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

| IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND  | ) | CAUSE NO. 407        |
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| ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN | ) |                      |
| OPERATIONS FOR THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA | ) | DOCKET NO. 171200841 |
| FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD     | ) |                      |
| COUNTY, COLORADO                       | j | TYPE: POOLING        |

## 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 or before October 12, 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 the Application Lands underlying an approximate 1,600-acre drilling and spacing unit comprising the Application Lands.
- 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 any horizontal well to the Codell or Niobrara Formations in the 1,600-acre Drilling and Spacing Unit established for the Application Lands.
- 3) For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

#### APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: <a href="http://coqcc.state.co.us">http://coqcc.state.co.us</a>, 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 No. 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. 407-2016 contains a portion of Section 11 but does not affect this Application.
- On May 1, 2017 the Commission entered Order No. 407-1953 establishing an approximate 1,600 acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands (the "Drilling and Spacing Unit") allowing up to nine (9) horizontal wells in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations in the unit, providing that the productive interval any horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit and not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of another well within the unit, and approved up to three (3) well pads, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

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:

December 11-13, 2017

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Place:

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

The Chancery Building

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801 Denver, Colorado 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 November 27, 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 November 27, 2017, if a prehearing conference is requested by the Applicant, or any person who has filed a protest or intervention. 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

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Dated: November 2, 2017

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