

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. 160400174
FORMATIONS, UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY,	)	
COLORADO	)	TYPE: EXCEPTION
	)	LOCATION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 19: All

APPLICATION

On February 18, 2016, Noble Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 100322) (“Noble” or “Applicant”), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

1) Modify a pending Order under Docket No. 160300121, to allow for 100-foot setbacks as to the northern and southern boundaries of the unit comprising Section 19, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the efficient and economic development of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying the Application Lands.

PRIOR RULES AND ORDERS

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

- Rule 318.a. of the Commission Rules provides a well to be drilled 2,500 feet or greater shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and shall be located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply, unless authorized by the Commission upon hearing.
- On February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and approved one horizontal well for the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the initial perforation and the ultimate bottomhole location being no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- On March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-307 which, among other things, pooled all interests in the drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, and subjected any non-consenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. for the drilling of the Timbro LD 19-73 HN Well (API No. 05-123-36268), for development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

- On March 7, 2016, the Commission entered into Order No. (**pending**, Docket No. 160300121) which, among other things, modifies Order No. 535-3 as it applies to Section 19, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. to include the Codell Formation; approves an additional 13 horizontal wells, for a total of 14 horizontal wells with an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-3 for the Codell and Niobrara Formations; and requires the productive intervals of the wellbore to be no closer than 300 feet from 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.


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:

Date: April 18-19, 2016  
 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
 Place: Trinidad State Junior College  
 600 Prospect Street  
 Pioneer Room in the Sullivan Center  
 Trinidad, CO 81082

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.

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 April 4, 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 April 4, 2016.** 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  
 OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: March 2, 2016

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