

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. 160100025
AND CODELL 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 57 West, 6th P.M.

Section 18: All

Section 19: 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 an approximate 1080-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-637, for Section 18 and Portions of Section 19, Township 9 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations;
- 2) Establish one approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 18 and 19, Township 9 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations;
- 3) Approve up to a total of 32 horizontal wells in the approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations; and
- 4) 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 the unit.
- 5) Applicant states that the wells shall be drilled from no more than four wellpads within the unit.
- 6) 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")

- On June 27, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-42, which established eight approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved one horizontal well in each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On July 9, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-174, which established three approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved up to four wells in each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Codell Formation.
- On August 20, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-193, which approved for up to four horizontal wells within each of three approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On March 2, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-637, which 1) vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order Nos. 535-42 and 535-174 for Sections 18 and 19, Township 9 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M.; 2) vacated Order No. 535-193 for Sections 18 and 19, Township 9 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M.; 3) established an approximate 1080-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 18 and 19, Township 9 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M., and 4) approved up to 32 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations. All of Section 18 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 9 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order.

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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