

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. 161200498  
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 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 24: All

Section 25: All

APPLICATION

On October 13, 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:

1) Partially vacating Order Nos. 535-3 and 535-271 as they apply to the Application Lands, providing, however, that Order No. 535-3 shall remain applicable to the KRIER GV 25-62HN (API No. 05-123-34344) on the Application Lands.

2) Establishing an approximate 1,280 acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 24 and 25, Township 9 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and allowing up to two (2) horizontal wells within the unit to efficiently and economically develop and recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations in the unit.

3) Providing that the treated interval of any horizontal well shall be no closer than 200 feet from the northern boundary of the unit and 600 feet from the eastern, southern and western boundaries of the unit, and not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of another well within the unit, and authorizing up to one (1) well pad to be located on the unit or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

4) Finding that an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of the Codell and Niobrara Formations on the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Codell and Niobrara Formations in Sections 24 and 25, Township 9 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

5) For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

### APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

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

- On February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3, which among other things, approves the request for an order to establish two (2) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for the Application Lands, and to drill one horizontal well in each of the units 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. 535-271, which among other things, vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3 for Sections 23 and 24, Township 9 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and established an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and to drill one horizontal well within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, 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: December 12-13, 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.

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 November 28, 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](mailto: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 November 28, 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: November 1, 2016

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