

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. 160600202  
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 59 West 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 32: All

Section 33: All

Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 4 All

Section 5: All

APPLICATION

On April 4, 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) Vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 33, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. established by Order No. 535-3, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;

2) Vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 4, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. established by Order No. 535-436, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation;

3) Vacate an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-704 for Section 32, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and the N½ of Section 5, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations;

4) Establish an approximate 2,560 acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands and to approve up to 24 horizontal wells in the proposed approximate 2,560-acre drilling and spacing unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations; and

5) Require that the productive interval of each horizontal well be no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the unit (regardless of the lease lines within the unit), except for the eastern boundaries of Section 33, Township 9 North, Range 59 West and Section 4, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, in which the treated interval of each horizontal well shall be no closer than 300 feet from the eastern boundaries of such sections pursuant to Order No. 535-496, and all

horizontal wells shall be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well producing from the same source of supply within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

6) Applicant states that there shall be no more than eight new well pads in the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

PRIOR RULES AND ORDERS

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

- On February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3 which established, among other things, a 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 33, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On September 19, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-69 which established, among other things, a 640 acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 32, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-86 which established a 640 acre drilling and spacing unit for the drilling of up to two horizontal wells within the unit, among other things, for Section 5, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On December 16, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-436 which established a 640 acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 4: All, Township 8 North, Range 59 West of the Application Lands, among other things.
- On June 17, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-496 which, among other things, modified Order No. 535-3 to allow 300 foot setbacks for the southern section lines of Sections 22, 23, and 24, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., the eastern section lines of Section 28 and 33, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and the northern section lines of Sections 3 and 4, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the Codell and Niobrara Formations. This Order applies to Section 33, Township 9 North, Range 59 West and 4, Township 8 North, Range 59 West of the Application Lands.
- On October 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-704 which, among other things, vacated Order Nos. 535-69 and 535-86 and established a standup 960 acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 32: All, Township 9 North, Range 59 West and Section 5: N½, Township 8 North, Range 59 West of the Application Lands.

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: June 6-7, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

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 May 23, 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 May 23, 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: April 29, 2016

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