

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 CODELL) DOCKET NO. 170100025
AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS, UNNAMED)
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 10: All
Section 11: All
Section 14: All
Section 15: All
Section 22: All
Section 23: All

3,840 acres, more or less, Weld County,
Colorado

APPLICATION

On December 1, 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) Pool all interests in the approximate 3,840-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations; and

2) Subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., were first incurred for the drilling of the Earp Federal LC 23-735 Well (API No. 05-123-42941), the Earp Federal LC 23-740 Well (API No. 05-123-42942), the Earp Federal LC 23-745 Well (API No. 05-123-42940), the Holliday Federal LC 23-775 Well (API No. 05-123-42949), the Holliday Federal LC 23-780 Well (API No. 05-123-42950), the Holliday Federal LC 23-785 Well (API No. 05-123-42948), the Johnny Federal LC 11-715 Well (API No. 05-123-42944), the Johnny Federal LC 11-725 Well (API No. 05-123-42945), the Kramer Federal LC 22-720 Well (API No. 05-123-42939), the Kramer Federal LC 22-725 Well (API No. 05-123-42938), the Ringo Federal LC 23-720 Well (API No. 05-123-42943), the Ringo Federal LC 23-725 Well (API No. 05-123-42947), the Tombstone Federal LC 23-755 Well (API No. 05-123-42953), the Tombstone Federal LC 23-760 Well (API No. 05-123-42952), and the Tombstone Federal LC 23-765 Well (API No. 05-123-42951).

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

(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, established approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for Sections 10, 14, 15, 22 and 23 of the Application Lands, and approved one horizontal well within the units, 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, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 11 of the Application Lands, and approved two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On February 11, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-265 which, among other things, approved up to six horizontal wells for the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 15 of the Application Lands, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-287 which, among other things, pooled all interests in the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 15 of the Application Lands, effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any costs specified in C.R.S. §34-60-116(7)(b)(II) were first incurred for the drilling of the Castor 15-41-9-59 Well.
- 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 and 23 of the Application Lands.
- On July 20, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-681 which, among other things: (1) maintained the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3 for Sections 10, 22 and 23 of the Application Lands, for production of existing oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation for the Timbro LC 10-72HN Well (API No. 05-123-33082), the Castor Federal LC 22-78HN Well (API No. 05-123-33080), and the Castor Federal LC 23-62HN Well (API No. 05-123-36392); (2) vacated the 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3 for Sections 14 and 15 of the Application Lands; (3) vacated an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-69 for Section 11 of the Application Lands; (4) vacated Order No. 535-265 as to Sections 11 and 15 of the Application Lands; (5) vacated Order No. 535-287 as to Section 15 of the Application Lands; and (6) established an approximate 3,840-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, and approved up to 56 horizontal wells within the unit, with the productive interval of the wellbores located no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the treated 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: January 30-31, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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 13, 2017.** 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 16, 2017.** 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 15, 2016

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