

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. 170300126  
FORMATIONS, UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, )  
COLORADO ) TYPE: SPACING  
)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 23: S½  
Section 24: S½

APPLICATION

On or before January 19, 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 640-acre laydown exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Section 23: S½ and Section 24: S½, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approve up to one new horizontal well in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and operate the Codell and Niobrara Formations in the unit.

2) Providing that the treated interval of the proposed horizontal well for the 640-acre laydown exploratory drilling and spacing unit shall be no closer than 600 feet from the northern boundary of the unit (regardless of lease lines within the unit), 200 feet from the eastern and western boundaries of the unit (regardless of the lease lines within the unit), and 300 feet from the southern boundary of the unit (regardless of the lease lines within the unit), and the one horizontal well shall be no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of another well producing from the same supply within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

3) Finding that the approximate 640-acre laydown exploratory drilling and spacing unit for the development and operation of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying the Application Lands will allow for exploratory development and appraisal and will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Codell and Niobrara Formations in Section 23: S½ and Section 24: S½, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 September 19, 2011 the Commission entered Order No. 535-69 which, among other things, established forty (40) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit located in Township 7 through through 9 North, Ranges 58 through 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., including Section 23, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., approving two horizontal wells within each unit, and vertical wells with 150 foot bottomhole setbacks for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On January 7, 2013 the Commission entered Order No. 535-259 which, among other things, vacated an approximate 640 acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-69 for Section 23, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and established a Kummer Exploratory State Unit pursuant to §34-60-118, C.R.S., being an approximate 640-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit, located in Section 23, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., with the intent to initially drill up to eight wells within the unit for production of gas, oil, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation. The Kummer Exploratory State Unit is governed by a private unit agreement and private unit operating agreement between Applicant and the mineral interest owner, Weld County, Colorado. Applicant holds 100% interest in Section 23, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.
- On September 16, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-419 which, among other things, vacated two 640-acre drilling and spacing units and established a 1,280 acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 13 and Section 24, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and allowing up to two horizontal wells for the development and operation of the oil, gas and hydrocarbons in the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Applicant holds a majority interest in this 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit.

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: 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 *Peter J. Howen*  
*for* Julie Murphy, Secretary

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