

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND) CAUSE NO. 407
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)
OPERATIONS FOR THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA) DOCKET NO. 170300099
FORMATIONS, UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY,)
COLORADO) TYPE: SPACING
)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 11: All
Section 14: All
Section 23: N½

APPLICATION

On January 3, 2017, 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) Establishing an approximate 1,600-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 11, 14, and 23, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and allowing up to nine (9) horizontal well in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the Codell and Niobrara Formations in the unit.
- 2) Providing that the treated interval of any horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of another well within the unit, and authorizing up to three well pads within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 3) Finding that the approximate 1,600-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Codell and Niobrara Formations in Sections 11, 14, and 23, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
- 4) 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 19, 1992, the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20,

1993) which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, with permitted vertical and directional well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara and Codell Formations. On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara and Codell Formations. Rule 318A does not prohibit the establishment of drilling and spacing units in the Greater Wattenberg Area.

- On July 28, 2014, the Commission entered order 407-2016 approving the pooling of two approximate 560-acre wellbore spacing units for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation for the Oscar Y10-72-1HN well (API No. 05-123-37940) and the Oscar Y11-79HN well (API No. 05-123-37943). Order No. 407-2106 contains a portion of Section 11 but does not affect the Application.

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:

Dates: March 20-21, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: The Larimer County Conference Center at The Ranch
First National Bank Building
5280 Arena Circle
Loveland, CO 80538

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 March 6, 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 March 6, 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: February 7, 2017

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