

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 NIOBRARA FORMATION, ) DOCKET NO. 170600376  
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, )  
COLORADO ) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 6 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 25: N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 26: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 6 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 30: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

APPLICATION

On April 13, 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 to:

- 1) Pool all interests in an approximate 715.96-acre horizontal wellbore spacing units established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- 2) Subject any non-consenting 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., are first incurred for the drilling of the Shadow A26-646 Well (API No. 05-123-42882) ("Well").

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

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

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

- On March 5, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-566 which, among other things, established an approximate 320-acre wellbore spacing unit to accommodate the Scholfield State A36-69HN Well (API No. 05-123-33320) for the production of the Codell and Niobrara Formations on certain portions of the Application Lands. Order No. 407-566 is noted for the Commission's reference but is not applicable to this Application.
- On September 14, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1447 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 711.92-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for portions of the Application Lands for the development of the Codell Formation. Order No. 407-1447 is noted for the Commission's reference but is not applicable to this 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:

Date: 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 A. Gowen  
 Peter Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated: May 3, 2017

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