitted in the adjacent or cornering lands. Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On April 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-473, which approved up to a total of sixteen horizontal wells within each approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit subject to the Order for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 2, 11 and 14, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

- On October 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-707, which vacated a portion of Order No. 535-417 and established one approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit and approved up to 32 wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations. Section 9 and the N½ of Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara and Codell Formations.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§ 34-60-101 to -130, C.R.S. and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:

Dates: January 26-27, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately 3 days before the hearing.

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 January 12, 2016.** 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 January 12, 2016.** 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: December 17, 2015

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