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. 161000459
FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD, WELD	ý	
COUNTY, COLORADO	j	TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

<u>APPLICATION LANDS</u>

Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. Section 11: S½
Section 14: All

<u>APPLICATION</u>

On September 8, 2016, 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 amend Order No. 535-466 to subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of Section 34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective retroactive to the date of Order No. 535-466 or the date that the costs specified in Section 34-60-116(7), C.R.S., were first incurred, whichever is earlier, for the drilling of the Razor 11F-1405A Well (API No. 05-123-38702), Razor 11F-1406B Well (API No. 05-123-38699), Razor 11F-0205A Well (API No. 05-123-38701), Razor 11F-0206B Well (API No. 05-123-38703), Razor 11G-0209A Well (API No. 05-123-38731), Razor 11G-0210B Well (API No. 05-123-38730), Razor 11G-0212B Well (API No. 05-123-38732), Razor 11G-1409A Well (API No. 05-123-38728), Razor 11G-1410B Well (API No. 05-123-38727), and Razor 11H-1415A Well (API No. 05-123-38601) for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation or the drilling of any other Niobrara Formation well authorized by Order No. 535-508 on the Application Lands.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: http://cogcc.state.co.us, under "Regulation," then select "Orders" or "Rules")

- On March 5, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-150, which established three 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. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-296, which approved up to eight horizontal wells within each of the 21 approximate 640 to 960-acre drilling and spacing units, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons

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from the Niobrara Formation. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

- On May 6, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-314, which approved up to sixteen horizontal wells within each of the 21 approximate 640 to 960-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 January 27, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-466, which, pursuant to Section 34-60-116, C.R.S., pooled all interests in a 960-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation and subjected all nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of Section 34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., for the Razor 14-1143H Well (API No. 05-123-36029). The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On July 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-508, which modified Order No. 535-314, among others, to include the Codell Formation and approved an additional sixteen horizontal wells for a total of up to thirty-two horizontal wells within each 640 and 960-acre drilling and spacing unit. The Application Lands 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:

Date:

October 24-25, 2016

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Place:

Northeastern Junior College Hayes Student Center Ballroom

100 College Avenue Sterling, CO 80751

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 October 7, 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 October 7, 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: September 15, 2016

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