

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 CARLILE, FORT HAYES, ) DOCKET NO. 170600335  
CODELL, AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS, )  
UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO ) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 19: All  
Section 30: N½

APPLICATION

On April 13, 2017, amended May 5, 2017, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Operator No. 96155) ("Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to § 34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to amend Order No. 535-369, insofar as it covers the Application Lands, to:

- 1) Include the Carlile, Fort Hayes, and Codell Formations in the existing unit; and
- 2) Require the productive interval of the wellbore of any permitted wells in the unit to be located no closer than 100 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, and no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary unless such boundary abuts or corners lands for which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to locate the treated interval of the wellbore no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary. If the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted to the owners of the adjacent or cornering lands the right to locate the treated interval of the wellbore no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary, then the treated interval of the wellbore shall be located no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundary, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 3) Applicant states that the wells shall be drilled from no more than four wellpads within the unit, or from a legal location on adjacent lands, 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")

- Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that, on unspaced lands, wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any

other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule for the Carlile, Fort Hayes, and Codell Formations.

- By Order No. 535-179 dated July 9, 2012, the Commission approved an application establishing six approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units consisting of certain lands in Sections 5 through 8, and 19, 20, 29 and 30 Township 10 North, Range 57 West 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and Sections 1, 12, 19 and 30, Township 10 North Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and authorized up to four horizontal wells within the units, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbores to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 1,200 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- By Order No. 535-296 dated March 25, 2013, the Commission approved an application allowing up to eight horizontal wells in 21 approximate 640 to 960-acre drilling and spacing units, including the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Commission further approved the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundary and no closer than 200 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore producing from the Niobrara Formation. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- By Order No. 535-314 dated May 6, 2013, the Commission approved an application allowing up to sixteen horizontal wells in 21 approximate 640 to 960-acre drilling and spacing units, including the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- By Order No. 535-369 dated July 29, 2013, the Commission approved an application allowing up to 32 horizontal wells in an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associate hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Commission further approved the treated interval of the wellbores to be no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundary and no closer than 100 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore producing from the Niobrara Formation. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

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: June 12-13, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

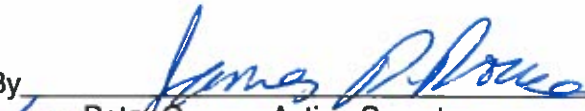
Place: Rio Blanco County Courthouse  
555 Main Street  
Meeker, CO 81641

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 May 26, 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 May 26, 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   
Peter Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated: May 5, 2017

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