

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION) CAUSE NO. 407
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE CODELL) DOCKET NO. 170100090
AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS,)
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,) TYPE: SPACING
COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 6 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 22: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 23: All
Section 24: All

Township 6 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.

Section 19: W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 20: S $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 21: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

2,240 acres, more or less, Weld County,
Colorado

APPLICATION

On December 5, 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) Establish an approximate 2,240-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations; and
- 2) Authorize the drilling of sixteen horizontal wells in the proposed unit.
- 3) Require that for any permitted well, the treated interval of the wellbore should be not less than 460 feet from the outer boundaries of the proposed unit, with an inter-well setback of not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of a well producing from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, unless the Director grants an exception.
- 4) Applicant states that any horizontal wells to be drilled in the unit will be drilled from no more than three multi-well pads on the surface of the drilling unit, or on adjacent lands with consent of the landowner, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

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

- On February 19, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule.

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
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By  _____
Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: December 15, 2016

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